



Request for Proposal: Public Library Family Engagement Project

Response to Questions

Question 1: *Can applicants use the Public Library Family Engagement funding to expand on an existing program?*

Response 1: Yes, you can use the Public Library Family Engagement funding to expand on an existing program, so long as that program serves infants and toddlers.

Question 2: *What if my existing program includes children beyond infants and toddlers?*

Response 2: You can still apply for the Public Library Family Engagement Project even if your program includes children ages 3+ so long as it also serves infants and toddlers. For example, if your library currently implements “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” and serves infants, toddlers and three-and-four-year olds, you could use the Public Library Family Engagement Project to continue to support this initiative.

Question 3: *What if my existing program doesn't currently include infants and toddlers?*

Response 3: You can still apply for the Public Library Family Engagement Project even if your existing program currently does not serve infants and toddlers so long as in your application, you clarify how you would use the funding to expand your program to serve infants and toddlers. For example, if your library currently implements “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” and serves only four-year-olds, in your application you would specify how your library could use this funding to expand and begin serving infants and toddlers within this same program.

Question 4: *Can applicants apply for more than one library within the same library system in one joint application?*

Response 4: Yes. Applicants may apply for more than one library within the same library system in one joint application, so long as the application dictates a breakdown of each library's program(s) and requested funding. Please note that applying in this manner will prohibit said individual libraries within the joint application from applying separately.

Question 5: *Can the grant funding be used for books, educational toys, DVDs, games or paying for speakers?*

Response 5: Please refer to Page 1 of the Request for Proposal (RFP), which dictates as one of the grant's guiding principles that the grant will “facilitate the right of every infant and toddler to an environment, which includes toys, books, multimedia and resources for them and their families, as well as for caregivers and other adults who work with young children.” Please also refer to Page 3 for “Unallowable Costs.”

Question 6: *Can applicants partner with another organization, such as Sooner Success or Friends of the Library?*

Response 6: The Request for Proposal does not prohibit applicants from partnering with another organization, so long as the purpose of the grant (see Page 2 of the RFP) is fulfilled. If applicants plan to partner with another organization, a description of this partnership should be included in the “Project Description” section of their application.