

2020 Summer Reading Camp (SRC) Community Partnership Grant (CPG) Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

- Q.1. *Is the "below 40% poverty ineligible" statement applicable to the DISTRICT or the SCHOOL?*
- A.1. The funds are to provide instructional support to struggling readers in elementary schools that have a poverty index of forty percent or greater.
See the Request for Proposals (RFP) page 1, section B. Eligible Applicants, "...in elementary schools with a poverty index of 40 percent or greater."
- Q.2. *What grade levels are allowed in camp? K-5 only?*
- A.2. Only elementary grade levels are allowable.
- Q.3. *We don't currently have 5th grade. We will have 5th grade for the 2020–2021 school year. Are we eligible for the grant for summer 2020 or would we have to wait until summer 2021?*
- A.3. If the school cannot meet the definition of an elementary school, then it is not eligible for SRC CPG funds. The school is not eligible for the 2020 CPG if it does not serve any K-5 students. The 2020 SRC CPG funds are for the 2019–2020 school year.
- Q.4. *Is the school district the primary applicant or the community based organization?*
- A.4. See page 2, section B. of the RFP: "The SCDE strongly recommends that an eligible school district be the fiscal agent for the proposed program." Therefore, we recommend that the school district be the primary applicant. However, a community organization may be the primary applicant as long as it meets all eligibility requirements and provides a W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form with its application.
- Q.5. *Can schools apply individually without going through district?*
- A.5. Schools may be the primary applicant, but the school district will be the fiscal agent. Also note, that the certification signature requires an authorized official's signature. That signature must be the superintendent.

Program Activities

- Q.6. *If religious is prohibited does that mean I can't subcontract transportation from a local church? We don't have buses.*
- A.6. Religious activities are unallowable. See the RFP page 5, section H. Unauthorized Activities. Applicants may partner with religious organizations to provide transportation, space, volunteers, mentors, or tutors to assist with the provision of instructional supports, services, and books that enhance reading development and proficiency.

- Q.7. *The program length should be 6 weeks or the equivalent of 96 hours? For example, can we run a program for 5 weeks as long as we have 96 hours?*
- A.7. A SRC or afterschool program must operate a least six weeks in duration with a minimum of four days of instruction per week and four hours of instruction per day or the equivalent of 96 hours of instruction.
A camp may run less than 6 weeks, but must have the equivalent of 96 hours of instruction.
- Q.10. *Can the program operate at a community-based facility or does it have to operate within the school?*
- A.10. SRCs can be held on sites other than a school. However, we recommend camps are held at schools because they provide literacy rich environments.
Transportation must be provided.

Budget

- Q.11. *If we have an existing program and are awarded the grant, can we use grant funds to add certified teachers to our current program from March 20 to end of regular school year and of course the summer?*
- A.11. The grant funds are used to provide enrichment activities as part of after school programs or summer reading camps. Activities associated with all strategies and/or models must demonstrate a direct and/or indirect link to students improving their reading skills. The model must match the one specified in the approved grant application.

Grant funds may be used for books, educational grant-related field trips, stipends for tutors and/or teachers, professional development, and materials to provide hands-on learning experiences.

- Q.12. *Can these funds be used to expand SRC...that is...we already have the award for SRC for rising 4th graders? Are you saying we can then use these fund to say, have an SRC for rising 5th graders...as long as we use community partners?*
- A.12. The purpose of the SRC is to provide students who are significantly below third-grade reading proficiency with the opportunity to receive quality, intensive instructional services and support. A district may also include in the summer reading camps students who are not exhibiting reading proficiency at any elementary grade.

The GPG funds may be used to support fourth graders, which are rising 5th graders.

- Q.13. *Does fiscal agent disburse funds to partners?*
- A.13. The fiscal agent may disburse funds to a partner if the partner is the grantee.
- Q.14. *Is the budget max \$70,000?*
- A.14. There is no budget maximum or minimum. See page 15 of the RFP, Section F.
Application Budget: For budgets, applicants should use a cost-per-student allocation that does not exceed \$1,000 per student.

- Q.15. *Transportation is expected, but is it expected outside the budget, or is it an allowable cost?*
- A.15. Since transportation is required, this may be included in the requested budget or considered as in-kind/matching funds.
- Q.16. *The Partnership Identification and Funding Report Form has an itemized budget within the form. Does the TOTAL for that budget for the partner go into Purchased Services as one line item in the grant budget, OR are each of the itemized items on the form itemized separated also in the grant budget?*
- A.16. See pages 15–17 of the RFP, section F. Application Budget for more information on the budget breakdown. All funds requested for partnerships must be considered contractual (purchased services). Therefore, funds requested for partners must be included in section 300 Purchased Services.

Online Application

- Q.17. *For the online application, can it be updated as we go along (ie: it saves over time), knowing that there is a time to formally submit?*
- A.17. The online application does not automatically save as you are entering your data. If you need to leave the online form before you have submitted the application, you must click the Save and Resume Later hyperlink and follow that process in order to receive a hyperlink to use when returning to the incomplete form.