



2017 DoDEA Grant Application Webinar Q&A

1. Q: We are considering a CCR Science goal for the elementary level (goal 1), middle school level (goal 2), and high school level (goal 3). We will use STEM as one of the in-class strategies. Is it allowable to use STEM as an in-class support, or does it have to be a separate secondary focus goal?

A: Please refer to page 12 on the RFP for approved strategies. STEM would be your goal, not an in-class strategy. A robotics program/course would be an example of an in-class support as a specific action to support STEM.

2. Q: Is it allowable to use 3 in-class supports strategy for one goal, or do we have to use different categories (1 in-class support strategy, 1 tutoring strategy, 1 extracurricular activity strategy)?

A: You may use up to 3 strategies per goal. If two strategies fall under in-class supports, you may use them both and record them separately. The total number of strategies should not exceed 3.

3. Q: May we only pay our grant evaluator 2% this grant?

A: DoDEA requires that first time awardees allow no more than 4 percent of grant funds be spent on a third-party evaluator. Returning grantees are permitted to allow no more than 3 percent of grant funds to be spent on a third-party evaluator.

4. Q: Can we utilize the same outside evaluator for this grant that we have for a previous MCASP grant?

A: Yes, you can use the same outside evaluator.

5. Q: The Evaluation Matrix reviewed in this presentation is different than what is in the RFP package. Which Evaluation Matrix form are we supposed to use, and where is that located?

A: Please use the evaluation matrix located on pages 27-35 on the RFP (appendix D).

6. Q: Is the budget form included as part of the narrative section and counted in 30 pages or as an Appendix

A: You are required to include a budget narrative. The form is part of the required form outside of the 30 pages.

7. Q: are transportation costs or field trips to visit colleges allowed?

A: Yes, field trips are allowed under the OTHER category on your detailed budget.

8. Q: Is there any flexibility on the 25% FTE limit? We live in a region with high wages.

A: No, the 25% FTE is the limit.



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9. Q: Will mentoring be included in this grant?

A: No, mentoring is not included in this grant award cycle.

10. Q: How many days is the grant meeting in DC?

A: Three (3) days is the norm for the post award meeting and the location has not been determined at this time.

11. Q: Because it is a five-year grant and needs may change during that time frame, is a budget amendment during the grant period allowed?

A: Yes, the re-allocation of funds is allowed.

12. Q: Are teacher stipends included in the 25% cap for FTE positions?

A: No, please refer to page 5 of the Request for Proposal for detailed personnel budget category information.

13. Q: Can a district submit more than one application?

A: No, only one application will can be submitted per district.

14. Q: 25% limit for staff positions? Does this include teacher stipends, sub time, extra time? Or is this only FTE positions

A: The 25% applies to the FTE positions only, please refer to page 5 of the Request for Proposal for detailed personnel budget category information.

15. Q: Will templates for the Matrix and budget be provided in Word editing form? Rather than the current PDF which is not editable?

A: Yes, the fillable form will be available online on the ETAC website as well as added to grants.gov under the announcement related documents tab, no later than April 6, 2017.

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17. Q: Can Project Director be a contractor or does it have to be an employee?



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A: The Project Director can be a contractor; however, we encourage LEAs to follow their specific school district hiring policies to ensure that the Project Director role can be adequately fulfilled through a contract person.

18. Q: If you are already a Project Director, can you be project director for one grant as well as new grant award?

A: Yes; however, a Project Director's time may not add up to more than 1.0 FTE. It is a requirement of the 2015, 2016 and the 2017 DoDEA grant programs for project directors to be at least .5 FTE. If you are a project director on both a 2015 and a 2016 grant, you cannot work on any additional DoDEA grants, even if the contribution is in-kind. If you are the Project Director on a 2012, 2013, or 2014 DoDEA grant already, and your total commitment adds up to less than .5 FTE, then you may serve as the Project Director on a 2017 grant. Please note that projects should always follow district hiring and staffing guidelines.

19. Q: Can a military dependent student be one whose parent was active military but retired or killed in action?

A: For the purposes of this award, a military dependent student is defined as only an elementary or secondary school student who is: (i) a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces; (ii) a dependent of a civilian employee of the Department of Defense; or (iii) a dependent of a person who is not a member of the Armed Forces or a civilian employee of the Department of Defense but who is employed on Federal property.



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