

CAEDE RFP Q&As
4/20/2018

Question 1:

A faith-based child care program in another county wants to start a child care program in Wyandotte County, which would serve 70 children. The organization raised funds to renovate a building here. They are involved with quality improvement efforts (Early Head Start) in their existing program. We plan to include this new Wyandotte County program in our CAEDED proposal, **can their cash investment in the renovations be included as part of the cash match of our proposal? Can the private cash match be used for brick and mortar, purchase of land, construction, etc?**

Answer 1:

Yes, a private cash match (directly targeted/dedicated to programming or construction) would be counted towards the community 50% CAEDE cash match criteria as long as the investment is for a program supported by the CAEDE proposal and the program is targeted to become operated within Wyandotte County serving the targeted constituents identified within the CAEDE proposal.

Question 2:

Can the proposals due date be extended until May 18? This would allow our community more time to secure the cash match requirement and plan for the proposal.

Answer 2:

We are not at liberty to adjust the deadline for this proposal. We understand that cash match is a heavy lift to the community and this will be taken into consideration upon review of the cash match documentation provided within the proposal submitted on May 4. Please work with funders to see who is willing to meet the deadline with a solid dedication of funds or provide letters/promissory notes of intent to fund the project at a later date assuming the investment would be made within Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019).

Question 3:

Please clarify the following statement in the RFP, “Applicants should not exceed fourteen funded programs or partners.” **How are you defining funded programs and partners?** We intend to provide quality improvement services and incentives to the child care programs (12-16) and not have a separate budget for each. We are planning to submit budgets for each of our community partners who will help us deliver training and implementation assistance on evidence based practices and corresponding measures. Additionally, we plan to submit budgets on child care programs which plan to expand classrooms or create new centers. This might be a total of 8-10 funded partners if one is counting the number of separate budgets submitted.

Answer 3:

Fourteen (14) funded partners equals 14 program budgets. The grant proposal will have a grant manager who in turn will provide a consolidated budget for the overall grant proposal.

One program = 1 program budget submitted in the grant proposal.

This program understands they are the lead for all components funded and accepts responsibility for all of the data collection for that budget. Additionally, a funded partner is responsible for distribution of funds to any other entities funded in the budget as well as submitting one invoice for that program budget to the overall grant manager, who then submits the invoice for reimbursement to the Cabinet. The Cabinet only reimburses for one overall consolidated invoice, once a month. You may want to think about consolidating multiple entities who provide similar services into one program budget and find a solid lead who has a good accountant with a sunny disposition and staff who will be dedicated to ensuring data collection takes place and is entered into the DAISEY database in a timely fashion.

Question 4:

Can a mortgage on the purchase price of a new child care space or building be regarded as cash match?

Answer 4:

While the creativity in thinking about cash match in relation to mortgages is appreciated, the quick answer to your question, is No.

When reviewing the philosophy behind cash match, we understand the RFP is promoting the position that with cash match a grantee 1) has firm commitments from the private sector of monetary support (indicating there is sustainable support from the community for a long period of time), and 2) that the cash accrued will be flexibly used within the project (perhaps for areas in the project that is not in alignment with other funders targeted priorities). The assumption made, when the grantee has cash that “fits” the description above, is that the project is a strong project supported by the community with all sectors engaged with a high commitment for success.

Something to think about: If the grantee has a private sector funder who is willing to write a check to the project for the total of what a year’s mortgages would be, then you would have a cash contribution (the check in the project for the total of what a year’s mortgage would be, then you would have a cash contribution (the check in the project account) that would fit under both items 1 & 2 under the philosophy documented above.