

Learning Acceleration System Grant

Questions and Clarifications

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Below are the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence's ("CCEE") responses to questions and requests for clarification received from prospective Respondents, regarding the posted [Request for Proposals](#) for Learning Acceleration System Grant (the "RFP"), issued on November 30, 2021. Questions and requests for clarifications may be submitted on an ongoing basis and CCEE will provide a response that will be posted to the CCEE website. CCEE staff has endeavored to respond as thoroughly as possible, and cited relevant language from the RFP where appropriate. Questions and requests for clarification that are similar or on the same topic have been grouped together for ease of navigation and response. Questions that were submitted are not necessarily provided verbatim as submitted, and may have been edited for clarity, but have not been altered in substance. CCEE will presume that all Respondents will have read and understood all of the responses provided herein upon submittal of any Proposal. Respondents may submit additional questions and requests for clarification or additional information specific to this Addendum, in writing only, to Belinda Gaspar (the "CCEE Contact," bgaspar@ccee-ca.org).

Content Areas/Methods of Delivery

1. What is required for a complete Proposal?

RESPONSE: Applicants must email a complete and signed Grant Proposal PDF (Appendix C) to Ms. Belinda Gaspar at bgaspar@ccee-ca.org with the subject line: "Learning Acceleration System Grant RFP Submission". Assurances, certifications, terms, and conditions are requirements of Respondents and grantees as a condition of receiving funds. The superintendent of the LEA, acting as the fiscal agent, must agree, sign, and return the following with their Proposal:

- Project Statement of Assurances (Appendix E)
- [Lobbying, U.S. Department of Education Form ED 80-0013](#)
- [Drug-Free Workplace, CDE-100DF](#)

While not required, Respondents may include outside testimonials from other people, businesses, and organizations, such as: institutions of higher education, other COEs, nonprofits, districts or schools which support the Respondents' claims of success and promises to deliver.

2. How many grants will be awarded?

RESPONSE: CCEE and MCOE will determine the number of grants that will be awarded based on the completed responses received. Once proposals are submitted, CCEE, and MCOE will review the content areas (math, literacy, and/or language development) and statewide coverage of the proposals that will be awarded.

3. Is it required for interested COEs to partner with institutions of higher education, nonprofits, and/or other COEs?

RESPONSE: While partnering with other organizations is not required, positive consideration will be given to RFPs that include a formal partnership between the submitting COE and one or more institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations with expertise in evidence-based learning acceleration strategies, another COE or consortium of COEs, or any combination of those entities.

4. Can LEAs choose to focus on one subject area or should they focus on all three (math, literacy, and language development)?

RESPONSE: Successful Respondents will demonstrate substantive expertise and documented experience in facilitating professional learning rooted in an evidence-based accelerated learning strategy focused in mathematics, literacy, and/or language development. LEAs are free to focus on a single subject area or on multiple.

5. Can staff from one COE work on different RFPs? Similarly, can one COE be a primary respondent in one RFP and a participant in another?

RESPONSE: Personnel from one COE are allowed to work on different RFPs for this grant. Individuals and/or COEs that work on different RFPs should detail their capacity to engage in the RFPs that they are working on if multiple are selected.

Timeline

6. When is the Deadline for Proposals for the Learning Acceleration Systems Grant?

RESPONSE: Proposals are due to CCEE by January 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm PST. Respondents may submit their proposals after the deadline and CCEE may review these proposals at its discretion. Proposals submitted after the January 28 deadline must adhere to the requirements of this RFP.

7. Will there be an open question and answer period for the Learning Acceleration System Grant?

RESPONSE: Inquiries or questions for additional information should be directed in writing to CCEE Contact, Belinda Gaspar at bgaspar@ccee-ca.org by 4:00 pm PST on Friday, January 21, 2022. Responses to questions and clarifications, updates, and resources for this RFP can be found on the CCEE's website at the following link: [Learning Acceleration RFP - California Collaborative for Educational Excellence \(CCEE\) \(ccee-ca.org\)](#)

Budget

8. What should Respondents do when outlining their Budget Narrative and an Object Code does not apply to their proposal?

RESPONSE: Appendix D of this RFP details Budget Categories and Object Codes accompanied by a description. If an Object Code does not apply to a Respondent's proposal, the Respondent should provide a value of zero dollars on the Budget Narrative.