

FY2014/FY2015 EEC Preschool Innovative STEM Curriculum Grant Fund Code 516

Questions and Answers

Programmatic Questions

Q1. Must the childcare center be licensed in order to be eligible to apply?

A1: *If the lead agency applying for the grant is a childcare program and is currently serving children, it must be EEC-licensed or be licensed exempt. If the lead agency applying for the grant is a non-caring informal organization such as a library, museum, city or town, a license is not required. All child care agencies with a license must be in good standing with EEC.*

Q2. How many language translations are expected? When should we expect to complete these translations?

A2: *Grants will be scored on their ability to translate their finished curriculum into multiple languages. The list of languages is mentioned on page 6 of the Grant Application.*

Q3. When should implementation of the developed Curriculum be completed?

A3: *In order to provide to EEC a documented evaluation of the developed curriculum, the implementation period should be of a sufficient timeframe so that the grantee is able to evaluate how well the curriculum resonates with children and with educators using it. The month of April should be a target time period when this work begins.*

Q4. Is there a recommended format for the Curriculum?

A4: *There is no recommended format; grantees are encouraged to be as inventive and creative as they like. Grantees should ensure that the materials are easily understood and accessible to a wide variety of educators with diverse backgrounds and familiarity with STEM subject matter.*

Q5. What is the expectation regarding the Evaluation of the developed Curriculum?

- A5:** *EEC wants to learn about the experiences of each successful grantee using the developed curriculum with children in care and with educators who experience it day to day with the children in their program. Grantees are required to describe how they will evaluate the curriculum. Evaluations can be written and supported by video, pictures, interviews with staff, and outside observers. EEC may also visit various grantees to observe each curriculum in action, interview developers of the curriculum and child care educators using it day to day.*
- Q6. If the development of the Curriculum is conducted in a suburban setting, should the Agency's proposal address how another childcare center in an urban setting would implement this Curriculum?
- A6:** *Grantees should ensure that concepts, principles, and hands-on activities of the curriculum are able to be replicated by other programs regardless of their environment or where they are located in the Commonwealth.*

Fiscal Questions

- Q7. For Cash Match, where does this information belong in the budget?
- A7:** *Cash Match should be listed on the fourth tab of the STEM Budget Workbook titled "In-kind budget."*
- Q8. Is there a maximum funding request amount?
- A8:** *There is no maximum funding request amount; please be advised that a program match is required.*