

Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative (EARI) Grant Program FAQ



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Q. We are hoping to apply for the grant opportunity because we have been administering our Personal Training Apprenticeship Program and case management services to incarcerated individuals at South Bay House of Corrections. We provide stipends to participants for successfully completing levels of the certifications. Would this be an allowable expense, or does it count as "Prizes/rewards/entertainment/trinkets (or any type of monetary incentive)"?

A. Payments to participants is an unallowable cost as it is considered a monetary incentive.

Q. Our organization is a nonprofit with a pre-existing fiscal sponsorship arrangement. Our fiscal sponsor is a 501(c)(3) organization. Provided we meet the other eligibility expectations would our fiscal sponsor be permitted to apply for the grant on behalf of our organization and programming, in keeping with our sponsorship agreement?

A. Yes, the fiscal sponsor could be the applicant and then subaward to your non-profit organization.

Q. No grant funds may be used for: Office furniture and the like. Would this include furniture that would be required to establish the living areas for the participants, i.e. Beds, trunks/closets for their clothing, furniture for their common areas and dining/kitchen areas.

A. Yes, grant funds can be used to purchase beds and other amenities for participants if the non-profit provides a residential component to their programming.

Q. We see that real estate is an unallowable cost-and the funding cannot be used to buy the property. But in the descriptions, there is the indication that funding CAN be used for rent, this is correct?

A. Yes, grant funds can be used to pay for rent. Grant funds cannot be used to purchase buildings and other types of real estate.

Q. Regarding equipment, are printers and laptops allowable?

A. Laptops and printers are considered an allowable expense under the Equipment & Technology Category of Attachment A: Budget Excel Workbook.

Q. Regarding the Technical Assistant provider, is this to be the individual to assist the awarded programs with compliance to the funding application? Does the program offering the service filling out both applications?

A. The Technical Assistance (TA) provider is a separate application from the program application. The TA Provider awardee will provide assistance to the selected program grant recipients by providing strategic, analytic, technical and research support. Both applications can be found on the [Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative](#) page on the Officer of Grant and Research's website.