

POE Grant Questions

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1. Can grant funds be used to provide stipends to youth? If so what limitations would there be on how stipends could be provided. Since the project would go through the summer months, having stipends will assist us in retaining youth in the project through the summer.

Grant funds can be used to provide stipends for youth. You need to describe how the activities of the youth will help enhance your meeting the POEs. The stipends need to be for service above and beyond normal participation and not as an incentive to participate.

2. If stipends are allowable, could they be provided through incentives such as gift cards (non cash). If so, what are allowable purchases for incentives?

Gift cards are not appropriate mechanism to execute a stipend. Incentives to participate are not allowed. Identity items can be justified if you describe the relationship of the item to meeting the POEs.

3. Given the recent announcement about SDFSC funding, what is the likelihood of renewal for subsequent years?

It is unclear at this time the amount of funds available for next year to be able to renew contracts funded with SDFSC.

4. We're considering a project that would include a digital storytelling component. To accomplish this component we would need to partner with another organization for the technical tasks related to the creation of the digital stories (videography, editing etc). If the organization required funding to be able to partner with us, would we be able to subcontract with them?

With any proposed project it is essential to show the linkage to better achieving the POEs. If vendors are needed to provide services to achieve that, then the contract must be executed in a competitive manner (i.e. contacting 3 vendors to get the lowest price). Counties should follow their agency procedures for a competitive process to award vendor services.

5. In order to budget our request appropriately, could you identify the mandatory trainings referenced in the RFP including if possible costs related to registration and training location.

There are no mandatory trainings scheduled for this grant. There may be conference calls scheduled that recipients will be expected to participate in. It is anticipated that the FNL Consortium (late July or early August) will include content related to the POE's. As such, you may want to consider using part of these fund to cover your participation at Consortium.