

February 14, 2020 - AEL IFB/GRANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (39 –49)

Q39: Q: As it relates to the Demonstrated Effectiveness Chart – Attachment A: #4 - # of students transitioned to post-secondary, must have enrolled within 1 year from last date of service. I am not exactly sure how to gather this number?

A: Applicants are to use data they have available for their program to respond to #4 in Attachment A (students entering post-secondary education).

Q40: As it relates to the Demonstrated Effectiveness Chart – Attachment A: #5 - # of students obtained employment; must have been obtained within 1 year from last date of service.

A: Applicants are to use data they have available for their program to respond to #5 in Attachment A (students entering employment).

Q41: Can a current DESE funded AEL local program allow one of its current class sites to use performance data that is specific to that class site in a situation where that class site is applying for their own DESE funded AEL grant?

A: The local program is the owner of the data, so it is the decision of the current DESE funded local program as to whether or not one of its class sites may use the data of that class site when applying for an AEL grant. There are 2 stipulations: (1) only one organization may use the data from that class site; both organizations are not allowed to use the same data when completing Attachments A & F of the grant specifications; (2) The class site must receive permission in writing from the current DESE funded program to use the data.

Q42: What is the cost per student we are shooting for with our grants?

A: There is no pre-determined cost per student that is recommended. For reference, the average cost per student statewide for FY 19 was \$839.

Q43: In section 3.3.2 question 1, it does not ask for a description of item #1 on attachment F. Is that correct or should address #1 as well?

A: You are correct 3.3.2 #1 does not ask the applicant to define #1 in Attachment F. #1 in Attachment F does not need to be defined.

Q44: Can DESE staff check my definitions of the AEL outcomes? As soon as I feel like I understand them, the words all starts to run together.

A: DESE staff are not allowed to review or give guidance on what is to be written as part of an applicant's grant response.

Q45: Should we put our program and page number on the bottom of the state Attachment F, since it is within the grant?

A: It is not required, but it would be very helpful to at least put your program name on the form.

Q46: Can an AEL grant recipient charge Indirect Costs to the grant funded by DESE AEL?

A: Yes, that is allowable; however, this would be considered administrative costs and you have a limit on how much of your grant can be charged to administration. Typically, a local grant recipient covers these costs as part of “in kind” services but it is not required.

Q47: Can DESE staff review my numbers in Attachments A and F to verify I am using the correct numbers?

A: DESE staff are not allowed to review or give guidance on the numbers entered as part of an applicant’s grant response

Q48: For 3.3.2 #4, if we don’t provide ELL/ESL services, can we just put not applicable?

A: Yes

Q48: Every year, we receive data from DESE in relation to median earnings and student employment numbers for 2nd & 4th Quarters following exit, etc. Can you tell me from whom DESE receives this information?

A: Local programs receive this data from DESE. DESE receives the data from the University of Missouri, Office of Sponsored Programs.

Q49: Can grant funds be used for to pay for certification testing like for the “G Suite certification”?

A: Yes, grant funds can be used to pay for these costs. This would be considered “purchased services”.