Questions and answers from the 4.10.19 Virtual Bidders Conference

1. So summer learning programs would still qualify?
   a. Yes, summer programs qualify and are a requirement of CCLC funding.

2. Are there any restrictions on location - do programs have to take place in school, or can they be place-based?
   a. Programs can be located at a school, or place-based. That decision is up to the applicant to decide which works best.

3. Is the 80% free-reduced a school wide number or is that based on the students we've had in the program?
   a. The 80% is based off the school wide poverty level from the school report card data located on OSPI’s website.

4. We were under the impression that you can’t reapply after 5 years... could you please clarify?
   a. Yes, you can reapply after five years, in fact you can reapply as often as you want partnering with a different low income high need school each time.

5. Are the priority points for a new site a significant amount? How much of an advantage does this give new applicants over those who are reapplying?
   a. There are priority points available to new grantees, not new sites. There are 4 points available to new grantees.

6. If you have two sites can you employ a 1.0 FTE Site Coordinator who oversees both sites rather than two .5 FTE's? This is a large cost on benefits/medical.
   a. No, a .5 FTE needs to be dedicated to each site.

7. Does the LEA have to be the fiscal sponsor or can the CBO be the fiscal sponsor and the LEA be the consortium partner?
   a. The LEA or the CBO can be the fiscal sponsor; whoever officially applies for the grant will be the ‘grantee’ and the fiscal agent.

8. Can all of these travel costs be included in the grant budget?
   a. Yes, travel costs must be identified in the budget with cost calculations.

9. Would the YPQI trainings be outside of the school year and/or after school program time?
   a. YPQI trainings are during the school year, during the school day. Grantees are responsible for releasing staff to attend these training and provide substitute costs if needed.

10. With the new SEBB costs, this is going to more than double our medical costs. Will you be factoring this in?
    a. Grantees are responsible for factoring in all costs associated with delivering the CCLC program.
11. Do you have a preference for which entity applies as the lead grantee? Are our chances better if the LEA is the lead, or the CBO is the lead? 
   a. No preference, chances are not increased or decreased.
12. Under the Duration of Services-School Year it lists that it is expected 75% of enrollees will be regular attendees. However, under Program Attendance: PA 1 the target expects 80 % of enrolled students at each center are regular attendees. Which percentage do we need to go with? 
   a. The state target is 80% of enrolled students will be regular attendees.
13. For diagrams and charts, can we use a smaller font size? 
   a. No smaller than 10 font.
14. The RFP states "Describe any during-school programs currently serving your target population, and explain why these services are insufficient to meet identified needs." Was this supposed to say after school programs? 
   a. No, describe any current offerings currently serving the target population and explain why they are insufficient to meet the needs of the targeted population.
15. Could an AmeriCorps VISTA member serve as the FTE? 
   a. Yes, a VISTA member can serve as an FTE. CCLC dollars can not pay for the match requirement to hire an AmeriCorps.
16. If one school in partnership does not have 40% free or reduced lunch but the other two programs do are you still eligible to apply? 
   a. No, all schools have to be 40% or higher free and reduced price lunch.
17. Can letters of support from the community be included in the appendices? 
   a. Please do not include anything that is not required, the grant reviewers will not read letters of support.
18. Is there a requirement that certain positions are certificated? 
   a. No, there is no requirement for certificated positions.
19. Are you requiring a written transportation plan? 
   a. Yes, please refer to the scoring rubric for this indicator.
20. Our organization won’t allow us to have a signed MOA until we have been approved for funding. How do we deal with this? 
   a. Signed MOU’s are a requirement of the grant application.
21. Are the transportation agreements with school districts to be uploaded as an attachment? 
   a. Transportation agreements are part of the narrative section.
22. Does 21st CCLC only fund new programs, or can we apply to support and expand existing programs that fit all the guidelines and program goals? 
   a. If it is not currently a CCLC program and you want to apply for CCLC funds to supplement or enhance existing programs, yes that is allowable.
23. If we plan on contracting with a CBO for a staff member to do an enrichment in program, do we need to provide that facilitators job description?
   a. Please refer to the RFP and scoring rubric, if the facilitator has an ongoing enrichment program including their job description may provide a stronger application.

24. On the bonus points, will a lesser number of points be awarded for lesser numbers of free-reduced? For example, will a grant get 2 pts for 70%+ and 1 point for 60%+ or is this an all or nothing category?
   a. This is an all or nothing category; please refer to the scoring rubric for the points possible.

25. Our current MOU contains our data-sharing agreement. Do we have to submit two separate signed agreements?
   a. Yes, you have to submit two separate signed agreements.

26. We are in a final year of one current school building with a 21st Century program, but are hoping to expand that to two more school buildings along with the current one, would that qualify as a bonus point?
   a. Depends if you have grants in other cohorts, if this current grant is the only CCLC grant ending 8/1/19 then yes you will be eligible for the points.

27. Is there opportunity to adjust program plans/objectives year to year?
   a. This would require a program amendment, and approved by the program supervisor.

28. Please explain the difference between a community based organization and an external partner organization.
   a. The two terms are interchangeable.

29. Is May 1 the earliest iGrants will be for these new proposals?
   a. Yes, the next fiscal year does not open in iGrants until May 1 of each year.

30. Do you have any guidelines on student: teacher ratios?
   a. No, please use your district of CBO policies for ratios.

31. Are sites expected to serve parents in the summer?
   a. Yes

32. What do you mean paying a "regular salary" for an AmeriCorps VISTA? Is this in addition to the AmeriCorps stipend?
   a. AmeriCorps may receive a salary according to their agreement.

33. In regards to the question about funding existing programs - I mean programs that currently exist but are funded by other means, and in need of sustainable long term funding and funding to expand.
   a. Yes, this is allowable.

34. Do we submit 5-year budget in the first year?
   a. No, in the application please only submit a budget for year 1.
35. If we are looking at 3 schools in new proposal and one is less than 40% free/reduced lunch, we won’t be able to apply?
   a. Correct, all schools have to meet the minimum poverty of 40% of higher to be eligible to apply.