

Addendum to RFA #2021-04

Annual Grants

Applicants' Questions & Answers

Q1. Does First 5 Solano currently fund baby sign language programs in Solano County?

A1. No. While some First 5 Solano contractors may include a baby sign program as part of their larger program, First 5 Solano is not currently funding an exclusive baby sign program in Solano County.

Q2. Is the First 5 Vallejo Center open to hosting classes in person?

A2. The First 5 Center offers programming that occupies the center on most days. The First 5 Center may be willing to allow another contractor to offer classes at their facility as availability could accommodate. If you are submitting a proposal that utilizes another agency's facility, you must demonstrate their agreement to this course of action in the proposal.

Q3. What are the unduplicated participant expectations during COVID-19? Via zoom?

A3. The applicant should propose participant expectation and how they will deliver their program (in person, zoom, etc.)

Q4. Can the funds also be used for staff salaries?

A4. Yes, funding may be requested for staff salaries.

Q5. Does the organization already need to be established? Is licensing required?

A5. Non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, and government entities are eligible to apply. First 5 Solano will not ask for a business permit. Should your agency receive an award, you will be required to sign a county contract and provide a W-9 form.

Q6. This is our second location (CLLAIMM Academy) getting ready to start construction opening August 2021. Our 1st location is Special Touch Learning Homeschool/Childcare#2 is it ok to apply for 2 locations.

A6. Yes, services may be offer at multiple locations. Only one application per organization will be accepted. Should an agency submit more than one application, the first application received will be considered.

Q7. Are we required to provide a business permit? Child care facilities are only required a license to operate issued by the Department of Social Services.

A7. Non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, and government entities are eligible to apply. First 5 Solano will not ask for a business permit. Should your agency receive an award, you will be required to sign a county contract and provide a W-9 form.

Q8. Can both partners apply for the grant individually and do the work together?

A8. Only one application per organization will be accepted. While you can collaborate with another agency, your proposed project must be able to stand on its own, as both agencies may not be funded.

Q9. Is this funding one time or is there opportunity for additional support?

A9. The Annual Grants Fund is designed for one-time projects to address the needs of children ages 0-5, their parents/caregivers, and/or providers of services to children ages 0-5 in Solano County.

Q10. Can we do subcontracts (i.e. for a videographer and web developer)?

A10. Yes, funding can be used to contract for services that support the project and must be included in the proposed budget.

Q11. This program serves quite a few children 5 and under, but also some who are older. Is that ok?

A11. Yes. Children ages 0-5 and their family must be the primary focus of the grant. First 5 Solano can only support services for children ages 0-5 and their families per its legislation. You will need to estimate the number of children 0-5 in your proposal and we can pay for that portion of the costs.

Q12. How soon before an organization will be invited to formally apply for the grant?

A12. Submission of the Letter of Intent and attendance of your grant development session are the 2 requirements that indicate your agency's eligibility to apply. Final Applications are due May 3, 2021 by 5pm.

Q13. Our organization is in California with professionals all over the State of California providing reflective practice online trainings - is the organization and individuals in and outside Solano County a problem for the grant?

A13. Projects must be provided in Solano County and benefit children ages 0-5, their parents/caregivers, and/or providers of services to children ages 0-5. As such, your application must serve Solano County individuals.