2023 Summer Strong SNP DC

Questions and Answers

Q1. Can an organization provide programs virtually?

 A. The OST Office has a strong preference for in-person programming. If an organization is offering virtual programs, it must be fully explained in the narrative.

Q2. Can an organization close on holidays other than July 4th, such as religious or cultural holidays?

 A. Organization must get approval from the Grant Manager and state what days and times the program will be closed.

Q3. Describe the preference that organizations annual overhead expenses, or indirect costs, should not exceed 30% of the total budget.

 A. As a best practice in nonprofit management, organizational budgets should have 70% or more of the organization budget used for direct program expense.

Q4. How does an organization become eligible for a Year Round grant?

 A. Organizations must be grantees in both the School Year and Summer of the same fiscal year. Organizations will be invited to apply for a Year Round grant in the following fiscal year, assuming compliance is met.

Q5. Is an organization eligible to apply if they are a current School Year grantee?

A.   Yes. The grant period for School Year ends in June. School Year grants do not include summer programs.

Q6. Can grant funds be used for snacks?

A.   Yes! We encourage organizations to utilize free Summer Meals. If you need

additional information, contact Shaneka Nicole King at shaneka.king1@dc.gov. Staff meals cannot be charged to grant funds.

Q7. Can we include youth that do not reside in the District in the programming?

A.   Yes, but they cannot be included in the minimum dosage of youth and the funds cannot be applied toward those youth (supplies; field trip tickets etc cannot be used for youth that do not reside within the District).

Q.8. Can we apply if we receive 21st Century funds?

A. Yes, but grant funds cannot be used for the same youth and the same program.

Q9. Are Summer grants eligible for continuation funding?

A.   No.

Q10. If an organization is already a Year Round grantee, can they apply for the Summer Strong DC grant for a different site.

A.   No. The only application that a Year Round grantee is eligible for is a Coordination Entity grant.

Q11. Can Logic Models be less than 11 point font?

A.   Yes.

Q12. Does the bibliography or citation page count toward the total pages?

    A.   No.

Q13. Does the budget narrative count toward the total page limits?

    A.   Yes. The budget narrative is part of the overall page count and should be part of the narrative itself. The budget can be provided as an additional document and does not count toward the total page limit.

Q14. Can the minimum dosage be 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, for 6 weeks.

    A.   No. The only possible exception to the minimum of 5 hours per day, 5 days a week, for 5 consecutive weeks is 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, for 4 consecutive weeks.

Q15. Are there recordings for the Grant Information sessions?

    A.   Recordings can be accessed at Learn24.dc.gov under Funding Opportunities.