



ADDENDUM NO. 1 to RFP 10-01

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

1.	Question:	How much can you ask for when applying?
	Answer:	Submitted budgets should reflect the program's capacity and scope of work.
2.	Question:	If you are a center or home provider in an individualized quality improvement plan, do you include the money for subsidized care slots in your budget?
	Answer:	Yes, you would need to estimate the costs of available slots in your budget.
3.	Question:	If you have a child care center in a different county and we are expanding into San Bernardino County, can we still apply for the grant even though we don't have a facility in San Bernardino County yet? We're not looking for capital fund.
	Answer:	No, you will have to have an existing center or program in San Bernardino County.
4.	Question:	Can we apply for funding if we are in the process of looking for a facility?
	Answer:	No, you will need to have an established program in place.
5.	Question:	I have been in business since 1985 with empty slots, will the money help fill these slots for children ages 0-5 years old?
	Answer:	Through a referral system to fill slots, the funds are intended to provide assistance to those who may not have been otherwise able to utilize those services.
6.	Question:	If a current contract expires and we currently serve students with special needs, ages 0-5, do the now unfunded spots count as increased slots in the new RFP as those students would not be able to be served without funding?
	Answer:	No.
7.	Question:	In our attempt to go green, can the copy of our proposal be double-sided?
	Answer:	Yes.
8.	Question:	We are establishing a co-op of family-based child care facilities to help improve the quality of care and inform each other of openings in our facilities. Do we qualify for this RFP?
	Answer:	Provided each facility meets the minimum requirements and separate proposals are submitted.
9.	Question:	As a family child care provider and an officer of the family child care association, can we apply as individuals within the same cluster and as an agency?
	Answer:	Provided each facility meets the minimum requirements and separate proposals are submitted and as long as there is no duplication of services.
10.	Question:	Would First 5 allow us to give up our last year of SR funding to apply for the new RFP under Family Support?
	Answer:	No, the SR contract is with the State Commission and we commit to the terms of that contract.
11.	Question:	Can you please clarify school readiness which is not included in this current RFP? It was stated that First 5 SB may still be able to fund at a later time.
	Answer:	The School Readiness Initiative programs required a 1:1 match from the First 5 State Commission and will sunset in FY 09/10 and FY 10/11. We have plans to continue supporting the elements within School Readiness and will work to meet the needs in our communities.
12.	Question:	Our funding for our current SR ends 2011. If we understand correctly, we cannot apply for "School Readiness" on this RFP but possibly later?

	Answer:	You are welcome to apply for this RFP as long as you meet the minimum requirements and as long as your services are not duplicative of the services currently being funded under the SR contract.
13.	Question:	I am Director of a licensed children center in Victorville which has been operating a child care center for over 10 years. Can I apply for this grant under a different agency name? If so, would the other agency be considered a partnering agency?
	Answer:	You can apply independently under a different agency name if that agency meets the minimum requirements.
14.	Question:	Will there be a pre-assessment of the facility prior to grant approval?
	Answer:	Yes, you will receive a program assessment once you are selected.
15.	Question:	If we are an FCC, can we apply for funding to increase the number of helpers to have a quality care, such as 2 helpers with 14 kids, can we have 3 or 4 and also, can we apply for funding to use for buying shelving, computers, furniture for kids, tables and chairs, bikes, and outdoor lunch tables and chairs also to train our staff on?
	Answer:	You are welcome to include this information in your proposal.
16.	Question:	We have not had an official child care center. However, as part of our overall program we have always provided child care and early child learning program already in place. We have qualified staff in place and are considering licensure, would we be eligible to apply for ECE?
	Answer:	As a minimum requirement, your program must be licensed and in business for at least 3 years.
17.	Question:	Can an agency submit a proposal for an early childhood educator training program that prepares teachers to effectively teach and to keep them in the preschool setting with special needs?
	Answer:	The ECE RFP is intended for direct providers and we will be seeking trainers at a later time.

As a reminder, the proposal deadline has been extended and proposals are due by 4 PM, PST on Friday, February 19, 2010 to First 5 San Bernardino located at:

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