**STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RFP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:** | RFA 202106080 McKinney Vento Grant |
| **RFP ISSUED BY:** | Department of Education |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | July 1, 2021, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time. |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | July 6, 2021 |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | July 13, 2021, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time. |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | [Proposals@maine.gov](mailto:Proposals@maine.gov) |

**Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answer.**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **1** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
|  | Any chance I can apply for both Mckinney Vento grants (RFA 202106083 and RFA 202106080)? |
| **Answer** | |
| SAUs who meet both criteria for each RFA are welcome to apply for both.  SAUs can apply for the McKinney Vento subgrant if they do not have a current subgrant that extends beyond 9/1/21. This is any ME SAU except MSAD 75 and RSU 1. **\*** Applicants with fewer than 50 identified homeless students, as enumerated in the needs assessment will have 5 points deducted from the needs assessment total. This is the process for prioritizing the distribution of sub-grant funds to maximize their availability to the largest possible number of Maine’s homeless students.  SAUs who applied for funding in 2020 can apply for ARP. The full list eligible to apply for ARP is here:   * Augusta School Department * Bangor School Department * Biddeford School Department * Brewer School Department * Ellsworth School Department * Five Towns Community School District * Lewiston Public Schools * MSAD 28 * MSAD 44 * MSAD 46 * MSAD 51 * MSAD 60 * MSAD 75 * Portland Public Schools * RSU 1 * RSU 9 * RSU 12 * RSU 16 * RSU 23 * RSU 40 * RSU 56 * RSU 57 * RSU 63 * RSU 74 * Sanford School Department * Westbrook School Department | |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **2** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
|  | Can these funds be used to give stipends for staff who take on additional responsibilities with McKinney-Vento? |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes. This would be an allowable use of funds under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. | |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **3** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
|  | Is it ok to assume that the grant would cover the cost of a person to do the outreach and coordination work to support students and families? |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes. This would be an allowable use of funds under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, “Providing supplemental instruction and educational enrichment services that help homeless students achieve challenging State academic standards. Providing specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention and counseling), referrals for such services, and activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youths that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse. Providing other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in school activities.” | |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **4** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
|  | I was starting work on the MV subgrant application, but now am questioning if I should be working on the Homeless Children and Youth application since the district did apply last year.  However, we weren’t granted it.  Can you please clarify for me?  I presume we need to resubmit another MV grant, but want to be sure we’re on the right track. |
| **Answer** | |
| SAUs who meet both criteria for each RFA are welcome to apply for both.  SAUs can apply for the McKinney Vento subgrant if they do not have a current subgrant that extends beyond 9/1/21. This is any ME SAU except MSAD 75 and RSU 1. **\*** Applicants with fewer than 50 identified homeless students, as enumerated in the needs assessment will have 5 points deducted from the needs assessment total. This is the process for prioritizing the distribution of sub-grant funds to maximize their availability to the largest possible number of Maine’s homeless students.  SAUs who applied for funding in 2020 can apply for ARP. The full list eligible to apply for ARP is here:   * Augusta School Department * Bangor School Department * Biddeford School Department * Brewer School Department * Ellsworth School Department * Five Towns Community School District * Lewiston Public Schools * MSAD 28 * MSAD 44 * MSAD 46 * MSAD 51 * MSAD 60 * MSAD 75 * Portland Public Schools * RSU 1 * RSU 9 * RSU 12 * RSU 16 * RSU 23 * RSU 40 * RSU 56 * RSU 57 * RSU 63 * RSU 74 * Sanford School Department * Westbrook School Department | |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **5** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
|  | If we do the subgrant as a 3 year proposal, do we put the costs of one year or for all 3 years?  I presume we need to have an annual follow-up, but need clarity of what to include in this section. |
| **Answer** | |
| Projects should be a minimum of 1 year and maximum of 3 years. The longer cycle allows for greater program continuity and strengthening of programs. Start Dates should be on/after 9/1/2021. If you are proposing a 3-year project, please include that in the start date/end date section. In the budget section, please include the budget breakdown for the first year only. In the budget narrative section, include any estimates about year 2 and 3. | |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **6** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
|  | Are 3 SMART goals required? |
| **Answer** | |
| * In general, two (2) to three (3) well-crafted focused outcomes that can be effectively measured are preferable to multiple outcomes that require the collection of complex or unreliable data. Please include at a minimum, one SMART goal. | |