

DATE	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
August 26	Can our organization be the administrator of the Facilities Renovation and Construction funds and also be a subrecipient to expand infant/toddler care in our early childhood facilities?	No. According to US Treasury guidance related to ARPA-CSFRF, an entity cannot be a subrecipient AND a participant (or contractor) under the same ARPA project, they can only meet one definition.
August 30	The RFP states that the "budget must limit annual administrative costs to 10% of the total over the activity budget." Can you clarify if this means overhead expenses only, or also the operating costs associated with providing technical assistance needed to support providers in applying for the grants, and managing the funds post-award? Put another way, is there a minimum level of funds that need to be distributed straight to providers through this program?	The limit is on administrative costs, not direct services costs of the Contractor to implement the program.
August 30	If a provider demonstrates a facilities renovation need costing more than \$50,000, is it allowable to award them a larger grant? The RFP does say a maximum grant of \$50,000, but this can limit the scope of facilities projects or require providers to come up with the remaining funds to complete the project.	The maximum allowable \$50,000 per grant only pertains to furniture, fixture and equipment investments as stated on page 8 in Section B. Program Overview.
August 30	I am a provider and want to apply for funds to renovate my early childhood facility. Should I respond to this RFP?	No. This RFP is to select a contractor to develop and administer a statewide facilities renovation and construction program for early care providers. This is not an application to receive facilities renovation funds for individual providers.
September 7	Can the applicant assume the risk of making advances, particularly to home-based providers with limited access to capital, upon submission of invoices, rather than proof of payment to request reimbursement? This would enable us to more equitably offer funding to a mixed-delivery system across the state. Under this structure, the applicant would seek reimbursement from the state only upon proof of payment from the grantee.	These funds are intended to be distributed as grants equitably to ensure less-resourced providers have the ability to make facilities renovations and improvements.
September 7	In the section for Organizational Strengths, a reference letter is requested. Does "client" mean a firm the applicant has previously or currently contracted with, or does "client" refer to either a grantee or borrower of the applicant?	As the author of the reference letter, the client should have experience working directly with the applicant as a partner or recipient of services/funds.
September 7	Is the deployment/closeout deadline fixed or is there opportunity for it to be extended? Supply chain and inflation costs have added time and expense to facilities	As stated on page 8 in Section B. Contract Awards, the contract term ends 12/30/2024. We ask that a submitted budget and workplan adheres to this timeline.

	projects across the board and flexibility to timeline could be beneficial.	
September 7	Can you provide the count of licensed centers, home-based and groups by town?	This will be provided to all applicants via email.
September 7	Does OEC collect enrollment information (detailed by program type/ages served) from providers already and with what frequency?	<p>All state-funded providers enter data into ECE Reporter (our new version of ECIS). This includes School Readiness (Priority and Competitive), Child Day Care Contracts, Smart Start (including Smart Start for Recovery), and State Head Start. Not all Head Start sites are considered State Head Start (only if they receive state and federal funding).</p> <p>Data on children and families receiving Care 4 Kids subsidies are in a different system. This system is called IMPACT and it is also the system of record for other federally funding subsidies and supports (like TANF) but we access to C4K data only.</p> <p>If a child attends a state-funded early childhood program and receives a subsidy, then that child's data would included in IMPACT and ECE Reporter.</p> <p>The goal is monthly data collection for all systems.</p>
September 7	Is there a total award maximum of \$50,000 or is that simply the amount allowable for startup costs items such as furniture, fixtures, and equipment directly associated with facility investments? Are applicants to propose their own award ranges based upon provider needs?	The maximum allowable \$50,000 per grant only pertains to furniture, fixture and equipment investments as stated on page 8 in Section B. Program Overview. Award ranges will be determined between OEC and Contractor during program design and implementation period.
September 7	What is the CDFA number for this award? Will the applicant be reported out as a subrecipient or subcontractor?	The CDFA Number for this award is 21.027. The awarded contractor will be considered a Subrecipient.
September 7	The RFP states that the maximum allowable administrative charges annually is 10% - does this 10% include or exclude those direct costs for items such as staff salaries and supplies/materials that directly relate to the delivery of the program?	The limit is on administrative costs, not direct services costs of the Contractor to implement the program.
September 7	For the required signature on the application, must this be an ink signature or can it be an electronic signature?	An applicant may electronically sign their application.
September 7	Project eligibility guidance – do all projects need to result in a net increase in slots or can it also support critical quality improvement, health and safety and deferred maintenance costs in order to preserve existing infrastructure?	Not all projects need to result in a net increase of slots however, priority should be given to increase infant and toddler care access and address early childhood deserts for underserved populations.
September 7	How long should the organization commit to staying in business post-award?	This will be determined between OEC and Contractor during program design and implementation period.