



**Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)  
Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils Quality Improvement Grants FY21  
Technical Assistance  
Q&A  
April 6, 2020**

1. Can grant funds be used to support direct salaries of Local Early Childhood Advisory Council (LECAC) staff for purposes of implementing this proposed grant?
  - a. Yes. Grant funds can be used for *“compensation for all personal services, including remuneration, paid currently or accrued, for services of employees rendered during the period of performance under the sub granted award, including, but not necessarily limited to wages and salaries.”*
  - b. *“Costs of compensation are allowable to the extent that they satisfy the specific requirements of the grant, and that the total compensation for individual employees is reasonable for the services rendered, and conforms to the established written policy.”* (Code of Federal Regulations 200.430)
2. If all LECAC’s do not apply for the grant, is there an opportunity to request more funding?
  - a. Right now, we are currently limiting funding to \$25,000 per year, per jurisdiction. If additional funds become available, MSDE will review funding requests to determine the best way to redistribute the additional funds.
3. Can the local library agency and LECAC apply together?
  - a. Yes. There are separate grant funds available to support local libraries, but funds may be leveraged across libraries and the LECAC, and should be indicated on the application.
4. Can multiple counties currently working on other joint projects use funds under this grant to support the existing projects? Should each LECAC apply separately, and include 1/3 of the costs of these efforts in the application?
  - a. Yes, multiple counties may work together to use these funds to support joint projects.
  - b. Each LECAC should apply separately and include the funding for each jurisdiction.
5. How should application documents be submitted?
  - a. All documents should be submitted electronically.