



**Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)  
Promoting Positive Outcomes for Infants and Toddlers FY21  
Technical Assistance  
Q&A  
April 6, 2020**

1. Can grant funds be used to support direct salaries of program staff?
  - 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. Are specific project models required for implementation? Are applicants restricted to using the suggested models?
  - a. No, as long as the implementation model is evidence-based, it will be considered.
3. Is it acceptable for one grant to serve multiple jurisdictions?
  - a. Yes, multiple jurisdictions for implementation are allowable and considered.
4. If we want to submit for multiple programs in different jurisdictions should we submit separate applications for each program, or one application?
  - a. Please submit one application highlighting all programs used in the project.
5. Can Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils (LECAC) apply to this grant as well as the Local Early Childhood Advisory Council Quality Improvement Grants FY21?
  - a. Yes, a LECAC is eligible to apply to both grants and leverage funding across them.
6. Are funds used to contract service workers and home visitors allowable?
  - a. Yes, funds can be used for contracting services to increase the number of slots in a program.
7. When completing the online application documents, are there character restrictions for the different sections?
  - a. There are page limits indicated for sections; there is no restriction on the number of characters that may be entered in the **Project Goals Aligned with Statewide System Development Goal** template.



8. When leveraging resources, does this include in-kind funds? If so, is there a minimum or maximum allowable amount?
  - a. Yes, cost matching is set at a 10% limit, including any in-kind funds.
9. The first project year runs from July 1, 2020-December 31, 2020. When submitting the budget, should it reflect the first six months or the full project term?
  - a. When submitting the complete application package, please include the total amount of funding requested over the life of the project, July 1, 2020-December 31, 2022.
10. When will MSDE seek an extension of grant funds past December 31, 2022?
  - a. Extensions of federal funds may be requested in the final project year.