

FY24 ESL Expansion Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Expenditures for wrap-around services related to English language learning are allowed. Would this include on-site childcare for adult learners who are completing classes?

Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense because this would provide wrap-around services.

2. Can a program purchase a van to provide access to services for the ESL asylum-seeking student population?

Answer: Yes, if you only use the funds for eligible adult learners. Please also note if you would or would not be charging a fee for transporting students.

3. For the Application Narrative components, is there a form to use? If there isn't a form, should we simply submit a Word document?

Answer: There is not a form to use for the Application Narrative. Please submit a narrative of no more than 3 pages, preferably on a pdf document that includes the following 3 sections: Statement of Need, Services to be Provided, and Overall Project Goals / Indicators of Performance.

4. Is there an information session for this grant?

Answer: No, there will not be an information session. Please make sure to carefully read the NOFO as the grant expectations are laid out.

5. Are we allowed to buy supplies with the College, CBO, or School information and logos that the students can keep, such as backpacks, pens, pencils, and notebooks?

Answer: Instructional supplies are allowable. Students can be provided pens, papers, notebooks, etc. However, backpacks are not allowable because they are not instructional supplies and we can't give students items like this to keep.

6. Can we buy marketing supplies "goodies" like tote bags, water bottles, and other useful supplies with the College, CBO, or School logo?

Answer: No, these are considered a "swag" item and are not an allowable expense.

7. Can we buy instructional software?

Answer: Yes, for purposes of ELA instruction.

8. Can we pay consulting fees to help us translate?

Answer: Yes, this is allowable. At this time, it is the instruction that must be in English.

9. Can we buy laptops, projectors, and projecting screens to set up mobile classrooms?

Answer: Yes, because this promotes teaching in a mobile capacity in order to meet the needs of the mobile asylee/migrant/refugee population.

