

## **FY25 Access and Equity in Dual Credit Project/Grant Initiative**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. When is the due date for applications to be submitted for the FY25 Access and Equity in Dual Credit Grant? **The deadline for applicants is Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.**
2. If, for instance, a college partners with 20 high schools for dual credit and they propose an idea that would broadly affect all of them, do would the college need to garner 20 letters of support? **Since the NOFO states, “This list should include identified external partners which includes a letter of support and commitment for their role.”, listing the number of schools with a reference to perhaps two or three schools that would benefit most from dual credit expansion (with their accompanying letters of support) should be sufficient versus trying to collect letters from all partnering schools.**
3. If considering proposing a dual credit online program at some schools, could a college ask for funding for equipment for the schools to effectively run an online program? **Yes, a portion of the funds requested could be used for this purpose. However, since this would be considered more as a “Type C” course, applicants should be mindful of the following statement from the NOFO: “At least 60% of the project scope and expenses must be dedicated to scaling Type A courses. However, the grant will also allow for expansion of Type B, C and D courses (limited to no more than 40% of the scope and expenses) as defined in the Model Partnership Agreement.”**
4. The NOFO states that only 25% of requested funds can be used toward professional development/credentialing. Is that 25% of the max amount (25% of \$150,000) or if a college requests less, is it 25% of what is requested? **The 25% maximum applies to the amount requested. So if, for instance, an institution only requests \$100,000.00 that max amount for professional development/credentialing would be \$25,000.00.**
5. Could a college could use the grant to pay faculty to teach a course, so that the course would be free for the high school students? **Depending upon the designated location for such a course (or courses), this could be considered either Type B or Type D courses (please see the Model Partnership Agreement link [DCQA Model Partnership Agreement Form.pdf](#) for additional details on course types). So, yes, a portion of funds that are requested could be used for this purpose. But a majority of funds requested would need to focus on Type A course expansion. Per the NOFO, “At least 60% of the project scope and expenses must be dedicated to scaling Type A courses. However, the grant will also allow for expansion of Type B, C and D courses (limited to no more than 40% of the scope and expenses) as defined in the Model Partnership Agreement.”**

6. Is the 60% (for Type A course expansion) and 40% (allowed for Type B, C, and/or D course expansion) flexible? **The minimum of 60% of requested funds being designated towards Type A courses is a requirement. This should be calculated regardless of the amount requested. The remaining 40% of funds requested could be geared towards the expansion of other course types.**
  
7. Would purchasing equipment for high schools be permissible? **Yes, purchasing equipment at/for a high school location would be permissible. However, depending upon who is teaching the course or courses (a high school teacher approved as a dual credit instructor vs. college faculty teaching at the high school), this would determine the course type and thus the percentage of funds allowed for equipment.**
  
8. If a college is planning to host events for students and their families, teachers, and counselors (to enhance/promote dual credit programs and these events exceed five hours in duration, are food expenses for these events permissible/allowable? **Yes, but only for the specific events that are over 5 hours where the participants are expected to stay, then food expenses are allowable.**
  
9. Are SURS expenses that are associated with wages for someone paid through the grant during the period of performance also an allowable expense? **Yes, SURS is an allowable fringe cost for personnel being charged to the award. A budget modification may be necessary to include these costs.**
  
10. Has the FY25 Access and Equity in Dual Credit Project grant had an extension for its application deadline? **Yes, the ICCB has extended the application deadline to Friday, January 31, 2025 by the close of business (5:00pm CST).**
  
11. The grant period runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2025. Since the application deadline has been extended, will costs for grantees be covered beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>? **Yes, Pre-award expenses from January 1, 2025, forward, are allowable.**