



*The following are questions asked during the March 22, 2021 information session with the Opportunity Project in regard to funding for summer 2021.*

Are you funding any organizations that are not 501(c)(3) designees?

Currently, we are only funding non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations, and educational entities. If your program may fall into one of these three categories, we encourage you to apply so that we can work with you to identify potential funding sources.

It seems that you are only funding June and August programs. What about July?

Currently, we are working to fund summer programs that are not receiving funding from Tulsa Public Schools' Ready. Set. Summer! initiative, which runs for the duration of July. Even if your program will be funded by Tulsa Public Schools in July, we would still like to hear about all the summer programming you are conducting. If your programming is *not* funded by the Tulsa Public Schools initiative in July, please do submit a request for funding.

Am I still eligible to receive funding if my program serves students outside of Tulsa County?

If your program serves students in Tulsa County, you are encouraged to apply.

Is there a cap on funding or a suggested funding amount per child?

No, there is not a cap on funding. We want you to leverage this funding opportunity to dream big and expand the capacity of your programming and/or the number of youth served. Think about staffing capacity, transportation, programming logistics, supplies, etc. as you craft a proposal and budget.

Is this a matching fund?

No, it is not.

Are participants to be charged a fee? Does our programming need to be free?

Our preference would be for the cost to participants to be as low as possible, ideally free.

What size project are you willing to fund?

Again, we would like you to dream big. Maybe think about expanding the program you have run to an additional site or add higher-quality activities. Tell us about your ideal program funding and we will work with you to see what can happen.

I want to offer transportation, how can that be done?

Please include transportation needs in your proposal budget. We will work with transportation providers across the city to provide services for youth programming. However, we will not fund vehicle purchases.

What if I want to offer training to parents so that they can help their children with literacy skills? Would you fund that?

Yes! We are looking to fund programs that include family engagement strategies and events.

What are the grant's IDC percentages?

We are not dictating IDC percentages for this grant.

Should we focus our proposal more on *what* we're wanting to offer, and leave the question of *where* for later?

If you know the “where” of your proposal, please do include that in the grant. However, we understand that there are still many moving parts to summer programming.

So for April 2, what form should our entire summer plan take? I do not see a place in the application that asks for the entire summer plan.

Please detail all aspects of programming that you would need funding for that are not associated with the Ready. Set. Summer! program that TPS is running.

Can a single organization submit for multiple programs, such as one for an elementary level and a different one for middle/high schoolers?

Yes. Please submit one application per organization, but include all the programs you would like to run within that one application.

If we aren't sure if we are partnering with one school or 10, our numbers would look very different. Should we assume for the sake of the application that our full capacity is accepted by school partners?

Yes, dream big and include your capacity if you were to receive enough funding.

We will provide our full summer of regular programming, but for the new partnership should we detail each proposed opportunity?

Yes, please detail each proposed opportunity and include them within your application. Even if you are not seeking funding for your regular summer programming, please include it within your application.

Also, is funding for only our costs, or does it also cover scholarship fees for attendees?

We want summer programming to be available to as many students as possible, so please do list funds you would need in order to cover scholarships for students.

Q: How can we help share these summer learning and enrichment opportunities with students as they are made public?

A: Please discuss these summer opportunities with parents/caregivers with whom you come into contact! Also send along information through your email listserv, snail mail roster, and/or social media when it becomes available.

Q: Can you tell us a bit about the equity strategies for ensuring students at the emerging sites have access to a robust summer experience?

A: This will be a launch year for most of our summer sites and so we will mostly focus on connection and relationship building through SEL. Those sites that have been collaborating with Community Partners via Relate 918 and the After Opp for example will have the opportunity to have more robust programming given they are at an implementation stage in which they can do that because they have been working on Expanded Learning for a few years. Our hope is that as we progress through the next few years the same can be said of most TPS school sites serving students with less access to resources. The Opp will also help us identify best fit for sites through an equity lens to ensure the needs of students and families are met. The expanded Learning model also calls for youth voice, choice, and leadership in the design and implementation of programming. (We will learn more about this in April).

Q: Did I understand correctly that once we begin the actual application in the portal, we have to finish it? Can any changes be made? Can we save and return? Can you tell me if there is a word or character count limit for the grant application questions?

A: You cannot save the application as you work. We highly recommend that you work on the questions in a separate word processing software and then add your answers to the Google Form once you are satisfied with your answers. There is no character limit for your application.

Q: Do we need letters of commitment from principals along with our proposals? We do not know which schools we will be working with yet, so these letters would be difficult to provide.

A: You will need letters of commitment, but not just yet! They will come at a later date once plans are finalized.

Q: We can give you budget information per school, for two different types of models that we could offer to schools. Then, we could scale up or down depending on which model a school

chooses and the number of schools that want to work with us. Would this be an acceptable usage of the RFP?

A: Yes, what we are looking for is enumerations of “if we had X dollars, we would be able to do Y activities.” This process of asking for community needs and then funding accordingly is exactly what we are striving to do this summer.

Q: I don't know for sure what the full costs are going to look like for summer programming. Can I still receive funding?

A: Yes, please include estimates, plans, and any other information that can give us all the most accurate idea possible of what summer programming will look like.