

Drug Abuse Education Fund (DAEF) Grant - Notice of Grant Opportunity

Technical Assistance Session Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question 1: Can our organization choose freely between Option A and Option B?

A: No. Only applicants who do not already have established relationships with law enforcement agencies in the minimum 10 counties are able to select Option B. Organizations with relationships with law enforcement agencies in at least the minimum 10 counties, **must** select Option A.

Question 2: Are funds guaranteed for the full 5-year grant cycle?

A: No. Subsequent years' funding is contingent upon the selected grantee's performance and the availability of funding.

Question 3: If selecting Option B, but unable to secure relationships in the minimum 10 counties upon the close of the first grant year, what is the course of action?

A: The program office will determine grant program success and will make recommendations and determinations based on the information provided by the applicant through their program reports and any meetings held between the applicant and NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) staff, as necessary, as well as any other relevant program information requested by NJDOE.

Question 4: What if we are unable to hit the recommended number of schools to be serviced in each reporting period?

A: The Level of Service Charts listed in the Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) lists sample recommendations of how many schools to service within each reporting period. You do not have to heed those recommendations but must hit the total number of schools to be serviced by the completion of the grant year. (300 total schools for Option A and 200 total schools for Option B.)

Question 5: With co-teaching being permitted, can the lead programmatic educator be non-law enforcement and the law enforcement officer be the supporting teacher?

A: No. In any co-teaching frameworks utilized by your organization, the law enforcement officer must be the main educator and able to perform all lessons on their own. If the law enforcement officer is unable to attend any of the educational lessons, those lesson will have to be rescheduled. If a non-law enforcement co-teacher is utilized within your program delivery, they are not permitted to carry out programming funded by this grant without the law enforcement officer present and instructing with them.

Question 6: What are the NJ School Performance Reports and how would we utilize them to ensure we meet the minimum of 30 schools serviced where 25% or more of their student population is identified as economically disadvantaged?

A: The [NJ School Performance Reports](#) are released on a yearly basis and offer a variety of information about each school and district in our state. One of the data points included in this report for each school is the percentage of the school population that is economically disadvantaged. You can access this information in any school's summary report (see example below) or through the detailed report, under *Enrollment Trends*.



Question 7: What should I do if I am having trouble completing or submitting my application through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system?

A: For any EWEG related questions, please email eweghelp@doe.nj.gov. Please keep in mind that response times can be upwards of 48 hours, so it is important to plan ahead and recommended that you begin your application well in advance of the due date.

Also, if you are new to the EWEG system, be sure to email the help desk to complete your user registration and receive your login information as soon as possible.

Question 8: What if the programming that our organization uses only meets the evidence-based requirements for particular grades, i.e. grades 5-8?

A: It is a requirement of this NGO that the evidence-based substance use disorder and education and prevention program be delivered to students in any of grades kindergarten through grade 12, as determined by the local education agency in collaboration with the law enforcement agency and the applicant. Therefore, though it doesn't have to be the same curricula for all grades, all grades must be able to be serviced through your organization's programming.

Question 9: How can we demonstrate that our program is evidence-based?

A: The applicant is responsible for showing support that their designated program is evidence-based. You should be able to link to or reference research that has been conducted on the programming/curricula and the success found in achievement of one of the listed *student outcomes* within the NGO. Additionally, consider including any evidence-based sites where your program is listed. Some examples of such sites include:

- [Blueprints](#)
- [OJJDP – Model Programs Guide](#)
- [What Works Clearinghouse](#)
- [Youth.gov Program Directory Search](#)

Question 10: Will letters of support be accepted?

A: Though not a requirement, applicants could reference letters of support within the Organizational Commitment and Capacity section of the application and attach said letters within the *Upload* tab within EWEG.

Question 11: Is it a requirement to submit resumes for the staff members that will be involved with the grant project?

A: Though not a requirement, applicants are welcome to reference them within the Organizational Commitment and Capacity section of the application and attach said resumes within the *Upload* tab within EWEG.

Question 12: Can the law enforcement officers providing the instruction to students be retired or do they have to be active law enforcement officers?

A: The selected applicant for this grant would need to have established relationships with local law enforcement agencies and so the officers providing instruction should be active law enforcement personnel.

Question 13: Can organizations collaborate?

A: While funding for the DAEF Grant will be awarded to one organization only, the selected applicant has the flexibility to engage in subgrants and consultative services with other entities. For additional information on subgrants and how they differ from consultants, please see pg. 10 of the [Pre-Award Manual for Discretionary Grants](#).