

Commonwealth Educator Diversity Program

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. If we have questions about the contents of our proposal, who should we contact?
 - *For all questions, you may email CPEP20@ky.gov.*
2. Where can I find a copy of the evaluation rubric?
 - *The rubric is included in the RFP and includes how many points can be earned by category. The rubric can be found here:
http://cpe.ky.gov/news/rfp_documents/commonwealthdiversitygrant.pdf*
3. Are there any length requirements for my proposal?
 - *Yes, the proposal itself is limited to five pages not including the project summary, bibliography, and budget form and narrative.*
4. What is the grant term?
 - *This is a two-year grant to occur over the span of two phases: Planning Phase from November 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 and Implementation Phase from May 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022. Funding distribution will be based on your budget and may not be in equal distributions for the two project phases.*
5. How many projects will the CPE fund from this solicitation?
 - *The CPE anticipates awarding three to five projects based on the recommendations of the review team and available funding. Projects will be awarded on a competitive basis. Project proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the CEDP review committee upon closure of the RFP.*
6. When are proposals due and how can I submit them?
 - *Proposals will be accepted up to 4:30 p.m. ET on September 17, 2021. Proposals should be submitted via email to CPEP20@ky.gov. Once each proposal has been received, a notice will be sent to each point of contact. If you do not receive your notice within one week of submitting your proposal, please email CPEP20@ky.gov. It is the sole responsibility of the submitting institution to verify receipt of the proposal.*
7. When will I know if I have been awarded funding?
 - *All institutions submitting proposals will be notified in writing regarding the status of their proposal after all proposals have been evaluated, and no later than October 1, 2021. The Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals in whole or in part and to negotiate any or all aspects of a proposal.*
8. What are the major objectives of the grant?
 - *The major objectives of the Commonwealth Educator Diversity Program (CEDP) grant are to support programs that utilize diversity as an instructional tool and to increase K-12 teachers in Kentucky from diverse and underrepresented groups.*
9. Could the students served by the grant be high school students?

- *The CEDP review committee will prioritize programs that emphasize completion within the two-year grant cycle which does lend itself to favor those who are transfer students, already two years into their experience or graduate students; however, it is not necessarily required and a target population of high school students is permissible. What the review committee is seeking is to see efficiency of progression throughout the program so that students are close to completing or ready to be licensed at the end of the program.*
- 10. Am I required to submit an MOU to demonstrate a commitment with a partnering agency or entity?
 - *While a proposal will not be rejected because it does not include an MOU, it is strongly recommended that you do include an agreement with those with whom you wish to partner; you may include this in an appendix. The CEDP review committee is interested in seeing your commitment to strengthening the connection between higher education and K-12.*
- 11. Can out-of-state students be served as part of the award funds?
 - *Kentucky residents should be given preference as recruiting participants. All participants should be vigorously encouraged to remain in Kentucky as practicing K-12 teachers.*
- 12. Can I focus my target teacher candidate population solely on those who serve a particular grade level or content area?
 - *Efforts could be targeted to fund particular grade-level or content area programs as long as the target population focuses on a diverse candidate pool. Data should be used to support the need to support these types of efforts. Overall, the CEDP review committee is seeking proposals that will increase the number of teachers from underrepresented groups, and in consideration of critical shortage areas, with attention paid to K-12 teachers in underrepresented areas of Kentucky.*
- 13. Are community colleges eligible to apply?
 - *Yes, community colleges are eligible to apply. The review committee will prioritize programs that emphasize completion within the two-year grant cycle and partnerships that demonstrate a commitment to strengthening the connection between higher education and K-12.*
- 14. Are private institutions of higher education eligible to apply?
 - *No, private institutions are not eligible to apply for this specific funding opportunity. This grant is targeted to support programs in public institutions that utilize diversity as an instructional tool and to increase K-12 teachers in Kentucky from diverse and underrepresented groups.*