

Clackamas Parenting Together Small Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (25-27) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Question 1:

Can we apply for Safe Sleep or no since we are a County entity?

- Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, schools, or public entities serving residents of Clackamas County.

Question 2:

Can we apply without committing to a particular curriculum?

- A successful application will demonstrate knowledge of community need, general geographic location (or virtual), a plan for marketing to caregivers, and other partnerships with organizations in your area that you hope to maximize with this contract. Applicants are strongly encouraged to research proposed curricula including cost and availability of staff training, capacity of staff to facilitate on-going groups to fidelity, number of facilitators needed for a given curriculum, and childcare needs for families attending the groups.

Question 3:

When is the next Clackamas Parenting Together funding cycle?

- Based on funding availability, next planned funding cycle will be for the July 2027-June 2029 timeframe.

Question 4:

Does an organization simply need to complete an application with a proposed budget and fiscal capacity narrative in order to apply? I wanted to make sure we did not need to sign up to bid for a county contract in addition to the application.

- In order to apply for this opportunity complete all portions of the application provided in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, including a proposed budget and fiscal capacity narrative and submit by 5:00pm, Friday May 9th. No other steps are required to apply.

Question 5:

I noticed the funding range is \$8000 to \$100,000 from a total pool of \$240,000. As we prepare our application, we want to ensure our request is competitive and well-aligned with expectations. Would you be willing to share any guidance or recommendations regarding an appropriate ask amount?

- For every \$600 of total funding received, it is expected that you will serve one caregiver with a series of evidence-based classes or a series of workshops/cafés. For example, for a grant with a total budget of \$45,000 you will be expected to serve no less than 75 families with parenting education opportunities over the course of the grant cycle, with as many class series as needed to reach those 75 families. This budgeting model ensures a standardization of budgeting practice across our region. You are strongly encouraged to consider your organization's capacity and current community connections in planning for how many classes you could successfully offer in order to meet required minimums, as well as the reach you can offer across your community.

Question 6:

Our program provides transportation for children who are not currently living with their parents in order to facilitate parenting time and supervised visitations. Would the \$600 allocation account for these transportation costs?

- For each \$600 of total grant funding, you are expected to provide a caregiver (parent, legal guardian, relative, or other childcare provider of a child, prenatal-18 years old, in Oregon) with access to an evidence-based parenting education series as found on the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative list found here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AvBwo79-AKseBCiGTxY-MfiQpavaM4-x3otPGH22uzA/edit?usp=sharing> or a series of topical workshops chosen to best meet a community's needs. This amount includes admin, transportation, food, supplies, and all other costs associated with offering parenting education.