

Responses to Questions for RFP # 1116  
Family Opportunity Centers (Round 2) for School Districts

<b>Q1</b>	<b>I am unable to locate Attachment 9 in the RFP #1116. I am hoping to find (school district) on the eligibility list.</b>
A1	The RFP and attachments are located on the OCFS public website funding opportunities page at: <a href="https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/">https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/</a> and on the NYS Contract Reporter system at: <a href="https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/agency/adsView.cfm?numID=2094018">https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/agency/adsView.cfm?numID=2094018</a> . They are also located in the NYS Grants Gateway if you are logged in and working on your application. Please see A5 for additional information regarding beginning your grant application.
<b>Q2</b>	<b>We are interested in applying for this grant, but are not sure if we qualify because it is a charter school. The charter school also has 501c3 status, if that is helpful.</b>
A2	Charter schools are not eligible for this funding opportunity. Per <b>RFP Section 3.1 Minimum Qualifications</b> , eligible applicants must be a NYS school district listed on <b>Attachment 9</b> (not individual middle or high schools), that have a 2019-20 economically disadvantaged student rate above the State average (55.6%).
<b>Q3</b>	<b>Are charter schools eligible to apply?</b>
A3	No. See A2.
<b>Q4</b>	<b>Can you please direct me to where I can see the list of eligible school districts?</b>
A4	The list of eligible school districts is provided as <b>Attachment 9</b> . See A1
<b>Q5</b>	<b>I am in the Grant Gateway portal and I was wondering if there are step by step instructions on how to begin application process? I cannot seem to 'being applying'. Is this not open yet? How does the application get submitted? Through gateway?</b>
A5	The funding opportunity opened in Grants Gateway on February 2, 2023. The RFP application must be submitted in Grants Gateway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/">https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/</a></li> </ul> Please refer to <b>RFP Section 5.5 Proposal Submittal Process</b> for information regarding the specific role(s) needed to sign-in and apply for the grant. There are also the following resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/grantee-documents#vendor-user-manual">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/grantee-documents#vendor-user-manual</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/resources-grant-applicants">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/resources-grant-applicants</a></li> </ul>
<b>Q6</b>	<b>Is there anything need before February 16th besides optional questions?</b>
A6	There are no requirements prior to February 16 <sup>th</sup> . The submission of questions is optional.
<b>Q7</b>	<b>Where can I get access to RFP # 1116 Family Opportunity Centers (Round 2) for School Districts on Grants Gateway?</b>
A7	See A5.
<b>Q8</b>	<b>Would a shuttle bus for safe passage be allowable?</b>
A8	Yes. Reasonable transportation to and from program services and to overcome barriers to receiving other services available in the community is allowable.
<b>Q9</b>	<b>What type of giveaways are allowable?</b>
A9	Please refer to <b>Section 4.0 Program Requirements</b> pg. 19 and <b>Section 5.3 Key Concepts</b> pg. 39 regarding use of grant funds to meet families' concrete needs. The items included are not an exhaustive list as to afford maximum flexibility in using grant funds to meet the needs of families. Items purchased should be based on family needs and after awards are made, your OCFS program manager can work with you on any questions about allowable items.
<b>Q10</b>	<b>Is the substance abuse counseling supposed to be one-to-one or can we bring in organizations to table for the FOC (e.g., Narcan distribution)?</b>

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A10	Program services to meet families' mental health and/or substance use disorder services are not required to be one-on-one services. Group and other types of service delivery that meet the needs of families are allowable.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>How many families are expected to be served by this grant?</b>
A11	The number of families to be served depends on the formal parenting education curriculum and what other services are proposed to be offered.
<b>Q12</b>	<b>Is it okay to target one population within the city rather than city-wide?</b>
A12	Yes, the service population does not need to be city-wide. Please refer to <b>Section 2.2 OCFS Statewide Considerations</b> when identifying the target population.
<b>Q13</b>	<b>Is hybrid programming allowed?</b>
A13	Please refer to <b>Section 4.1 Desired Outcomes and Program Requirements</b> page 20 for the core components all applications must meet to be considered for funding. Applicants that propose hybrid programming that otherwise meet those requirements are eligible for funding.
<b>Q14</b>	<b>The application states, "If any responses to individual questions exceed the 4000-character limit, please enter "See Attached Upload" in the text field for the response to that question, attach, and upload your complete and clearly labeled response... to the "Grantee Document Folder" in your online application." Is there a penalty for exceeding the 4000-character limit in the Work Plan?</b>
A14	No, there is no penalty for exceeding the 4,000-character limit when responding to questions in the "Program-Specific Questions" section of the Grants Gateway. This character limit exists solely due to design/system limitations of the Grants Gateway system. As noted in the RFP, longer responses are allowable and are submitted through the upload process described. Applicants are encouraged to use good judgement when determining appropriate lengths of their responses.
<b>Q15</b>	<b>What grade is considered "middle/junior high school?" Can 5th grade be considered middle school or is it just grades 6-8?</b>
A15	The funding is for "school districts for middle or junior high schools." If a school district's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade is part of an elementary school, then the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade would not be eligible. If the school district's 5 <sup>th</sup> grade is part of a middle school, then it would be eligible.
<b>Q16</b>	<b>The RFP states that the grant is targeted to middle school students; however, the information in IFB Section 4.1 page 22 mentions a play area that allows for large motor activities. Is that for these children or is this also targeted to younger children?</b>
A16	The requirement for an area for large motor activities includes both middle school or junior high school students being served and any younger siblings.
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Where can we find the list of interested not-for-profit partners? Our school district is looking for a suitable partner to implement this project.</b>
A17	This has been posted to the OCFS public website funding opportunities page at: <a href="https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/">https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/</a> and to the NYS Contract Reporter system at: <a href="https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/agency/adsView.cfm?numID=2094018">https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/agency/adsView.cfm?numID=2094018</a> .