

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FOR
RFP # 1131 NYS LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT
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SECTION 1 of 8: Eligibility

Q1	<i>We are interested in applying to the LEAPS RFP, but our organization is not a non-profit. Are there any other options for participation?</i>
A1	No. You would not meet the minimum eligibility requirements as indicated in RFP Section 3.1 to apply for this RFP.
Q2	<i>Is this grant only for not-for-profit organizations? ¿Este grant es solo para las organizaciones sin fines de lucro?</i>
A2	Yes. Sí.
Q3	<i>If a national not-for-profit establishes a presence in one of the eligible school districts, would it be considered a “community-based not-for-profit” and therefore eligible to apply for LEAPS?</i>
A3	Yes, a national non-profit may be eligible to apply if they meet the eligibility criteria in RFP Section 3.1.
Q4	<i>Could my SAAC program apply? ¿Podría yo aplicar para mi programa SAAC?</i>
A4	Existing SACC programs that meet the minimum qualifications in RFP Section 3.1 and that can provide the services outlined in the RFP are welcome to apply.
Q5	<i>I have a SACC license in NYC, would I be able to apply for this funding?</i>
A5	See A4.
Q6	<i>We have a day care license that is currently for 112 School Aged Children. We recently submitted to OCFS to reallocate our 24 early childhood slots to SACC due to that program underperforming. (Our original daycare license was 24 EC/ 88 SACC). Are we eligible as a daycare with licensed SACC slots?</i>
A6	If you meet the criteria in RFP Section 3.1, including that you agree to obtain a SACC registration through OCFS prior to serving children and within 120 days of the award letter date if awarded, you may apply.
Q7	<i>RFP Section 2.3 states that funding will be determined based on the registered or proposed SACC capacity of the program site.</i> <i>a. Would a high school program site that does not enroll participants under age 13 be eligible for funding?</i> <i>b. If so, how would the funding level be determined?</i>
A7	a. No. This RFP was amended on 2/29/2024. Programs must serve children that are Pre-K through age 12 at time of enrollment. The amended RFP is available at https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/ . b. This is not applicable.
Q8	<i>Are NYC high school after school programs eligible, and is a SACC license required, as NYC high school afterschool programs do not require a SACC license do we request and submit a SACC wavier? If yes, how will funding be determined?</i>
A8	See A7.

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Q9	We operate a community center that provides after-school offerings for high school students from a range of nearby schools - can we apply for funding for the center space?
A9	See A7.
Q10	a. Are religious organizations eligible if they have a designated 501(c)3 nonprofit status? b. And/or if the same organizations deliver DOE programming (NYCEEC, PreK for All), does this change the eligibility status? c. Will the funding be available for both DOE after-school enrichment as well as the nonprofit program for non-DOE school children?
A10	a. Yes, if they meet all the eligibility requirements in RFP Section 3.1. b. Not necessarily, refer to the eligibility requirements in RFP Section 3.1. c. If determined eligible and awarded, funding amount will be determined based on the registered or proposed SACC capacity of the sites identified in the proposal. Funds must supplement, not supplant, existing services and may not be used to supplant federal, state, or local funds. Programs may not use LEAPS initiative funds to pay for existing levels of service funded from any other source. All costs included in the direct cost categories must be directly attributable to the project. State Finance Law and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require that any expense incurred over more than one funding source or program must be charged proportionately, and the method of allocation must be documented.
Q11	<i>We currently have an after-school program that has a 70-slot capacity under our DCC OCFS license. We need to maintain a DCC license. Are we eligible to apply having a DCC license? If not, are we able to maintain both a SACC license and a DCC license?</i>
A11	a. Applicants are required to have or obtain a SACC registration as detailed in RFP Section 3.1. b. Please consult with your assigned regulator. If you meet the criteria in RFP Section 3.1, including that you have or agree to obtain a SACC through OCFS prior to serving children and within 120 days of the award letter date if awarded, you may apply. It is possible for both a SACC and DCC to operate at the same site, but they must operate as separate and distinct programs. This is a case-by-case determination that would be made as part of the SACC registration application process.
Q12	<i>We currently have a day care license because we provide pre-k services. However, I am not able to get a SACC license because you cannot have both a SACC and day care license. a. Does this mean I am not eligible for LEAPS and therefore must close my current afterschool program? b. If I close, how will the youth receive services?</i>
A12	See A11.

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Q13	<p>a. Will CBOs be eligible to apply for LEAPS funding for a SACC site covered by an existing Advantage Afterschool contract?</p> <p>b. The contract now runs through 2025 (instead of 2024). Could LEAPS funding replace and/or extend the Advantage contract?</p> <p>c. If not, will we be eligible to apply for LEAPS funding at that site in future years?</p>
A13	<p>a. Yes, as the Advantage Afterschool funding is scheduled to end on 8/31/24 and the LEAPS funding is scheduled to begin on 9/1/2024.</p> <p>b. All Advantage Afterschool contracts are ending on August 31, 2024. There is no overlap between the ending of Advantage on 8/31/24 and the beginning of LEAPS on 9/1/24.</p> <p>c. All Advantage Afterschool contracts are ending on August 31, 2024. The LEAPS funding is scheduled to begin on 9/1/2024. If interested in LEAPS funding, eligible NFPs must respond by the Deadline for submission of Proposals in Section 1.2.</p>
Q14	<p>a. Will CBOs be eligible for LEAPS funding at SACC sites that are already funded through New York City after-school contracts?</p> <p>b. For example, would an organization be disqualified at a SACC site for which they have a Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Comprehensive After School System (COMPASS) contract (which would overlap with the LEAPS contract period)?</p>
A14	<p>a. CBOs who meet the requirements in RFP Section 3.1 may be eligible for LEAPS funding. If determined eligible and awarded, funding amount will be determined based on the registered or proposed SACC capacity of the sites identified in the proposal.</p> <p>b. The organization would not be disqualified from consideration, however they may not propose to utilize LEAPS funds to reimburse expenses already reimbursable under other funding sources. Funds must supplement, not supplant, existing services and may not be used to supplant federal, state, or local funds. Programs may not use LEAPS initiative funds to pay for existing levels of service funded from any other source. All costs included in the direct cost categories must be directly attributable to the project. State Finance Law and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require that any expense incurred over more than one funding source or program must be charged proportionately, and the method of allocation must be documented.</p>
Q15	<p><i>Some of our sites (not all) receive NYC-DYCD funding for some of our programs (not all).</i></p> <p>a. Is this considered a competing grant program to LEAPS?</p> <p>b. Can we apply to both LEAPS and DYCS if the funding would support different sites and/or different programs?</p>
A15	<p>See A14.</p>

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Q16	<i>We are a for-profit organization specializing in technology education and certification for youth and underserved populations. Is there any way this could be possible even though we are a for-profit organization?</i>
A16	No. Per RFP Section 3.1 Minimum Qualifications: for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply to this grant opportunity.
Q17	<i>I am a municipality working with our local schools to provide after-school programs. Am I eligible for this funding?</i>
A17	No. Per RFP Section 3.1 Minimum Qualifications: municipal agencies and government entities are not eligible to apply to this grant opportunity.
Q18	<i>Our client is an NYCDOE school program that runs programs in conjunction with a nonprofit. We understand from the RFP that as a school, the client could not apply, but could our nonprofit partner be eligible?</i>
A18	If the non-profit meets the eligibility criteria outlined in RFP Section 3.1, they may apply. See A14 for further information.
Q19	<i>Do I have to partner with a school district in order to apply?</i>
A19	Yes, as indicated in RFP Section 3.1 you must submit a Letter of Commitment between your NFP and the eligible school district at the time of application and enter into a formal Partnership Agreement with the district proposed to be served in a timely manner and prior to completion of contract development.
Q20	<i>Can a Charter School partner with non-profit organizations to submit a proposal?</i>
A20	Yes, as indicated in RFP Section 3.1 you must submit a Letter of Commitment between your NFP and the Charter School located in an eligible school district (listed on Attachment 10) at the time of application and enter into a formal Partnership Agreement with the district proposed to be served in a timely manner and prior to completion of contract development. The charter school (superintendent equivalent) located in the eligible school district proposed to be served should sign the letter of Commitment and Partnership Agreement. Charter Schools that are located in an eligible school district listed on Attachment 10 are considered eligible schools.
Q21	<i>Section 3.1: Is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charter school eligible to apply for the grant?</i>
A21	No. A not-for-profit entity may apply if partnered with a charter school if they meet the criteria in RFP section 3.1, including serving an eligible school district as listed on Attachment 10.

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Q22	a. Are charter schools eligible to apply as non-profits? b. If so, do they need to be grouped by geographic district based on the public school district they are located within? c. Finally, who should sign the school partnership attachment for a charter school?
A22	a. No, See A21. b. Not applicable. c. Not applicable.
Q23	Could you please tell me if public charter schools are eligible to apply?
A23	No. See A21.
Q24	Where do charter schools stand in terms of eligibility? Are they considered a public school system – hence not eligible to apply? Or can charters apply under their 501(c)3 umbrella organization?
A24	No. See A21.
Q25	<i>The RFP states “Please note: For-profit organizations, municipal agencies, <u>public school systems</u>, and government entities are not eligible to apply.”</i> Does this mean a K-12 public school district is not eligible?
A25	Correct. See A2.
Q26	Why is this opportunity only welcome for non-profit organizations?
A26	This particular funding opportunity is limited and therefore is only available for not-for-profit organizations who meet the requirements outlined in RFP Section 3.1.
Q27	If you currently have an Advantage contract that does not end until 2025, will you still be allowed to enter into the bidding process?
A27	See A13.
Q28	Can I apply for the funding if I have an after-school program outside the school? My 2 locations are near each school, can I still apply for funding?
A28	Yes. As indicated in RFP Section 4.1B programs operating in school buildings are preferred. Other sites will be considered with appropriate justification.
Q29	<i>Our organization typically serves as a fiscal agent and support entity for smaller CBOs who work in and with schools. In this case, we do not have SACC licensure ourselves, but the subcontractors with whom we work either do or would attain it.</i> Are we still eligible to apply?
A29	No, if your organization does not have a SACC registration and does not intend on applying for a SACC registration, you would not be eligible to apply. Any organization applying must meet the criteria listed in RFP Section 3.1, including obtaining SACC registration. Per RFP Section 4.1B, the applying organization is allowed to partner with subcontractors.

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Q30	<p><i>[The School District] has a 49% poverty ranking at its schools. The school we serve in that district has a poverty rate at 78%. We believe that since this district offers free breakfast and lunch to ALL STUDENTS that families are not completing the needed forms to determine where they stand on the poverty school. We have a clubhouse located in the center of a housing project in that community and another that has some of the neediest children.</i></p> <p>With [The School District] currently not eligible, our biggest club cannot apply for funding?</p>
A30	<p>Applicants are required to serve youth in a school district listed on RFP Attachment 10 – Eligible School Districts to Serve for LEAPS where 50% or more of the student population of that district is economically disadvantaged. The program Partnership Agreement must be with the school district that oversees the school(s) the participants attend, in accordance with the applicable school district’s policy.</p>