



INDIANA COMMISSION
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QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SUMMARY

Indiana Higher Education Institution Supporting Student Persistence

The following questions were received on or before Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Answers to questions are posted for all applicants to review prior to submission.

Deadline for applications:

Friday, January 30, 2015 by 4:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

Deliver application by mail and email to:

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Question: Will this funding occur annually?

Answer: No. This is a one-time funding opportunity to offset start-up costs associated with scaling the services described in the RFP. Funding would be available upon contract, which would begin in mid-February 2015 and end in mid-August 2015.

Question: Can funding be used beyond the first year?

Answer: Funding would be available from mid-February 2015 through mid-August 2015. While planning and implementation could go beyond mid-August 2015, all funds would need to be expended by mid-August 2015.

Question: How much funding is available?

Answer: There is \$1.5 million to award with the amount per institution varying based on the number and strength of the proposals received. We anticipate awarding up to 10 proposals.

Question: Are indirect costs available?

Answer: Yes. HEs can charge indirect costs at the negotiated rate.

Question: What does "required programming" mean?

Answer: The "required programming" is as described in the "Services Sought" section. In some cases, services already exist but might need to be recast, reorganized or strengthened to be more comprehensive; in other cases, services might need to be developed or designed.

Question: Are joint grants allowed?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Is there a page limit on the application?

Answer: No.

Question: When are applications due?

Answer: Applications are due Friday, January 30, 2015.

Question: Are advisors or student advising required as part of the student support programming?

Answer: Yes. In the Academic/Social Support, it is expected that advisors/advising would play a critical role in meeting this service.

Question: Are costs to plan and deliver Summer Bridge Programs allowable with these funds?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Does the funding need to be spent within 7 months?

Answer: Yes. Funding will coincide with the contract, which will be mid-February 2015 through mid-August 2015.

Question: What are the restrictions on the funds? For example, can funds be used for program materials, staff, space, and food?

Answer: Staff costs, food, space and materials are all allowable costs.

Question: What would the time frame for funding?

Answer: Funds would be awarded in mid-February 2015 and would need to be expended by mid-August 2015.

Question: What is the minimum number of students that the grant would need to serve?

Answer: All state-aid student recipients are the target student population. Applicants must implement all areas of student support outlined in the RFP for all entering state financial aid recipients beginning with the 2015-16 academic year or articulate a detailed plan to scale these services by the 2016-17 academic year. Priority consideration will be given to institutions that commit to scaling these students supports during the 2015-16 academic year.

Question: Can the hardcopy application be mailed after the electronic copy?

Answer: Yes. Applicants can submit the electronic copy on Friday, January 30, 2015 and mail the hardcopy for later receipt.