

OJJDP FY 2009 Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I access the Local Youth Mentoring Initiative solicitation?

The solicitation and this FAQ are available at
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=120>

2. Should applications be submitted through Grants.gov or GMS?

Applications should be submitted through the Office of Justice Programs' Grant Management System (GMS).

3. In accessing the solicitation description through Grants.gov, the first page stated the application deadline is April 30, while page 5 stated it is April 20.

The deadline for GMS registration and application submission is April 20, 2009.

4. Is it necessary to have a partnership in place to apply?

The applicant must demonstrate that they have entered into a partnership or that a partnership has been in place to support the mentoring effort.

5. Is a university eligible to apply?

Yes, if it has entered into a community partnership.

6. We have two centers on our university campus who work with different nonprofit organizations in the areas of job training and mentoring. Under this solicitation, is the university eligible to apply as the primary applicant on two different proposals? If not, could we apply as the primary on one and a co-applicant on another? Or is the university limited to participating in one proposal?

If you wish to submit two different proposals, you may submit two applications. You may apply as the primary applicant on both or the primary applicant on one and a co-applicant on the other.

7. Would a school be eligible to apply?

A public school is eligible as a unit of a local government and private nonprofit schools may be eligible as private organizations, including faith-based or community organizations.

8. I coordinate a mentoring program for a small city (population 14,000). Can such program qualify for a grant under this solicitation or is it intended only for large national organizations with mentoring programs?

Any private nonprofit organization providing local mentoring services is eligible to apply. The applicant should have a partnership with other organizations and local entities, i.e. schools.

9. What should the project start date be?

The project start date should be August 1, 2009.

10. Are there any conferences or training sessions that should be budgeted for?

No, there are not any conferences or training sessions to include in the budget.

11. Does the application need to address all performance measures listed in the solicitation, including the Recovery Act performance measures?

Applicants must address all mandatory performance measures listed in the solicitation, including the Recovery Act performance measures. Accordingly, applicants should review the two Performance Measure tables provided in the solicitation carefully before submitting their applications. Applicants should also review the section on "Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation/Performance Measure Data Collection Plan," as it provides guidance on what an application must contain for each performance measure it is required to address.

12. If I am awarded a grant, will I be required to report on all mandatory performance measures listed in the solicitation?

Yes, all mandatory performance measures apply to all grantees that receive funding under this solicitation. This includes both the Recovery Act Performance Measures and the Local Youth Mentoring Performance Measures, referenced in the preceding answer. Some Recovery Act measures may not be relevant to your program activities, but you must respond to them nevertheless. For example, you may be hiring new staff, but not initiating financial partnerships. For such questions, the answer may be zero.

13. When will the award announcements be made?

OJJDP anticipates that awards will be announced in early August.

14. How may I find out about your other OJJDP funding opportunities?

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