



Q&A:

Parent and Family Engagement in the Birth through Five Early Child Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) System

Questions will be answered on an ongoing basis.
Final questions and answers will be posted by August 20, 2025.

Q1	I have a question on the priority points for applicants proposing match. I was wondering if volunteer time at resource fairs, etc. could be counted as match (in-kind)?	<p>Matching funds may come from multiple sources and need not be limited to cash only. Cash, other non-Federal grants, and in-kind support that is directly related and applied to the project is allowable as match. Matching funds may be provided for any of the budget categories in the budget template and must be detailed on the matching justification tab of the budget document.</p> <p>Information and guidance related to Matching Funds, Cost Sharing, can be found here: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/section-200.306</p> <p>While matching funds are not a requirement to apply for this grant, OPSRF will give priority to applications that demonstrate the ability to provide a 30% match of the total project cost. Information and guidance related to Matching Funds, Cost Sharing, can be found here: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/section-200.306</p>
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Q2	We would like to know if Institutions of Higher Education might submit a proposal for the Parent and Family Engagement Funding. Also, are funds able to be used for teacher gift certificates for attending an event, for teacher gift baskets, and food for an event?	<p>Public institutions that receive public dollars for funding are eligible to apply. Generally, food may be allowable at approved events such as parent engagement sessions, training, or workshops.</p> <p>Stipends as participant support costs are allowable with Prior approval of the federal awarding agency. Please see https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.456 for guidance on Participant Support costs.</p> <p>Additional information regarding allowable costs can be found here: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E</p>
Q3	Good evening can you please tell me about the grant and where do I go to apply?	The RFP is posted on OPSR's website and found here: https://www.okschoolreadiness.org/news
Q4	<p>Concerning the Parent and Family Engagement grant opportunity:</p> <p>1) Can training costs be included in the request?</p> <p>2) Are there any specific margin requirements for the proposal document?</p>	Yes, training/professional development can be included in the request. However, this funding, per the federal agency, cannot be used for DEI training/professional development. There are no margin requirements for proposals.

<p>Q5</p>	<p>Questions regarding current RFP "Boost Family Engagement in Early Childhood"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can funding be utilized for liability insurance for special events that fall under the goals of the grant such as family gathering opportunities to share appropriate resources and information and/or training? 2. Can funding be used to purchase food for similar events noted in #1 3. Can funding be used to bring in training (pay for contracted trainer, supplies, printing, in-state travel for the trainer) to current early childhood staff to promote parent and family engagement? To provide parenting skills during events, gatherings? To provide community resource training specific to pregnancy and early childhood,(speaker fees and related expenses) available in Oklahoma by other partners for families during family events? 4. Can funding be used to purchase door prizes for family gathering events, such as those listed in #1? <p>Additional questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can funds be used for stipends and food for Parent Advisory Committees, focus groups, and other leadership activities to gain the voice of the parents/caregivers of children under 6 being served? Would that fall under the "other" category? 2. Some resource centers cover multiple counties. If they host events in neighboring counties to promote early childhood education at resource fairs, trainings, meetings, coalitions, and other gatherings, is mileage allowed? I am assuming no, but thought we should ask. 3. Can funds be used to cover the cost of hosting events virtually and for adding resources and events on a website, such as contracted webmaster, contracted graphic designer, website fees, internet, Zoom license fees, and to help with phone bills for a resource /support hotline? 	<p>If the liability insurance is required by a venue, or is necessary to operate an event, it may be allowable. The awardee will need to provide documentation for reimbursement. Additional information can be found here: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.447</p> <p>Training and professional development can be included in the request. However, this funding, per the federal agency, cannot be used for DEI training/professional development. There are no margin requirements for proposals.</p> <p>Applicants would need to include in their narrative a strong justification that participant incentives (gift cards, door prizes, etc.) and meals advance the goals/outcomes of the proposed project.</p> <p>Stipends as participant support costs are allowable with Prior approval of the federal awarding agency. Please see https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRed1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.456 for guidance on Participant Support costs.</p> <p>Additional information regarding allowable costs can be found here: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E</p>
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<p>Q6</p>	<p>Our school, in conjunction with our school foundation, runs our local Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Could funds from the grant be used to support it? For example could we say \$5000, would be used for imagination library?</p> <p>Could funds be used to purchase vouchers for doctor, dentist, eye doctor, appointments? We know we have families in our community that fall in the cracks of not qualifying for Soonercare but also don't have private insurance.</p>	<p>It's possible this would be allowed depending on the strength of the proposal. Proposals will be scored by reviewers using the criteria outlined in the RFP.</p> <p>No, this funding cannot be used for individual vouchers to pay for health appointments.</p>
<p>Q7</p>	<p>Could you please confirm how “equipment” is defined for this funding opportunity (e.g., cost threshold, useful life, or other criteria)?</p> <p>The RFP also notes that priority will be given to proposals with 30% matching funds reflected in the proposed budget and the identification of the matching fund sources. Could you please clarify what documentation is expected to verify matching funds (e.g., commitment letters, signed agreements, or other proof) at the time of application?</p> <p>Lastly, the RFP states that funds must be fully expended and all project materials/resources received by December 30, 2025. Could you please confirm whether “received” means that resources must also be fully distributed by project partners by this date, or if it is sufficient for partners to have received and begun disseminating them before the end of the project period?</p>	<p>The PDGB-5 federal grant defines equipment as tangible personal property (including information technology systems), having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$10,000.</p> <p>While matching funds are not a requirement to apply for this grant, OPSRF will give priority to applications that demonstrate the ability to provide a 30% match of the total project cost. Information and guidance related to Matching Funds, Cost Sharing, can be found here: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/section-200.306</p> <p>Documents required for match funds are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verification and certification of matching funds 2. For in-kind contributions (services, supplies, equipment, property) 3. Compliance and record-keeping <p>All materials must be received and in the hands of the awardee by December 30, 2025. All funds must be expended by December 30, 2025.</p>

Q8	Is it allowable to purchase food or snacks as a draw to community events with the funding from OPSR?	Generally, food may be allowable at approved events such as parent engagement sessions, training, or workshops. Events must be at least four hours to qualify for food reimbursement.
Q9	I am requesting grant information for our library. Where do I apply for this grant? We are a public library.	Proposals and all application materials are due by 5:00 p.m. CST on September 8 th , 2025 to ebigheart@okschoollreadiness.org .