



Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs – CFDA 84.299A Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Program: Accessing Choices in Education (ACE) Grant Competition for 2020

Questions and Answers from the Pre-Application Webinars held on July 23 and 30, 2020.

Section 5- Planning Period

Question 43:	Planning year for parent feedback: Do we need to get the feedback during this time in addition to the method?
Answer:	<p>This question touches on two different requirements:</p> <p>First, the general application requirement for each applicant to include in its application “a description of how Indian Tribes and parents and families of Indian children and youth have been, and will be, involved in developing and implementing the proposed activities.” This information is required as part of an application.</p> <p>Second, Program Requirement 4 for a “parent involvement and feedback process” that includes “a way for parents to request services or providers that are not currently offered and provide input on services provided through the project, and describes how the grantee will” respond and may include a parent liaison. If an application includes a planning period, this program requirement for a parent involvement and feedback process is something that can be developed during the planning period. It needs to be put into operation when the planning period ends, and the grantee begins providing direct services. If an application does not include a planning period, the program requirement for a parent involvement and feedback process needs to be included in the application and needs to be put into operation as soon as the project begins.</p>
Question 44:	We were thinking of developing an app as a means of providing for parent & student feedback. Could the cost of that be part of the planning year budget?
Answer:	Yes, if the technology being developed is for either the service selection method or part of the parent involvement and feedback process, such an app could be part of your budget in the planning year.
Question 45:	Can an applicant have as little as a 3-month planning period if they already have some infrastructures set up?
Answer:	Yes. An applicant can propose a planning period of any length up to 12 months.
Question 46:	Is there a preference for applicants that do not propose a planning period?
Answer:	No, there is no preference for applicants based on whether or not they propose a planning period.
Question 47:	For selection criterion (b)(3), “the extent to which the services to be offered would meet the needs of the local population, as demonstrated by an analysis of

	community-level data, including direct input from parents and families of Indian children and youth,” can this work be completed during the planning period?
Answer:	In order to receive points under this or any other selection criterion, you need to address it fully in the application. For your specific question regarding needs of the local population, you would have to have assessed the local needs, and planned which services to offer, prior to applying for the ACE grant.