

TRIBAL EARLY LEARNING FUND (TELF) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Funding Opportunity General Information

Question: Can we backdate invoices for services as aligned with the TELF priorities to July 1, 2024 (the beginning of FY 2024-2025)?

Answer: Yes, you can backdate your invoice to July 1, 2024, so long as you applied for and received FY2024-2025 funding, and so long as the goods and services were purchased/provided within the fiscal year and align with TELF priorities.

Question: Can unspent funds be carried over or do they need to be spent by June 30, 2025?

Answer: Unspent funds for FY 24'-25' cannot be carried over past June 30, 2025. All funds should be spent by June 30, 2025, for FY 2024-2025.

Question: Will TELF grant funding be available annually moving forward?

Answer: TELF funding is only available through June 30, 2025. Currently, there is no plan to allocate funding after FY 2024-2025.

Question: Is this grant taxable?

Answer: Yes. Grant funds are considered income. DCYF will send out a 1099 in January for tax purposes. The 1099 includes all DCYF funds provided in the tax year period.

Question: When is the program outcomes report, called "Share Your Story" due to the Office of Tribal Relations?

Answer: The Share Your Story report is due to OTR within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year which is July 30, 2025. Please submit this report to: dcyf.tribalrelations@dcyf.wa.gov.

Question: What if we do not spend all the funds by 6/30/2025?

Answer: The funds will need to be sent back to DCYF via check. Please send to:

Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families,
C/O Finance Office,
PO 40970,
Olympia, WA
98504-0970

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