

TRIBAL EARLY LEARNING FUND (TELF) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Funding Opportunity General Information

Question: When does funding need to be spent for the 2024-2025 TELF Grant?

Answer: The funds will need to be spent by the end of the fiscal year (FY). The fiscal year runs from 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2025.

Question: If we applied for the first round of funding (FY 2023-2024) can we apply for the 2024-2025 TELF grant funding?

Answer: Yes, you can apply for 2024-2025 TELF grant funding.

Question: Can TELF grant funds only be used for children ages birth through 5 years?

Answer: TELF grant funding can be used for pregnancy and prenatal care, as well as children ages birth through 5 years of age.

Question: Can funding be used for school-age child care?

Answer: Correct. TELF funding can be used for school-age children 5 years and younger.

Question: Can TELF grant funding be used for non-tribal children?

Answer: Programs that do not serve tribal individuals (including pregnant individuals and/or children ages birth through 5 years) do not qualify for TELF funding. For programs that serve both tribal and non-tribal individuals, grant applications must only include numbers for tribal individuals to be served.

Question: Can FY2023-2024 TELF grant funds be used through June 30, 2025?

Answer: No, funds must be used within the fiscal year that programs applied for. FY2023-2024 funds must be used by June 30, 2024. FY2024-2025 funds must be used between July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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

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

Question: Can applicants apply for both fiscal years?

Answer: Yes! We strongly encourage applicants to apply for both fiscal years. Please submit a separate application for each fiscal year.

Question: Do I need to have separate applications for more than one priority?

Answer: No, you can select multiple priorities in the drop-down list on the Smartsheet application. The Smartsheet application is located here:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/54cece2f35534ab2a97add7110d95ce>

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

Answer: TELF funding is only currently available for FY2023-2024 and FY2024-2025.

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Question: Do I need to submit a separate budget and justification?

Answer: Yes. Please email documents directly to apolonio.hernandez@dcyf.wa.gov. For your convenience, there is an example budget template on the DCYF Office of Tribal Relations website.

Question: Can you provide an example of 3.5.1. Cost itemization by priority and expense?

Answer: See examples below.

Priority 1: Tribal Language Education
A Lushootseed speaker/teacher-\$30,000

Priority 2: Elder Storytelling
Storytelling - \$30,000

Priority 6: Traditional Music & Arts
Arts, and Music - \$20,000

Question: Can we backdate invoices for services as aligned with the TELF priorities to July 1, 2023 (the beginning of FY2023-2024)?

Answer: Yes, you can backdate your invoice to July 1, 2023, so long as you applied for and received FY2023-2024 funding, and so long as the goods and services were purchased/provided within the fiscal year and align with TELF priorities.

Question: If we are not tribally licensed or certified/certified for payment only, but will be soon, can we still apply?

Answer: No. The TELF grant requires that you are currently licensed and/or certified for payment only.

Question: Can we submit an application that includes two or more programs?

Answer: If you are a Tribe applying in Category 1, submit one (1) application for the total amount requested, up to but not to exceed \$250,000. For example, a tribal nation offering both Head Start and Early Head Start would submit one (1) application up to \$250,000.

Question: If I am a Tribal Serving Organization or Recognized American Indian Organizations (RAIOs) with an ECEAP program and Home Visiting program, do I submit an application for each program?

Answer: If you are a Tribal Serving Organization or RAIOs in Category 2, submit one (1) application, if applicable. For example, RAIO's with ECEAP and home visiting programs may submit one application up to \$150,000, or two (2) separate applications, respectively.

Announcement and State (OTR-DCYF) Award Dates 2024-2025

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Important Dates	
Application Open	Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Funding Opportunity Technical Assistance Office Hours	Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Funding Opportunity Technical Assistance Office Hours	Tuesday, July 2, 2024 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Deadline for Initial Reviews	Wednesday, July 10, 2024
Application Close	Wednesday, July 24, 2024
Award Notices	Thursday, August 8, 2024

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