TRIBAL EARLY LEARNING FUND (TELF)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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: 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 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: 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/54cece2f35534ab2a97addd7110d95ce

Question: Will TELF grant funding be available annually moving forward?
Answer: TELF funding is only available through June 30, 2025. Currently, there is no funding allocated for ongoing funding.

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

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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, 2024 (the beginning of FY2024-2025)?

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: 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 serving tribal children in a licensed and/or certified for payment only facility.

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 $150,000. For example, a tribal nation offering both Head Start and Early Head Start would submit one (1) application up to $150,000.

Question: If I am a Tribal/Native Serving Organization or Recognized American Indian Organizations (RAIOs) with an ECEAP program and Home Visiting program, do I apply 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.

Question: Do Tribal programs receive priority over non-Tribal programs?

Answer: The short answer is, yes. Tribal programs receive priority over non-Tribal programs. The 3rd round, Tribal programs who have not received any funding will be first priority. Then priority via the scoring rubric and those with the highest points will be funded first.

Question: what is a capital project?

Answer: A capital project is a project to construct either new facilities or make significant, long term renewal improvements to existing facilities. Grants made by or passed through the state to fund projects for other entities are also included in the capital budget, and these instructions apply to those projects. Capital projects appropriated in the capital budget are public works under Chapter 39.04 RCW and subject to prevailing wage requirements and other applicable laws.

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Question: When do I capitalize assets?

Answer: The state's capitalization policy is as follows: all other capital assets with a unit cost (including ancillary costs) of $10,000 or greater, or collections with a total cost of $10,000 or greater, unless otherwise noted.

Request for Applications – Open	**Friday, Oct. 18, 2024**
Technical Assistance Zoom Meeting Link Meeting ID: 818 8720 6661 Passcode: 889940	**Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024** **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**
Technical Assistance Zoom Meeting Link Meeting ID: 818 8720 6661 Passcode: 889940	**Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024** **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**
Technical Assistance Zoom Meeting Link Meeting ID: 818 8720 6661 Passcode: 889940	**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024** **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**
Request for Applications – Closes	**Dec. 2, 2024** **5 p.m.**
Application Review	**Dec. 2-6, 2024**
Award Notices	**Dec. 13, 2024**