Digital Skills, Education, and Workforce (DSEW) Round 2 Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: Would serving those who are children of incarcerated individuals count towards the five bonus points?

For those bonus points, we're specifically looking at serving those experiencing incarceration; however, serving children of justice-involved individuals is a great idea.

Q: Would an internship program that provides paid internships and digital skills training for high school students qualify under workforce development, and if so, would letters from committed employers who are providing internships suffice as letters from employers?

Yes, that kind of project would be considered to be under workforce development, and letters would strengthen the application.

Q: Can you apply for round 2 if you received an award in round 1?

Yes, you may apply. Organizations in counties that did not receive funds in round 1 will be prioritized. One application per organization is allowed.

Q: Could a county-wide health department be an applicant?

Local/county governments are not eligible applicants for this program.

Q: Are construction projects eligible?

No, the DSEW Round 2 Grant Program is specifically for training services. Construction projects, such as installing a new elevator, are not within the scope of this program.

Q: What demographic information are we required to track, and how do we verify the population data?

Applicants are required to track demographic information to ensure the program reaches its intended audience. Applicants are encouraged to capture data directly from people served. Please see the resources under the *Digital Opportunity Grantee Resources* tab on [this webpage](#).

Q: How does the cybersecurity and online accessibility component vary between applicants?

The requirements for cybersecurity and online accessibility can differ based on each applicant's specific circumstances and the nature of their proposed project. Applicants should tailor their cybersecurity measures and online accessibility features to address the unique risks and needs of their target populations. It is important for each applicant to detail their specific approach in their application, demonstrating how they will meet the requirement and why their approach aligns with the trainings they aim to provide and the communities they aim to serve.

Q: How should indirect costs be addressed in the application?

Please be aware that indirect costs are considered ineligible and will not be covered. These ineligible indirect costs include:
- Any hours worked that cannot be specifically identified and documented as directly related to the grant activities. This includes general administrative duties or other tasks that do not have a direct connection to the specific objectives and activities outlined in your grant proposal.
- Rent and utility expenses that cannot be directly allocated to the grant activities are ineligible. Only those costs that can be clearly and accurately documented as necessary for the completion of the grant-funded project will be considered eligible.