

## **Innovative Out-of-School Time Youth Programs RFP (25-19-RFP-01 OST)**

### **Post Bidders' Conference – Questions and Answers**

*Please Note: Identifying information was removed from submitted questions*

- 1) If we are planning to submit a proposal for SL and AS, are we required to serve the same youth during the entire program period?

**Answer: No, it is understood that there might be participants who only participate in one program component.**

- 2) Will there be an opportunity to enroll more youth at the end of the SL program? For example, we serve 50 youth during the SL and 60 youth during the AS. Or in another scenario, we enroll 50 youth for SL but find that only 40 youth want to continue during the AF period. Can we enroll 10 youth to bring us back up to 50; to bring us back to full enrollment (50)?

**Answer: Yes, there will be an official enrollment and enrollment cut-off period for both Summer Learning and Afterschool programs.**

- 3) Does all of the staff we are planning to hire have to be at least 18? (Ex. We would like to hire Camp Assistants, which are teens under the age of 18). They will be paid directly through our contract-not interns.

**Answer: You may hire youth camp assistants. However, youth camp assistants may NOT be counted as staff in meeting the required staff to youth ratios.**

- 4) Under our current funding, we only have to conduct background checks every 5 years, will we need to conduct background checks annually for FCDJFS?

**Answer: Yes, FCDJFS requires annual background checks. Background checks are an allowable expense in the OST program budget.**

- 5) Are parents required to have background checks?

**Answer: No, however no parent should be left alone with any children outside of their own.**

- 6) Evaluation tool: do we have to use MAP standardized school testing?

**Answer: No, FCDJFS does not require a specific evaluation tool. However, evaluation tool(s) should accurately measure the goals and outcomes outlined in the program narrative.**

- 7) Are youth with developmental disabilities over the age of 13 allowed to participate in the OST program?

**Answer: Programs providing specialized services shall be allowed to make adjustments to age requirements. FCDJFS requires that if selected for an award the Provider serving this target group work closely with their assigned Social Program Developer to assess and reach agree on all program alterations.**