

Question and Answers from 2-28-19 Grant Writing Workshop

Q: Does all the funding need to be expended by June 30?

A: Yes

Q: Do all funds have to be spent within Tulare County? What if we plan to take the kids on a field trip outside Tulare County jurisdiction?

A: Funds do not have to be expended within Tulare County. The grant can be used to cover expenses such as these.

Q: What if we are a part of a large national organization and the financial statements are for the entire organizations and are very large. Do we still have to provide this entire document?

A: Staff will look into what has been done in years' past. However, if your organization is a part of a larger national organization, please submit a letter to the Youth Commission stating this and if the Commission has further questions regarding your organization's financials, they will contact you with specific questions. Staff will work with County Counsel to provide a letter template on the website.

Q: How many times can an organization re-apply for Youth Activities Grant funding? Is there a limit to how often we can re-apply?

A: If you have previously received Youth Activities Grant funding, please explain in your application how this new grant will enhance what you're currently doing with your program. Please show us what you will be doing differently this year. There is no limit to how often you can apply.

Q: How do we fill out the budget document if our program runs during the summer and thus runs in two fiscal years? How do we reflect that?

A: Summer programs can be difficult for this reason. The Youth Commission wants to see if you have a plan for spending the money. Be as detailed as you can. If the document doesn't entirely reflect the organization's entire budget due to working in two fiscal years, just show that you have a plan for how you are going to use the Youth Activities Grant funding for your program.

Q: When filling out the budget, do we share our other funding sources?

A: The Youth Commission hopes that the Youth Activities Grant is not your organizations' only funding source. You can share how other grants and funds support your program's budget.

Q: Is there any way to tell how many organizations have applied within each of the separate districts? If we have programs running in multiple supervisorial districts, can we apply under the district with the least amount of submissions to increase our chances for funding?

A: Each year is different. Some year's we have few entries in a district and the following year we may have a lot. This information is not immediately disclosed but staff will look into providing the information on how many organizations applied in previous years.

Q: What if a district does not receive enough applications to expend the \$20,000 allotted for grants?

A: It is up to the Supervisor of that district to decide what to do with those funds. They can decide to let it roll back into the General Fund or they can allow for it to be used for an organization that applied in another district.