

## **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Innovation Awards for Districts** **Frequently Asked Questions and Application Questions**

### **Application Questions**

After providing contact information for the lead applicant and district, please answer these questions in your application:

- Please briefly describe your project.
- What are the goals of the project?
- Does your district have a vision for SEL? If so, what is that vision and what progress have you made recently towards realizing that vision?
- Which specific student SEL needs will this project address?
- If your project is selected for support, what's one success you could achieve over the 2017-2018 school year that would mean the most to you?
- How many students will benefit from this project (please specify a number, even if it is just an estimate)?
- What specific SEL skills or competencies will be taught or developed through this project?
- Describe the major activities this project will include to achieve the goals.
- Describe how the project will be innovative (e.g. with respect to instructional practices, method of delivery, targeted school population, etc.).
- What outcomes do you expect this project to produce and by what timeframe? How will you measure impact?
- How might you disseminate new ideas or practices from this project within your district and to other districts? Or what help might you need to disseminate?
- Describe the project team and each member's role.
- What is your timeline to implement this project?
- What amount (\$5,000 to \$25,000) are you requesting for this project?
- Please explain how you will use the requested funds, such as for purchasing materials, staff stipends, etc.
- What is your primary motivation for seeking support for your work?

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Can non-profit organizations apply for an Innovation Award?**

We welcome applications from a district/non-profit partnership, though we require the lead applicant to be someone on district staff, per our [online application form](#). This can also include a partnership across district and charter schools/networks if the program is working in more than one place at once.

#### **Does a teacher have to be the lead applicant for a district grant?**

No. Anyone in the district can be the lead applicant for a district application.

#### **My district is very small, with only five schools. Are we eligible to apply?**

We are defining district as any work that spans multiple schools. If your work spans multiple schools within a district, you are eligible to apply.

**Can I save my application to return to it before I submit?**

No. The form does not save partially completed responses.

**How long should my answers be?**

Try to limit responses to 250 words or less per answer.

**What is the deadline?**

No applications will be accepted after 11:59pm PT on Friday, April 21, 2017.

**Additional Questions?**

Please contact Erin Popelka [epopelka@education-first.com](mailto:epopelka@education-first.com) with any questions about the RFP or application process.

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