

Schools-to-Work Round 2 Bidder's Conference Questions & Answers

1. Regarding pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships, does a pre-apprenticeship have to lead directly into a registered apprenticeship, or can it lead into post-secondary education or employment as well?

Answer: Pre-apprenticeship programs are required to include a connection to an existing registered apprenticeship program into which successful pre-apprentices will advance and potentially gain advanced standing.

2. Are current grantees allowed to apply for this grant? If so, do they have to apply for more funding for their current project or can it be for a different project?

Answers: Current grantees are allowed to apply. The application can be for either their current project or a different one.

3. In addition to the initial and merit review, is there an LOI (Letter of Intent)? What constitutes the initial review?

Answers: A Letter of Intent is not necessary. The initial review is simply the review to make sure all parts of the application have been completed and submitted by the deadline. The merit review is where the content of the application is scored.

4. Are these only for registered pre-apprenticeship programs?

Answer: Eligible entities are those that already have a registered Pre-Apprenticeship and those entities who will have a pre-apprenticeship program fully registered by October 1, 2022.

5. In addition to reporting outcomes that are already being submitted for apprenticeships, will the reporting outcomes be the same? Can outreach extend to the middle school? Can the funds be used to supplement Agricultural Education Commission monies?

Answers: The outcomes to be reported will be explained further in the quarterly performance documents that will be sent to the awarded grantees after their Notice of Obligation has been fully executed.

It is up to the applicant how far their outreach extends. If they choose to extend to the middle school, that is up to them. However, priority will be given to those programs that place emphasis on serving individuals in the 9th to 12th grade range.

As long as there is a registered pre-apprenticeship that would be receiving these funds, then if that pre-apprenticeship is funded by the Agricultural Education Commission, these funds could end up supplementing that program.

6. Is there a list of previous Schools-to-Work Program grant awardees?

Answer: The original round of the Schools-to-Work Program grants were awarded to the following entities:

- Community College of Philadelphia
- York Electrical Institute
- The Manufacturers' Association
- District 1199C Training & Upgrading
- Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture
- Communities in Schools of Philadelphia
- Connellsville Area Career & Technical College
- Catalyst Connection
- First Builders, Inc.
- Urban Affairs Coalition YOACAP
- New Century Careers
- County of Bucks