

## **CT Grown for CT Kids Grant**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is a Business ID?**

A Business Registration ID (aka) Business ALEI). The Secretary of the State issues a 7-digit “Business ID” or “Business ALEI” number to each domestic and foreign business entity that is registered with the Secretary of the State. A business entity registered with the Secretary of the State may find or confirm its Business ID number by [Clicking here](#).

#### **I am not a school representative, am I eligible to apply for this funding?**

Yes, non-school applicants are eligible apply. However, the applicant needs to submit a letter from a representative from the school stating that they approve of the partnership and the project. There is a template listed under “important documents for applications” that can be used.

#### **Are early childhood education centers eligible to apply for this funding?**

Yes, registered ECE centers are eligible to apply for this funding.

#### **How long after the grant deadline of December 20, 2021 would awards be announced and work begin?**

We anticipate that applicants will be notified if their project will be funded or not approx. six weeks after (beginning of Feb) Contracts would be sent out to awardees 3-4 weeks later and work can begin as soon as contract is finalized (can take 4 weeks).

#### **Are multiple schools within the same districts able to apply?**

Yes, multiple schools from the same district can apply.

#### **Can an application cover more than one category?**

Yes, applications can cover more than one grant category, but applicants are required to choose one to apply under.

#### **Does an application need to be from a school district, or can an individual school apply?**

An individual school can apply, though the contract will likely be with the district.

#### **Can more than one application from the same person/school be submitted for different categories?**

Yes, more than one application from the same person/school can be submitted for different categories. But please keep in mind that this is a competitive grant and a proposal can cover multiple categories.

#### **Can you save work on the portal before the final submission?**

Yes, work can be saved on the portal before the final submission. We encourage this. To learn how to save an application, please review the posted application instructions.

#### **Can you address where farm business applicants fall in these categories and does the infrastructure category apply to grower infrastructure as well?**

Farm businesses may apply, and we encourage strong partnerships with schools. Please consider who is

the best applicant for the proposal. For farm infrastructure, we encourage producers to apply to DoAg's Farm transition grant program which has a specific infrastructure category.

**What is the minimum amount of the grant that will be given?**

There is no minimum amount funding.

**Do we need multiple quotes for items we would like to purchase?**

You do not need to submit multiple quotes to us when applying, but we encourage applicants for their own benefit to seek out multiple quotes.

**Can transportation to and from a garden space or farm be submitted as an allowable expense within the grant?**

Yes, transportation to and from a garden space or farm can be submitted as an allowable expense. Please provide specifics in your application about location, who will be travelling, and how this fits into a broader program.

**Does this grant need to be paid back?**

No. This is a grant so does not need to be paid back.

**If we have 2 schools to benefit from this grant, would we submit 2 proposals or try to combine it into 1 proposal?**

It would be best to try to combine it into 1 proposal.

**Can the funds be used for raised garden beds?**

Yes, the funds can be used for raised garden beds. We encourage applicants to make a broader educational program around the garden.

**Is there a matching element to this grant?**

No, there is no match requirement for this grant.

**The instructions about the workplan are confusing about the 3 months of planning...is that within the 18 months or in addition?**

It's within the 18 months.

**Can experiential budget include materials (i.e. infrastructure?)**

Yes

**How can anyone get the experiential category without using most of the money on staff time?**

Include costs such as materials, paying for trainings, farmer stipends etc. Consultants/subcontractors can also be leveraged.

**Is it easier to do a contract with DoAg if under \$5,000?**

Yes it is – it would be a Letter of Award vs. a full contract.

**Can you explain the reimbursement system - do we need to show receipts, how frequently is this needed s for the second 50%**

Receipts/proof of payment will need to be submitted at the very end when submitting the final report.

**Who needs to submit the partnership agreement letter?**

The partnership agreement letter only need to be submitted if the applicant is not a representative from a school, a district, or an early childcare provider. The partnership letter must be completed by an

authorized representative of the school, district, or early childcare provider the applicant proposes to work with.

**What do early childcare providers need to submit?**

Licensed providers need to provide a copy of the license or other proof of being an active licensed provider. License exempt providers need to provide a letter from their school board stating the provider is in good operating standing.

**Where can I find the application questions?**

If you want to view the questions before going into the application, they are listed at the end of the grant guidance document.

