

## CACG Questions and Answers

- 1. Can you define significantly? “The ability of the collaborative to significantly serve the entire region will be an important factor in making the award”.**

The primary focus of CACG is to drive partnerships between Federal, State and local government entities and philanthropic organizations to significantly increase the number of underrepresented students who enter and remain in postsecondary education. Significantly, as used in the RFP, means that regional collaborations will need to demonstrate in their responses how their programming will provide services that span the region.

- 2. What is the anticipated timeline for developing the Student portal?**

Internal discussions and planning about developing the Student Portal have already begun; however, no firm timeline for development and launch has been set. OBR staff plans to convene a small group of its Technology Partners (eTech, OLN, OhioLink) to discuss specific development plans and to address local issues related to compliance and feasibility. We will have key decisions made well before proposals are due and will communicate those decisions to potential applicants.

Development of the Student Portal should not preclude organizations from developing their own web presence. We do, however, expect organizations that receive CACG funding to eventually come to the table to discuss ways to integrate the Student Portal into certain aspects of their programming.

- 3. What is the time period of the grant?**

The time period of the grant is May 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012.

- 4. Is there a minimum grant award?**

No. Collaborations that respond appropriately to the RFP will receive the maximum award of \$500,000.

- 5. Do we need to include a partner from every county in our regional group?**

No; however, every effort should be made to spread CACG programming and services throughout the region.

**6. Can initiatives cut across or go outside of the designated regions?**

Yes; however, every effort should be made to collaborate with organizations within your region.

**7. Are Lead Applicants able to pass through funding for all partners, including higher education institutions that assist with our project?**

Yes. Lead partners are expected to be the fiscal agent that disburses CACG funds to all partners in the region.

**8. How will the grant be paid to the lead applicant – installment payments or lump sum? What will be the timing of the payments?**

Payments to lead partners will be made on a monthly reimbursement basis. A “start-up” installment equal to one-third of the total award will be made by April 29, 2011.

**9. Can funding teacher(s) working on a Masters Degree to be certified for dual enrollment teaching qualify for professional development training under the Guidance Counselor focus area?**

Yes.

**10. How were the regions decided? One consists of 10 counties and another 23 counties.**

Ohio’s CACG initiative divides the state into the same five regions as Race to The Top (RTTT).

**11. Is there a % breakdown of cash, in-kind support or other support for the dollar-for-dollar match?**

No. It is up to the individual organizations to determine their mix of cash and/or in-kind support.

**12. Can you provide a sample of the standardized applicant information form and title page?**

This is now posted on the Ohio Board of Regents – CACG page.

**13. Do all participants sign the one affirmation and disclosure form or does each one sign their own form?**

The lead applicant and any collaborating partners must all sign their own affirmation and disclosure form.

**14. Can our partners include private higher education institutions or are we limited to public higher education institutions?**

Yes. Collaborating partners can include private higher education institutions.

**15. Supportive activities – Can more than one region be awarded a grant that address the same Supportive Activity? Can there be multiple awards within the same region that address different Supportive Activities?**

Conceptually, each region could develop proposals that address the same Supportive Activity; however, we would like for each region to be proactive and coordinate which portions of the RFP they intend to respond to. In terms of multiple awards in the same region – CACG funds will be made available to a Lead Applicant in each region. If necessary, the regions proposal should address differentiation in the Supportive Activities. For example, we will make a CACG award to the Southwest Region and it is up to that region to determine which collaborating organizations conduct the different Supportive Activities.

**16. Abstract – Is the abstract included in the 10 page limit?**

Yes. The proposal should be no more than 10 pages – including the budget and program abstract