

Questions and Answers for Request for Applications #2022-2211-WPD
2022 GZEP Watershed Protection and Energy Projects

CORRECTION: The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the DC Register on 2/25/22 states that the period of activities is through 9/30/22 and lists an informational webinar/conference call on March 3, 2022. The information has been revised so that the period of activities is through 5/31/23, and the informational webinar/conference call is on March 10, 2022.

Q1. If we submit two applications, can we apply up to \$20k per project?

A1. Yes, you can apply for up to \$20k per application.

Q2. In previous years, the program has incorporated Anacostia High School as a priority area with priority points. Is that the same this year?

A2. The RFA does not include Anacostia High School as a priority area or give priority points for working with the school.

Q3. What is the grant period?

A3. The grant period is from the date of award through May 31, 2023.

Q4. Is there a limit of how many times an organization can apply for this grant?

A4. No.

Q5. Regarding field trips, if we wanted to do a classroom activity in a central space, would that count as a field trip?

A5. Yes.

Q6. Can grantees determine when the field trips take place?

A6. Yes, the grantee determines the field trip schedule.

Q7. Do participants tend to be a certain age range within the 14–24 year-old population?

A7. It varies year to year.

Q8. Is it too late for youth to apply for the program?

A8. Yes, youth registration for the program has ended.

Q9. Have any youth from the program gone on to work for DOEE in any capacity?

A9. Yes. 25 past GZEP participants have transitioned to work at DOEE in some capacity.

Q10. Will the grants awarded this year be eligible for an amendment to extend for an additional year of programming?

A10. Yes. See RFA Section 7.1, Project Period (pg.21) which states, “The project period is from the date of award, through May 31, 2023. This period can be extended for up to three additional years depending upon DOEE’S assessment of the quality of the grantee’s performance, DOEE’s view of the District’s needs, and the availability of funds.”

- Q11.** Will DOEE issue another RFA in 2023 to award new grants?
A11. DOEE does not plan to issue another RFA for this project in 2023.
- Q12.** If participants are to be dismissed by age, is there a best practice for dismissal on field trip days? I thought in the past, participants left at the same time. Staggered leave times would complicate bussing, but could be accommodated with Metro cards, perhaps?
A12. Grantees should take the staggered dismissal times into consideration when planning an in-person field trip. Grantees may consider choosing field trip sites that are close to a metro station so that youth may be able to leave at their dismissal time. When planning in-person field trips, grantees should also ensure that transportation funds are being used in a cost-effective manner.
- Q13.** Can we do more than three field trips with a GZEP cohort if we account for the transportation cost in the budget?
A13. Yes.
- Q14.** Where would transportation for field trips start? Would participants be expected to meet in one central place? Do participants need metro fare provided to get to that place?
A14. The grantee should identify a central location to meet, preferably near a metro station. Grantees must have a transportation budget to accommodate the three in-person field trips via metro fare and/or private charter bus from the central meeting place to the field trip location. Grantees should also include in their proposed budget the cost of metro fare for participants to get to the central meeting place.
- Q15.** Can we assume the iPads will have Zoom or other online meeting software?
A15. DC Government does not utilize Zoom. DOEE will provide an online meeting platform, WebEx, on the iPad in advance of distribution.