

**Higher Education Coordinating Commission
Request for Applications:
26-013-RFA Workforce and Talent Development Board Short-Term
Credential Grants and 26-014-RFA Future Ready Short-Term
Credential Grants**

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Questions & Answers 1

- 1. May funds be used for participant supportive services or participation stipends if clearly identified as a program development/access and retention strategy?**

No, funds are only for curriculum development.

- 2. Is there a different registration link to use, or should attendees just use that link on June 16th?**

No. Just hop on the call at the specified time.

Questions & Answers 2

- 3. Is the indirect rate 15%?**

Yes

- 4. Can applications include multiple credentials in a single area? (Example submitting applications for two or three healthcare programs within one budget, specifically for the expansion of an existing Short-Term Credential?)**

Yes

5. **Are letters of support also required of additional partners similar to the letters from required partners?**

Yes

6. **Does the credential that gets developed need to be credit, or can it be non-credit as long as it is industry recognized and validated?**

Non-credit is acceptable.

Questions & Answers 3

7. **Can a program be noncredit?**

Yes, a program can be noncredit providing it meets all other criteria

8. **If non-credit credentials are allowed – during the performance period – if multiple (sequential or quasi-sequential) micro-credentials are created in year 1 that could then be bundled into a Workforce Pell-Eligible Short-Term Training Certificate at a later date (completable w/in 11 weeks, over 150 hours, leading to industry validated jobs, etc.), would this still receive the additional review “bonus points” as being Workforce Pell Eligible. Bundling is the intent – but the date is dependent on the roll-out...and all of the micro-credentials developed through the grant won’t be rolled out immediately.**

Yes, since they are modifying an existing program to align with WFP.

9. **Question about the budget for the RFA# 26-013. My overall project cost will far exceed the \$75,000 potential allocation of the grant. On the budget worksheet, the totaled formula indicates that this is the “Total Budget Requested.” With that in mind, should I only include the items that will come out to the \$75,000 or should the entire project cost and justifications be included? If it is the latter, do we need to adjust the “Total Budget Requested” to reflect just the \$75,000 and not the sum of all lines?**

Please include the full budget but indicate in some way how the \$75,000 investment will be applied to the overall budget. You can include the funds for the larger budget in your leveraged resources and/or sustainability plan in the application.