



Second Step FY 17 Funding Opportunity Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Can an individual school apply?

The applicant for this funding opportunity should be the local school district or board of education. It is important to have the district's support in implementing Second Step; therefore the applying agency and authorizing signature should be the school district or board of education. The district or board may apply on behalf of one, or multiple schools within their district.

Can a teacher write the application?

Yes, the proposal narrative portion of the application may be written by a teacher, principal, grant writer, counselor, etc. The authorizing signature and applying agency would still be the school district or board of education.

Can a private school apply?

Yes, as long as the private or charter school has 501c3 status they are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

My school/organization implemented the Second Step Curriculum in 2009. Can I apply to upgrade?

Yes, schools or organizations that have a curriculum from before 2011, can apply to upgrade to the new, updated Second Step curriculum through this funding opportunity.

What is the funding amount?

The awarded amount for this funding opportunity is reimbursement for the curriculum. An applicant can apply for a wide range of kit options (see excel budget workbook) and the total amount is what will be awarded.

How many kits should I order?

One kit should be ordered per classroom. If implementing in a range of grades applicants should order the bundle kits (see excel budget workbook).

Is the Child Protection Unit a requirement for all applicants?

The Child Protection Unit (CPU) is required for all applicants Pre-K through 5th grade. If an applicant is applying for any, or all of those grades, the CPU must also be purchased for each classroom.

Is the Bullying Prevention Unit a requirement for all applicants?

No, the Bullying Prevention Unit (BPU) is optional for all applicants. However, if an applicant chooses to implement the BPU, they must also implement the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum (SS SEL). The SS SEL is the core curriculum and the BPU builds upon its foundation. Note: The BPU is only available for grades K-5th.

I wish to apply for the Second Step Middle School curriculum. Do I need to implement the CPU as well?

No, the CPU is only for applicants wishing to implement SS SEL in grades Pre-K through 5th. To implement in grades 6th-8th applicants should apply only for the SS SEL curriculum Middle School bundle kit or corresponding single grade level kit.

Can non-profits apply for this funding opportunity?

Yes, non-profits who wish to implement in an after-school setting are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. Non-profits must be able to clearly demonstrate the ability to “break-out” into separate grade levels in order to implement the model with fidelity.

Am I required to provide programmatic reports to receive this funding?

Yes, quarterly reporting for the contract year is required if awarded a contract. Please see pages 15-16 in the Statement of Need for more information. A Contract Management Training conference call will be held to go over reporting requirements in more detail after award letters are sent out.

How do I make my application stand out?

Follow all directions in the Statement of Need, submit all DFCS required attachments, do not leave anything blank, submit proposals on time and write a well-thought out proposal narrative for implementation of the curriculum.

Is this a mandatory component of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)?

No, this is an optional funding opportunity that complements, but does not replace PBIS.