

American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion Funding Opportunity Announcement

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. My first question is 1) On page 30 of 59, Pre-Award Costs, is there an allowable amount for these pre-award costs or would they fall into the total ceiling amount of \$5.5MM for the budget period? 2) Because the Pre-Award Costs are for costs included up to 90 days before the grant start (starting in 6/1 assuming a 9/1 start date) is the assumption that start-up time at the outset of the grant period on 9/1 is disallowed? In other words, is it allowable to have a couple of months at the beginning of the grant period to ramp up on staff or is the expectation that the program begin immediately on 9/1/2017?

Funding provided for the operation of the program is referred to as “base operating funds” or “base funding”; funding provided for training and technical assistance is referred to as “T/TA.” The Award Ceiling, listed within *Section II. Federal Award Information* of the funding opportunity announcement (FOA), of \$5,500,000 represents the total amount of base and T/TA funding available through this funding opportunity. Per *Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission* of the funding opportunity announcement (FOA), “Pre-award costs, including start-up costs, may be requested by an applicant **in addition** to the base operating and T/TA grant funds.” You are encouraged to review additional information on Start-Up/Pre-Award Costs on pg. 8 of the FOA.

Per *Section V.I. Criteria* of the FOA, all applicants must, “5.6. Demonstrates the ability to provide timely and efficient implementation of all program components and services immediately upon award, **including planning during the transition period**; the availability of classroom space and facilities that meets applicable federal standards; the ability to provide necessary transportation; and the ability to recruit eligible tribal infants, toddlers, and their families.”