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1. May an eligible institution submit more than one application as a lead applicant?
 - a. No, eligible institutions may only submit one application in which it will be the lead applicant, grantee. Institutions may participate in multiple projects to address the opioid issue if there are different lead applicants, grantees.
2. What is the indirect cost allowed for the grant?
 - a. The grant will provide up to 8% for indirect costs.
3. Are opioid addictions issues central to the proposal review or are they weighted relatively equally alongside other criteria that relate to at-risk students and their families?
 - a. Competitive proposals will explain with proposed program elements how opioid addiction issues and the supportive services for at-risk students and their families connect to offer new opportunities and pathways.
4. Is/are institutional staff time and/or institutional resources to be considered matching funds?
 - a. Institutional resources in the form of direct funding contributions are matching funds. Institutional staff time and/or resources are not matching. Applicants are reminded the program does not require matching funds.
5. Our university provides scholarship funding that carries with it a community service requirement. Could these scholarship funds be considered "resources for mentorship stipends?"
 - a. No, a stipend is an amount paid to an individual students by an institution.
6. Just to clarify: college student mentors are eligible for a stipend; at-risk child mentees are eligible for scholarships
 - a. Yes, college student mentors receive stipends and at-risk students are eligible for scholarships.
7. The scholarship dollars for mentees do not come out of the proposed budget but instead come from ODHE, whereas, the college student mentor stipends do come from the proposed budget?
 - a. The scholarship dollars for eligible at-risk students are to be provided by ODHE in the future and college student mentor stipends are to be paid from the proposed OhioCorps budget.

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8. If a 13 year old child participates in the pilot program for two years and meets all requirements (say they are in the program when they are 13 and 14) they would still be eligible for scholarship funds from ODHE in roughly four years when they graduate from high school around age 18? Is there a cutoff point?
 - a. No, younger students become eligible for a scholarship once the student completes and college preparatory curriculum in high school.
9. Do they remain eligible for life if they choose not to go to college right after high school?
 - a. Current law does not address this issue.
10. Do "The likelihood of program sustainability beyond the duration of the two-year pilot program" indicate the institution would be responsible for all costs associated with the program, scholarships, and stipends beyond the two-year pilot program?
 - a. The institutional sustainability planning my look toward resources and participation of other community partners including school districts, volunteer organizations: and mental health services.
11. Is there any likelihood of future funding to support the sustainability of pilot programs?
 - a. ODHE does not know at this time if there will be future resources to support the program.
12. Please clarify, do the at-risk middle and high school students need to be low-income and document they are in recovery or impacted by family opioid addiction. Or, is it they are low-income OR document they are in recovery or impacted by family opioid addiction.
 - a. Eligible students meet one or more of the criteria:
 - i. The student is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch;
 - ii. The student would have an expected family contribution of zero dollars as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, in grade twelve;
 - iii. The student has either:
 1. Been impacted by family opioid addiction; or
 2. Entered into recovery for opioid addiction.
13. Please clarify, if they use CCP to take a biology course but not math or English, they are not qualified? What if they took Math or English via CCP prior to the start of the mentoring program – are they eligible?
 - a. A student must complete and receive a passing grade in at least one course of English Language Arts and mathematics, and participate in the

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College Credit Plus Program. A student may have completed the English Language Arts and mathematics requirement prior to the program.

14. Please clarify, if one institution's mentor has students who enroll at other institutions, should the mentor's institution be the one responsible for paying out the scholarship? So, if a student mentored by a Tri-C student enrolls in and is accepted at CSU and Case Western Reserve University, which institution is responsible for making the scholarship to the student once they've enrolled in Higher Ed?
 - a. The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) will be responsible for paying out the scholarship, not the institution.
15. In addition, should Tri-C budget for students who might be mentored by Lorain CCC or CSU? Are we only to budget for students we anticipate coming to Tri-C and were mentored by Tri-C?
 - a. A consortium application may allocate funds to each participating institution for anticipated mentorship stipends. This strategy should help to simplify the program delivery and tracking of funds.
16. Please clarify, assuming they are low-income students, they will be Pell eligible and therefore the scholarship funds may not be accessed. What are the repercussions to the institution if we over or under estimate on the scholarship need?
 - a. The estimate of scholarship need is required in order to provide ODHE with planning data for future resources. There are no repercussions to an institution if its scholarship estimate varies from program performance.
17. Please clarify, do the mentors need to be involved in the delivery of the summer learning camp? It seems it needs to be available to students being mentored but the mentors are not obligated to be part of the programming. The concern is mentors may not be available in summer and only during the academic year.
 - a. A summer learning camp is an available option, not a required element of the proposal. Institutions are strongly encouraged to include mentorship in any project element receiving ODHE funding.
18. As displayed on Attachment C, these post-program \$1,000 scholarships are NOT part of the total project budget per se, but are noted for reference only?
 - a. Yes, the scholarships are not part of the project budget and for reference.
19. BGSU has a project team, consisting of Center Assistant Directors, Program Managers, Faculty members, and Community Partners interested in the Ohio Corps RFP. There has been some conversation about who at BGSU will lead

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this project. Does ODHE require the Project Director/Principal Investigator of the program be a faculty member or could one of our staff serve as the PD/PI?

- a. ODHE does not specify a requirement/position of the lead PD/PI for the OhioCorps programs. The lead PD/PI will assume the responsibility of meeting with and sharing information on program progress and submitting necessary paperwork related to the funding award to the higher education institution.

20. Please confirm what are allowable grant costs beyond stipends and indirect costs. Personnel? Supplies? Purchased Services? Travel? Other?

- a. The eligible costs may include personnel, supplies, purchase services, and travel that are necessary to provide resources to accomplish the proposed mentorship program. ODHE will review proposals for alignment between funded activities and the goals and objectives of the program to serve at-risk students. Any expenditures must comply with the Ohio Revised Code, rules adopted by the Chancellor and institutional procurement policies.

21. We've identified a robust mentoring program that is geared toward 7th and 8th grade students; thus the students may not be 13 at the time they begin the program but will turn 13 during the duration of the 2 years. Is this allowable?

- a. Statute states students enrolled in the OhioCorps program must be at least 13 years of age.

22. Does the OhioCorps have a % of importance to have both middle and high school students included in the proposal? Can we specify one or are we required to have both?

- a. No, ODHE did not set a requirement for percentage participation by middle or high school students. An Applicant has the opportunity to develop an initiative that best meets needs of its targeted region and populations.

23. Is the mentoring expected to be one-on-one or is small group mentoring acceptable?

- a. The mentoring program selected would decide the type of mentoring provided. It is the choice of the institution.

24. Do potential middle and high school students have to provide anything to prove they are eligible? Appendix A lists what student are required to do and provide to receive the college scholarship however, the RFP does not address how we will know students are eligible.

- a. The institution will determine the eligibility of students based on the stated criteria involving income level and family impacted by opioid addiction or entered into recovery for opioid addiction. This may be done in

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cooperation with local school districts and organizations with knowledge of a student's income and/or involved addressing in regional opioid addiction.

25. P. 5 of the RFP states that scholarship money will only be available to students (mentees) who complete both years of the program, but Attachment A says they need to participate throughout all years of high school. If from being is only provided for 2 years, do they only need to participate for 2 years to be eligible?
 - a. Both standards can apply, student who starts in the ninth grade would need to participate until they graduate, and in the two years of the program supported by the allocated funding.

26. On p.8 of the RFP can you elaborate on the required summer learning camps or summer CCP?
 - a. This is an applicant strategic decision and ODHE does not have an example to share at this time.

27. Can more information be provided on Appendix A? The requirements for the scholarship seem very stringent and many students who would benefit from the program may not qualify.
 - a. Yes, an applicant may supply more information and a student must meet the standards set forth in the legislation and described in the RFP.