

Changing Campus Culture RFP FAQs

How can the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) grant funds be used for Ohio campuses?

ODHE will award funds for projects aimed at changing campus culture by improving sexual violence prevention and response efforts. ODHE is seeking projects that are innovative and draw upon the best practices of the Changing Campus Culture report, or that develop innovative best practices with the potential to be expanded across Ohio's campuses.. Awarded funds must be used during the 2016-2017 academic year, and the proposed project must be sustainable beyond the initial year of implementation.

How can my campus apply for a Changing Campus Culture grant?

Information about the campus grant request for proposal (RFP) can be found at the following link: <https://ohiohighered.org/grants>. Campuses applying for a grant should take care to review the information included in the RFP carefully. One electronic PDF file should be sent to ksoller@highered.ohio.gov later than 12:00 p.m. on February 22, 2016.

What must a campus do to be eligible to receive grant funds from ODHE?

Only Ohio campuses as defined in the grant RFP are eligible to apply for grant funds through ODHE.

Any qualifying campus applying for a Changing Campus Culture grant must be able to demonstrate measurable outcomes for the proposed project that are informed by campus climate survey data. For campuses that have not yet completed a campus climate survey, your proposed project must demonstrate that it is adaptable if the assumptions made are different from what the survey data yields. Furthermore, this means the campus must complete a campus climate survey for the current academic year, and also must participate in the dissemination of the benchmark questions before the institution's spring 2016 commencement exercises. If your campus is using the ODHE-provided climate survey, the benchmark questions are included in that survey.

If a campus receives a grant award, but does not complete the campus climate survey and benchmarks prior to spring 2016 commencement, the campus will not be eligible to utilize the funds previously awarded.

What types of grants are being offered?

ODHE is providing two different types of grants aimed at addressing campus culture by improving sexual violence prevention and response efforts. The first type is aimed at individual campuses with a maximum award of \$7,500. The second type is a larger grant for multiple institutions to form a consortium to address similar issues facing by all the campuses. The maximums for the consortium awards range from \$20,000 – \$50,000 based on the number of institutions making up the consortium.

For institutions applying for the consortium awards, it is expected that each participating institution in the grant application complete the requirements to be eligible to receive the funds. Failure of one or

more institutions in the grouping to complete the eligibility requirements will result in less funds being awarded.

Is a campus eligible to receive both an individual and a consortium award?

Yes. All campuses are eligible to receive funding for both types of awards for different projects related to best practices that draw upon the Changing Campus Culture report.

Any institution applying as a member of a consortium must establish a fiscal agent to manage the funds for all campuses in the consortium.

When do the awarded funds need to be used by?

Awarded funds must be used by May 2017.

What is expected of a campus who receives a Changing Campus Culture grant?

Campuses applying for funding need to develop innovative projects that are rooted in best practices for changing the culture of sexual violence as evidenced through research, data, theory, and/or literature. The institution(s) should be able to demonstrate how the project will be successful, sustainable, and collaborative. Proposed projects should have associated outcomes and a method to evaluate those outcomes.

What constitutes an eligible expense through the Changing Campus Culture grants?

Eligible expenses for the Changing Campus Culture grants are expenses directly tied to the implementation of the project for example: personnel, supplies, and consulting services. No more than 10 % of the proposed budget can be allocated to food and/or other incentives. Campuses may not use awarded funds to cover indirect costs in support of the project.