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Florida Teacher Quality Grants Program
Frequently Asked Questions - deadline April 20, 2009

Frequently Asked Questions relative to the Florida Teacher Quality Grants Program Request for Proposal (RFP)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In terms of teacher preparation, can the partner institution of higher education be a community college?

Please refer to page two (2) of the RFP section of Eligible Applicants. An eligible partnership is required and must include private or state IHE and the division of the institution that delivers a state-approved teacher preparation program pursuant to F.S. 1004.04 and The College of Arts and Sciences of the IHE and a high need LEA, as defined by Federal regulations, has over 20% or 10,000 in poverty status, based on the most recent census data. (See Attachment A for qualified districts). Other institutions can participate once these requirements are met.

FUNDING PURPOSE

Does the Florida Teacher Quality Grant fund leadership development activities? In the announcement I believe that it specified that it did, but when the RFP was released I did not notice mention of leadership development.

According to the federal guidelines "...if appropriate, principals have subject matter knowledge in the academic subjects that the teachers teach..." provides the focus for the grant is on content (not pedagogy or administration) and that the focus is on teachers (and principals only to the extent that content knowledge would help them support their teachers).