

2019 Career Connected Learning Program (CCL), Request for Proposals (RFP)
 FAQs

The following is a list of questions about the RFP received by staff of the Hawaii Community Foundation from potential applicants, and the responses provided. Content has been edited for clarity and identifying information has been removed. Sometimes we received the same question multiple times; where the questions were identical, we are only listing the question and response once. This list will be updated periodically with new questions and responses.

Question	Response
I saw that grant funds will be awarded by mid-April, 2019. When would grant funds need to be expended by?	Within one year from the date of the grant award.
We have a current CCL grant. Our original proposal was for a 2-year grant. Do we need to reapply under this new 2019 RFP?	<p>All current grants are for one year and end on April 5, 2019, as reflected in the Grant Award Letter. Most of the funding for the CCL grant program is committed by our donors in one-year increments, so the grant awards are made for one-year terms. We can't commit to a 2nd year of funding before we know that the funds are available. At the same time, we recognize that most of our CCL grantees are running multi-year STEM learning programs because that long-term commitment is needed to produce the kinds of results we all are seeking. Our intention is to continue providing annual grants to programs that continue to meet the grant guidelines and demonstrate successful results, subject to annual availability of funds. So, the last RFP gave applicants the option to include a 2nd program year in their proposals so that we could assess the longer-term plans as part of the proposal review process.</p> <p>With that in mind, if the 2nd year of the proposal your organization submitted last time is still an accurate description of what it plans to do in 2019, you can simply copy and paste that part of the last proposal into the new one to save time and effort, and update any details as needed. Please note, however, that some questions in the new application are different than last year's because some parts of the RFP have been updated. Specifically, Questions 1, 3, 4 and 5 are brand new, and Questions 6 and 8 have changed depending on the age group being served. Questions 2, 7, 9 and 10 have not changed. (All question numbers this time are different than last time because new questions have been added).</p>

	<p>You will see that the new RFP once again offers the opportunity to include a 2nd year in the proposal – in this case, for 2020. The comments in this response apply equally to those proposals.</p>
<p>Our program serves kids in both application categories (K-8 and 9th grade to early career) in an integrated way. How should we apply?</p>	<p>The intent behind the new RFP's division into 2 application categories (K-8 and 9+) was that an applicant would choose one or the other and submit a single application in only one category. If your program provides services to both age groups, we suggest applying in the category where the greater share of the grant funds will be spent. State clearly that your proposed program serves students in the other age group. We will consider grant funding for such proposals, but only if they clearly demonstrate integration of the program's goals, methods, and services across both age/grade segments and how the program will measure distinctive results for both. Program budgets must provide separate revenue and expenses for each category.</p>
<p>Our current CCL grant doesn't end until April 2019. Are we eligible to apply for the new RFP? Do we have to submit an interim or final report for the current grant before applying for the new grant?</p>	<p>Yes, you can apply for the next grant during the current grant term. We have the same timing overlap every year with current grantees, so we understand and expect that applications for the new grant will occur while the current grant is still being implemented. It is not necessary to provide an interim or final report for the current 2018 grant before applying for the new 2019 grant. You can include information about the current grant in the new application if you wish.</p>
<p>We hope to spend all of our current CCL grant funds by the end of the grant term in April, 2019, but if we are unable to do so and need to request an extension of our grant term, can we submit a proposal under the new RFP?</p>	<p>If an extension of the current grant is needed, please notify us of any extension request a month before the end of the grant (i.e., by March 5, 2019). If you do have to file for an extension, that does not preclude an application for the 2019 grant. The timing of the annual CCL grant cycle is such that we expect some overlap between the start of the new application process and the end of the current year grant. If the new 2019 grant is awarded, depending on the circumstances we may withhold payment of the 2019 grant funds until the end of the extended 2018 grant and submission of an acceptable final report.</p>