2020 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
We are based on the Big Island. Could we propose a project that has related activities on both the Big Island and Kauaʻi?	Yes, if you can clearly describe what the activities will be on each island and how the grant funds would be allocated between those activities.
We operate on 4 islands, but our proposal would be for work on Leeward Oʻahu. Would that qualify?	No, we only accept proposals for projects that will take place on Kauaʻi and/or Hawaiʻi Island.
Can you confirm whether the CCL grant program is funded by TMT? If we are awarded a grant, what specific funds would support project activities?	The Career Connected Learning grant program (CCL) last year had about 13 different funders, including the THINK Fund administered by HCF. The THINK Fund is supported by donations from TMT. We expect that the THINK Fund will continue to support CCL this year. Contributions from the different funders supporting CCL are all pooled into a single grant fund here at HCF. All CCL grant awards are made from that pooled fund. Because it is a pooled fund and because we don't know how many applications will be submitted, we cannot pre-determine how the various contributions will be allocated among the grantees.
Is there a preference for how much salary is requested out of the total grant request?	No preference. As part of our review of any proposal, we look at the overall scope of work and the budget to assess whether they are reasonable. We encourage applicants to include in the proposal or the budget any narrative explanations of specific budget items, such as salaries, that will help reviewers understand how the work will be done and paid for.
I am considering focusing on a high quality program that provides a smaller group of 15 high school students multiple opportunities throughout the year to complete a 90	No preference. Our current and past grantees have had wide variations in the numbers of students reached. Those with fewer students tend to build much better understanding of subject matter and career opportunities, which is particularly appropriate for older students who are ready to commit to a career pathway, while those with more students can influence the thinking, motivations, and

hour internship. Is there a preference for the amount of students the project reaches?	choices of larger numbers of students for future education and career choices. In reviewing proposals, we are looking for the value of the opportunities offered for the grant dollars spent and the likelihood of long-term impacts on students, not just numbers reached. Approaches vary depending on the students' age and circumstances.
What is the timeline to expect to hear back from HCF and receive funds? What is the timeline to spend funds?	We hope to announce grant decisions by late April/early May this year. Grants are for one year from the date the grant is awarded.
I see in the RFP it says programs for 9th grade to emerging workers and college students OR for teachers. I was thinking about focusing on 9th-12th grade students and college students, but also requesting a little bit of funding to host a workshop on CCL in STEM for teachers around the island. However, after a closer look at the RFP it seems I cannot request funding for both students and teachers?	A program component for teacher workshops to support how they provide STEM learning and STEM career connections can be included, in addition to direct programming for students. Other current and past CCL grantees have been funded for that kind of program. The key thing is to design the proposal to address the goals and parameters of the RFP.