

ARPA Early Childhood RFP Questions and Responses

- 1) Q: In reference to the ARPA ER funding, is there a definition for “Early Childhood” that is being used to define eligibility of programming that is allowable for funding allocation? For example, is it defined as youth that are traditionally considered pre-school age but older than programs in the “birth to three” category?

A: For the purposes of this RFP, we are using age birth to 8 as the definition of early childhood.

- 2) Q: The solicitation mentioned it’s ideally for smaller, neighborhood community providers. Is there a suggested way to measure how a provider determines if they fit that category? Or perhaps a way to separate what would be “larger, non-neighborhood providers”.

A: All agencies meeting eligibility criteria and proposing to serve priority population are encouraged to apply regardless of size.

- 3) Can you clarify bullet point #1 under “Opportunity”? It states “Increase education and awareness of resources available to support children and families within Milwaukee County affected by COVID, with positive impacts increasing children’s social emotional learning”. Are there any metrics being used to identify which families are considered affected by COVID, or how they have been affected?

A: Applicants are able to self-define how they are identifying their priority population as being affected by COVID.

- 4) Q: Are proposals expected to be direct-service only, or can proposals also seek to improve accessibility to information about children’s SE development, parental mental health, etc.?

A: Applicants are not expected to submit proposals for direct-service only.

- 5) Q: Does the ARPA EC grant require a match or is it in-kind?

A: An in-kind or cash match is not required.