**Higher Education Coordinating Commission**

**RFA 24-056 ASPIRE Capacity Building Grants**

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**Questions & Answers**

1. **Clarification requested on eligibility regarding: *HECC seeks to fund community-based organizations, colleges, or universities to support their capacity building and to support the communities they serve through college access, career related information, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”) and Oregon Student Aid Application (“ORSAA”) applications, and applications for financial aid.* Technically, the high schools are public education institutions. Do we as College and Career Coaches have the ability to apply for the grant, would the district have to apply as a whole, or are we ineligible for the grant with the way it is currently written?**

Local high schools and school districts are encouraged to partner with community colleges, universities and/or with community-based organization (CBO) in a collaborative.

1. **Are the ASPIRE Capacity Building Grants the new resource for funding College Goal Oregon nights? Should we be using the same logos to promote? In other words, is College Goal Oregon still a thing?**

Colleges and universities can apply for Capacity Building grants and can use funds to host FAFSA/ORSAA completion events and can use OSAC’s College Goal Oregon logos and promotional materials.

1. **Can any school district do it even if they don't have the ASPIRE program anymore?**

Local high schools and school districts are encouraged to partner with community colleges, universities and/or with community-based organization (CBO) in a collaborative.

1. **Consideration to apply for funds to help support FAFSA/ORSAA workshops for TRIO programs across the state?**

Yes, FAFSA/ORSAA events are eligible for this grant.

1. **Some applicants have had issues trying to format their application on the PDF form. Now a word file of Exhibit A: Application will be provided.**
2. **In terms of citing research, are the citations included in the word count and where should them be located- in each section or at the bottom?**

No, citations will not be used in the word count. Include citations in each section.

1. **Are sample grant application available (such as from previous years)?**

This is the first year we are offering this grant opportunity, so we don’t have an example to share.

1. **Is it possible for an organization to submit an application and be included as a partner (and receive funds) from a separate application? Or should we only be included on one?**

Fine to submit a separate application and a partner application.