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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Fiscal Year 2025 Competition Pre-Application Webinar

*Indian Education Professional Development Grants – (PD) 84.299B*

**1) Do you have a timeline of when the awards will be announced?**

Yes, awards must be obligated and announced prior to September 30, 2025.

**2) Can evidence of a qualifying Local Educational Agency (LEA) be the letterhead which shows it is a Tribal, BIE, or public school serving a high proportion of Indian students?**

You do not need to submit qualifying LEA evidence yet, that determination occurs after the award is made and not during the application process.

**3) Do we need to submit separate grant applications if applying for both absolute priorities?**

Yes, if applying for both absolute priorities, you must submit separate applications.

**4) Page 10 mentions Intergovernmental Review. What if my state does not participate in the SPOC process. Does the appropriate checkbox on the SF 424 cover this? Or do we need to prepare a separate document to be uploaded?**

Yes, the appropriate checkbox on the SF 424 will suffice. Do not prepare a separate document.

**5) What is the page limit for the Narrative section?**

The page limit is 50 pages.

**6) What items can be added to the “Other Attachments” section?**

Letters of support, resumes, bibliography, signed consortium agreement, current indirect cost rate agreement (if applicable), and other additional attachments can be uploaded.

**7) Does the Section 427 GEPA document need to be signed and uploaded as one of the attachments?**

Yes, it must be signed and uploaded.

**8) For a project director position, can a graduate assistantship be written into the budget for that position?**

It depends, your program officer reviews and approves all key personnel qualifications which including their grants management and leadership experience as described in their resume.

**9) There are no points for staff qualifications in the new Notice Inviting Applications?**

Points for “Quality of Project Personnel” were removed by a correction notice ([90 FR 14643](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-05722))<sup>1</sup> which amends the original Notice Inviting Applications ([90 FR 5856](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-01316))<sup>2</sup>.

**10) How many participants should be served by the grant? Will smaller cohorts of less than 10 teachers per year be considered?**

There is no minimum or maximum number of participants who should be served. All targeted number of participants to be served will be provided equal consideration.

**11) In my state, teacher licensure requires candidates to have a bachelor’s degree. Is there any space in this grant for training individuals who do not have bachelor’s degrees to teach, since they will be ineligible for a teaching license?**

Yes, the PD grant program supports participants’ training (earning a bachelors) to obtain their state license. The fourth and fifth year of the grant provides induction support.

**12) Is an external evaluator required for the quality of project evaluation?**

No, an external evaluator is not required. However, project proposals should explain a method of evaluation of project goals and objectives or outcomes provide other evidence-building that will provide performance feedback and formative, diagnostic, or interim data that is a periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes

**13) Per the original Federal Register notice, we must budget for a project directors' meeting each year of the project. Does that include the fourth and fifth year as well?**

Yes, you must budget for a Project Directors’ meeting each year.

**14) If we are writing two separate grant proposals, are we required to combine the budgets to meet the average award size of \$450,000/year?**

No, each proposal must have its own budget.

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<sup>1</sup> Correction Notice published April 3, 2025: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-05722>

<sup>2</sup> Original Notice Inviting Applications published January 17, 2025: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-01316>