# COMPASS Schools Pre-Proposal Conference Afternoon Session – Chat

14:08:33 From Jasmine Nunez : The chat is available –
Please enter the following information if you have a question:
(Name, Organization's Name, and Page Number your question references if Applicable)

14:08:41 From Megan Wilson : Hello - Megan Wilson, Children's Aid - I have two (2) questions:
describing partnerships appears to have unlimited text space, however ultimately only the narrative that fits in the visible text box will be available to read once these forms are turned into PDF files for upload. Will these forms be amended to include a larger text box for describing community partnerships or does the narrative description need to fit within the current visible text field?
a detailed breakdown of allocations and calculations for each budget category and item (e.g., Personnel, Equipment, Subcontractors), or would a general narrative explaining how funds will be used to implement programming for XX slots at the site in Year 1 be sufficient?

14:09:43 From Raymond Rigoglioso : My name is Ray Rigoglioso. I work with New York City Mission Society. I wonder, can community partners be paid for any services they provide, or must community partners only provide pro bono services?

14:09:43 From Nakia Hiland : Good afternoon all,
Nakia Hiland
Community & Engagement Development Officer
Learning & Educational Solutions, INC

14:10:02 From Georgia Schoonmaker : Hi, Georgia Schoonmaker, South Asian Youth Action - my question is: do we submit three partnerships total or three per competition pool we are applying to (so different competition pools can have agreements with different organizations)?

1) If responses exceed the text beyond the visible area of the text box in the Community Partnership Agreement narrative, proposers can attach a separate Word document with full responses. Proposers do not need to limit responses to the visible space provided.

2) A general narrative is sufficient, but should include the components outlined in the questionnaire and RFP.

14:10:30 From Erica Ruben : Erica Ruben, Dancing in the Streets, we would welcome subcontracting relationships to offer elementary and middle school students authentic NYC street dance classes and workshops. Our teaching artists already teach after-school via CASA grant, and we have already secured pre-qualifications for COMPASS. We generate a lot of proposals and are happy to assist with proposal. erica@dancinginthestreets.org or 917-902-9471

14:11:09 From Megan Wilson : Replying to "Hello - Megan Wilson..."
Thank you!

14:11:46 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "My name is Ray Rigog..."
Proposers have the option of subcontracting with organizations to expand activity options for COMPASS program participants. Please see page 3 of the RFP for more information on subcontracting.
additional eligible schools be released. Is this addendum adding school and also deleting schools or only adding schools?
Our organization currently has two SONYC programs in Bronx CD 1. Should we submit two separate proposals or one consolidated proposal? If we are submitting a consolidated proposal, do we submit separate program staffing charts and do we separately discuss the budgets in question F1. Describing budgets for two schools in 3,200 characters can/will be a challenge.
Schoonma..."
Three per competition.
Competitions are structured by Community District and program type (COMPASS Elementary and SONYC). Within each competition, proposers can select multiple schools. Only one proposal can be submitted per competition. Proposers can submit a proposal for more than one competition. A complete and separate proposal, however, must be submitted for each competition.
Good afternoon, please see the following questions: 1.Regarding PTAs or parent associations, does DYCD consider them “external community partners,” or do they not qualify? 2.For the curriculum section of the proposal, does DYCD expect us to provide a detailed schedule including hours, content areas, types of activities, and staff roles or is a more general overview sufficient at this stage?
Schoonmaker : Replying to "Hi, Georgia Schoonma..."

So for each competition, we can submit 3 unique partnership agreements? With three unique CBOs?
do you anticipate publishing the addendum?
14:14:00 From Marsha Webster : Replying to "Hello - Megan Wilson..."
Marsha Webster from SPCD, Medgar Evers College, CUNY. As a part of a CUNY college, can we use departments, college schools as our community partners? Also, do independent contractors qualify as community partners?

14:14:43 From Raymond Rigoglioso : Replying to "My name is Ray Rigog..."
So can community partners also appear as subcontractors in the budget?

14:15:41 From Blake Smith : Blake Smith, CPC. Regarding the questionnaire: It asks proposers to enter the maximum number of schools citywide and the maximum number of schools in the community district. If applicants are submitting both elementary and middle school (SONYC) applications, is the number of schools the total schools for both types of programs or only for the number of schools for either elementary OR middle school (SONYC)?

14:15:55 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Ken Smal, BronxWorks..."
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program - the site with the largest number of proposed slots.

14:16:02 From Ken Small : Ken Small, BronxWorks. If two middle schools are co-located in the same building but only one school is listed in Attachment 5, can the SONYC provider enroll children from the school not listed?

14:16:59 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Hi, Georgia Schoonma..."
Yep!

14:17:08 From Georgia Schoonmaker : Replying to "Hi, Georgia Schoonma..."
Thank you!

14:18:21 From Robert Palmeri : Replying to "When will the addend..."
The addendum change is correcting which middle school was identified in a specific building.

14:19:20 From E C : E C, Brooklyn Community Services, re: RFP
pages 5-6: We are still working to understand how we should propose the number of slots we can support for each school. Should we propose to serve all of the allotted slots, if we believe we can, even if that is a higher number than what we have served at this site in the past? Will Principals be able to determine this number or should it be something provider/Principals have agreed upon mutually, in advance? Is an application to serve many or even all of the schools within a given district/competition a stronger application? Thank you for clarifications.
BronxWork..."
belong to the host school.

14:22:02 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Best Prep Academy - ..."
1) Please submit this question in the PASSPort Discussion Forum. DYCD will review and provide a written answer.
2) Proposers are not required to select a SEL curriculum in their proposal. As per the questionnaire, proposers are asked to describe the process they would undertake to select and implement a SEL curriculum, including the criteria they would utilize to assess curricula and any activities that would be included in addition to curriculum implementation. Proposers will be required to select a curriculum prior to the start of the program. DYCD will review and approve contractors selected SEL curriculum post-award.

14:22:06 From Georgia Schoonmaker : Georgia Schoonmaker, SAYA - One more question - does each site require a unique content specialist? or could one person serve multiple sites?
Imogen Roche Foundation - What is the role of the school principal and/or district superintendent in selecting the CBO? How does the selection process work this time, since the school partnership agreement is no longer part of the initial proposal?

14:24:42 From Jasmine Nunez : Replying to "Erica Ruben, Dancing..."
Please fill use the link below, for anyone seeking subcontractor opportunities
Subcontracting Opportunities: https://forms.office.com/g/14Tuq3fT5m

14:24:57 From Blake Smith : Blake Smith, CPC. Both public school and center-based/non-public school RFPs were launched during holidays observed by many

proposers (Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur). Furthermore, in the past these RFPs were released over a longer period of time as several separate RFPs where each submission timeline was around as long or even longer than the timeline we have for this procurement. Lastly, many proposers have been encountering technical glitches with PASSPort that make submission challenging. Would DYCD consider providing an extension to all applicants due to these factors?
Rising Ground.  RFP page 25 - Program Director as full-time, for 90+ participants, does that mean if awarded 2 schools in a CD both having more than 90 participants, that CD has 2 full time Directors?
Dancing..."
Thanks Jasmine. I filled out the form but how do we access organizations seeing subcontractors?  I'd love to send them info about our teaching artists.

14:25:53 From Erica Ruben : Replying to "Erica Ruben, Dancing..."
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14:25:54 From Ken Small : Replying to "Ken Smal, BronxWorks..."
Okay.

14:26:13 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Hello - Megan Wilson..."
DYCD defines "community partnership" as an agreement with an external entity (e.g., an organization/agency separate from the proposer). Organizations cannot utilize Departments within their organization to fulfill the Community Partnership requirement. Examples of the types of partnerships DYCD is looking for can be found on page 28. Independent contractors could count if it meets the expectations outlined in the RFP.

14:28:06 From Ken Small : Replying to "Ken Small, BronxWork..."
Okay.

14:28:34 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "My name is Ray Rigog..."
Contractors are required to submit three community partnerships with external entities. The purpose of community partnerships is to maximize resources for program participants and their families. The partnerships should demonstrate the proposer's connections with other local entities and reflect needs of the community. Subcontractors can be counted towards the Community Partnership requirement.

Budget narratives should present the costs to provide services for the proposed program(s) in the proposed annual budget, which could include subcontractors if applicable.

14:29:56 From Nancy Hruska : Nancy Hruska, Rising Ground RFP page 5 - regarding school ranking: could DYCD award a school that is not ranked within the proposal? and

14:30:13 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Good afternoon. Blak..."
Timeline for release of the addendum has not been finalized, DYCD will work expeditiously to inform proposers of the updates

14:30:21 From Blake Smith : Replying to "Good afternoon. Blak..."
Thank you!

14:30:32 From Marcelo Torres : Could you please inform if any part of this funding comes from federal funds?

14:30:36 From Marcelo Torres : Could you please inform what is the porcentage of the indirect cost?

14:31:35 From Robert Palmeri : Replying to "Could you please inf..."
Organizations previously approved with an Accepted Indirect Cost Rate should include that in the budget. Those without an Accepted ICR responding to this solicitation, should include an Indirect Cost rate of 10%.

14:31:53 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "E C, Brook..."
There is no minimum or maximum number of slots that an organization is allowed to apply for. Proposers should enter the maximum number of sites they could serve. Historically, COMPASS programs have served 35%-45% of the total school population on average. This guidance is intended to provide context for proposers.
Please see Attachment 02- Basis for Contract Award and Procedures for more information about how awards and slots will be determined.

14:32:27 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Georgia Schoonmaker,..."
The Content Specialist must provide at least nine (9) hours of services per week to each

program for up to a maximum of three (3) COMPASS programs.

14:32:43 From Nancy Hruska : Nancy Hruska, Rising Ground RFP page 32 - regarding maximum number of slots able to serve for the school -- how does that take into account the number of slots the school (i.e. space, school personnel needed to keep building open ) is able to support in
Execu..."
Please see Attachment 02- Basis for Contract Award and Procedures for more information about the role of NYCPS in the award process.

14:33:39 From Jasmine Nunez : Replying to "Erica Ruben, Dancing..."
A list will be published on DYCD's Website below by end of the week.
Department of Youth & Community Development Website: www.nyc.gov/dycd

14:33:50 From Kevorn Willet : Hi my name is Kevorn Willet with We Got Next Sports Inc.

14:34:10 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Nancy Hruska, Rising..."
Yes. In programs that serve 90 or more participants, the Program Director is required to be a full-time position.

14:34:31 From Ade Rasul : Hello- Ade A Rasul, is the SONYC Program required to have a summer component?

14:35:28 From Push Krishnan : Devon Huang - Chinese American Parents Association
Is it common for agencies to submit multiple proposals and then, after being awarded, decline some contracts due to reaching their organizational capacity?

14:35:51 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Nancy Hruska, Rising..."
The ranking process is designed to allow proposers to communicate to DYCD their preferred sites, should they be awarded a select number of sites in relation to their total proposals. The ranking is not designed to match with another entity.

14:35:58 From Marsha Webster : Replying to "Hello - Megan Wilson..."
Just to clarify, we are non profit within Medgar Evers College. For example, the School of Education or the Department of Mass Communication are not within our organization. could they be eligible community partners?

14:36:15 From Wendy Johnson : Replying to "Blake Smith, CPC. Bo..."
Any consideration of extension will be released in an addendum

14:37:43 From Blake Smith : Blake Smith, CPC. Would DYCD consider releasing further guidance regarding the basis of award? We are looking for clarification on how the following factors will be taken into account by DYCD: DYCD's scoring of each proposal, preference rankings by proposers and NYCPS, and the number of slots/budget proposed by applicants. What will DYCD use as a tiebreaker if two proposals receive the same score?

14:38:03 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Could you please inf..."
CORRECTION: Proposal submissions should be based on the de minimis 10% rate and remaining funds allocated to direct services. If your organization has a higher CIT approved indirect rate, additional funding associated with a higher CIT approved indirect rate will be added to your awarded contract at a later date. We will be issuing an addendum to clarify.

14:38:11 From Keith Bunch : Replying to "Hello- Ade A Rasul, ..."
The SONYC program does not have a summer component

14:38:17 From Georgia Schoonmaker : Replying to "Georgia Schoonmaker,..."
Ty!

14:38:38 From Madison Hoyos : Replying to "E C, Brook..."
Hi Danice Crump - LEAP: With respect to slot counts, often in partnership with our NYCPS school partners, we work in partnership to determine slot counts that are realistic for the school community; however, as it is being explained, DYCD is requesting the submission of a budget based on a slot count that aligns with the industry standard of servicing roughly 35-40% of the community. As this often runs counter to conversations with NYCPS school building leaders, is there a desire on DYCDs behalf to submit a budget example that may not be in line with the negotiated slot count for the respective school?

14:38:39 From Keith Bunch : Replying to "Hello- Ade A Rasul, ..."
pg 13 of RFP

14:38:41 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Nancy Hruska, Rising..."
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14:40:23 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Hi my name is Kevorn..."
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14:40:29 From Nicole Garcia : ok

14:40:40 From Jasmine Nunez : Subcontracting Opportunities:
https://forms.office.com/g/14Tuq3fT5m

14:40:41 From Marcelo Torres : If we are planning to apply for different competitions in more than 1 school in the same community district, should we send a different application for each competition?

14:41:01 From Theseus Roche : Replying to "Theseus Roche, Execu..."
Thank you for your response. I did read that section, and I still do not know what the role of the individual school principal is. This section refers to an "applicable NYCPS advisor." Is that a school leader? District leader? PTA/SLT member? UFT/Teacher rep? Does the individual principal have a role in the decision?

14:41:17 From Kevorn Willet : Replying to "Hi my name is Kevorn..."
That's helpful. Thank you!

14:41:55 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Hello - Megan Wilson..."
Thank for your clarifying. Please do submit this question in the Discussion Forum of PASSPort. DYCD would like to deliberate on this question further and provide a written response.

14:44:00 From Marsha Webster : Replying to "Hello - Megan Wilson..."
Thank you.

14:45:11 From Keith Bunch : Replying to "If we are planning t..."
Yes, that is correct. A complete and separate proposal for each competition

14:47:02 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "Blake Smith, CPC. Wo..."
Attachment 02 - Basis for Contract Award and Procedures outlines the factors taken into account by DYCD to determine awards and slots.
The ranking process is designed solely to allow proposers to communicate to DYCD their preferred sites, should they be awarded a select number of sites in relation to their total proposals. A proposer ranking will not be shared with principals.

14:51:41 From Jasmine Nunez : MOCS COMPASS RFP Page:
https://www.nyc.gov/site/mocs/events/compass-rfp.page
COMPASS RFP: Five Steps to Get Ready and Submit Your Proposal in PASSPort:
https://www.nyc.gov/assets/mocs/downloads/PASSPort/learning-to-use-passport/compass-submit-proposal...
www.nyc.gov/learnpassport
MOCS Service Desk: www.nyc.gov/mocshelp

14:51:41 From Astrid Spota-Wolfe : Replying to "E C, Brook..." Proposers are not guaranteed to be awarded the number of slots requested. For the proposal, DYCD is asking for a budget narrative for the site with the largest number of proposed slots.
Page: https://www.nyc.gov/site/mocs/events/compass-rfp.page
COMPASS RFP: Five Steps to Get Ready and Submit Your Proposal in PASSPort: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/mocs/downloads/PASSPort/learning-to-use-passport/compass-submit-proposal...
Library: www.nyc.gov/learnpassport
MOCS Service Desk: www.nyc.gov/mocshelp

14:54:26 From Ade Rasul : Ade A Rasul, Woodycrest Center For human development, Inc.Who will be evaluating the proposals?

14:54:34 From Jasmine Nunez : Please enter the following information if you have a question:
Applicable)
Human Development, Inc., What is the rationale behind 129 hours of PD per year? Isn't this a lot of time? Page 27

14:55:43 From Jasmine Nunez : Subcontracting Opportunities:
https://forms.office.com/g/14Tuq3fT5m

14:55:45 From Mac Levine : If you would like to serve at only one school for a certain amount of slots, but are open to more than one school, do you input the same number of students at all schools where you'd be open to serving?
14:56:25 From Mac Levine : Replying to "If you would like to..."
Mac Levine, Concrete Safaris

14:56:30 From Chloe Siegman : Will you make the list of organizations interested in being subcontractors publicly available?

14:57:10 From Jasmine Nunez : Replying to "Will you make the li..."
Yes it will be listed on the DYCD Website
www.nyc.gov/dycd

15:08:20 From Jasmine Nunez : Community Needs Assessment
Link to the survey: https://arcg.is/10zazj3