Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q-1: Where can I find the project requirements regarding Summer Residential Programs?

A: Language exists within the Florida Statute for the College Reach-Out Program that describes the requirements for the summer residential component. Please refer specifically to 1007.34(4), F.S., and 1007.34(8)(a)(1.), F.S.

Q-2: When can we expect a response from the FDOE?

A: The review and scoring period for all RFP applications is August 20-29, 2024. The State Board of Education (SBOE) shall consider the proposals and determine which proposals to implement as programs based on the scores and the recommendations of the CROP Advisory Council. An email notification will be sent to all applicants on September 27, 2024, after the recommended order of priority for funding is submitted and approved by the SBOE at the September SBOE meeting.

Q-3: If previously part of a consortium but now applying as a single entity, will the DOE Assigned Project number remain the same as in previous years, or is a new number required?

A: If the application for the single entity is selected and awarded funding for the 2024-25 project year, the applicant will be assigned a project number specific to their institution.

Q-4: For institutionalized programs, is the Budget Justification form still required?

A: Yes. All applicants must complete: 1) the DOE 101S form and 2) the Institutional and Consortium Budget Forms along with the two (2) justification pages. For standalone institutions, the consortium budget page is not required.

Q-5: What is the importance of TAPS #25B037?

A: The TAPS is the unique tracking number assigned to the 2024-25 College Reach-Out Program (CROP) Requests for Proposals (RFP) that corresponds with all applications submitted to the Department. It is recommended that TAPS #25B037 be added to all CROP RFP related documents before uploading to the Survey Monkey (SM) Apply application management system.

Q-6: Why is the SM Apply application management system asking me to login with my Google, Facebook or Microsoft account when I clicked apply?

A: The SM Apply application requires all Users to register and create an account and set-up a password. Therefore, a 2024-25 CROP RFP applicant must first register within SM Apply and receive confirmation as an active User before clicking on the "Apply" button to begin the application process.

Q-7: Is the Match requirement new for CROP?

A: No. Section 1007.34(5)(e) of the CROP legislative language details the match requirement of at least one-to-one in cash or services, with cash being the preferred match. In addition, section 1007.34(8)(b), F.S., notes the minimum 50-percent institutional cash match for projects funding for three (3) consecutive years.

Q-8: The description for *Competitive Preference Priority 2* states "evidence must be provided that the application identifies the students targeted to be students in grade 6-9." However, the RFP notes that the target population is students in grades six through twelve. Please clarify?

A: The target population for CROP is students in grades six through twelve, as defined by Rule 6A-6.05282, F.A.C. However, Section 1007.34(7)(d), F.S., states "*proposed program(s) [must] describe [the] criteria … used to identify schools for participation in the program. At least 60 percent of the students recruited in any one year must be in grades 6-9.*" The thought around recruiting students in grades 6-9 is to reach students sufficiently early allowing for continuous contact with students from the point at which they are selected for participation until they successfully enroll in a postsecondary educational institution.