

## TRIBAL EARLY LEARNING FUND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

### Funding Opportunity General Information

**Question: Will the dollars applied for by 03/01/2024 need to be spent by 06/30/2024?**

**Answer:** Yes, the funds will need to be spent down by the end of the fiscal year. The fiscal year, 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024.

**Question: Will we need to reapply again around 07/01/2024?**

**Answer:** Yes, you will need to reapply for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The Request for Funding date has not been determined but we are working on getting it out before July 1, 2024.

**Question: Do we only count the children that are birth through 5 years of age?**

**Answer:** Yes, the TELF grant provides funding from prenatal to age 5.

**Question: Ok, to clarify school age child care is not allowable?**

**Answer:** Correct. We wish we could serve all tribal children the TELF Grant is intended for prenatal to age 5.

**Question: If all our children under 5 are not tribal, do we not count them in for funding activities?**

**Answer:** If your program does not serve prenatal women or tribal children, age 5 and under, you do not qualify for funding. If your program serves tribal children, or prenatal women, you qualify. Please apply.

**Question: With the anticipation of RFA release early next year, can funds be carried over into the next fiscal year OR do they need to be spent by June 30, 2024?**

**Answer:** No, funds from fiscal year 2023-2024 cannot be carried over. Funds need to be spent by June 30, 2024.

**Question: Can the funding award be through June 30, 2025?**

**Answer:** Funding needs to be spent the fiscal year you applied for. So, funding from fiscal year 2024-2025 can be spent up to June 30, 2025.

**Question: Can applicants apply in both fiscal years?**

**Answer:** Yes! We strongly encourage applicants to apply in both fiscal years. Please apply twice.

**Question: Do I need to have separate applications for more than one priority?**

**Answer:** No, you can select multiple priorities in the drop-down list on the smartsheet application. The smartsheet application is located here:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/54cece2f35534ab2a97add7110d95ce>

**Question: Is the TELF funding one time funding or annual?**

**Answer:** As of right now this is a one-time funding, for two separate fiscal years, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

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**Question: Do I need to submit a separate budget and justification?**

**Answer:** Yes. At this time, please email the documents directly to [rayna.espinosa@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:rayna.espinosa@dcyf.wa.gov). In the near future, we hope to add an upload option on the smartsmart application. Additionally, there is an example budget template on the DCYF Office of Tribal Relations website: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/tribal-relations>

**Question: Can you give me an example of 3.5.1. Cost itemization by priority and expense?**

**Answer:** See examples below.

Priority 1: Tribal Language Education  
A Lushootseed speaker/teacher-\$30,000

Priority 2: Elder Storytelling  
Storytelling - \$30,000

Priority 6: Traditional Music & Arts  
Arts, and Music - \$20,000

**Question: Can we backdate our invoices for services as aligned with the TELF priorities to the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 2023?**

**Answer:** Yes, you can back date your invoice to July 1, 2023. As the goods and services are within 2023-2024 fiscal year and align with the TELF priorities.

**Question: If we are not tribally licensed or certified/certified for payment only, but will be in the near future, can we still apply for this fiscal year 2023-2024?**

**Answer:** No. The TELF grant currently requires that you are currently serving tribal children. Please stay tuned for the next round of TELF for fiscal year 2024-2025 as we anticipate eligibility updates.



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### #1 Technical Assistance Office Hours attendees held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024:

Yakima Nation

Port Gamble S'Klallam

Stillaguamish

Coville Tribe

Spokane Tribe

Tribally Licensed Child Care providers

School district child care center

### #2 Technical Assistance Office Hours attendee held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024:

Tribally Licensed Child Care provider