

JJSG YOUTH ENGAGEMENT 2.0

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

Q: WE ARE AN INSTITUTE HOUSED WITHIN A DEPARTMENT OF A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY. WOULD WE BE CONSIDERED A NONPROFIT BY YOUR DEFINITION?

A: Yes, if the university is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) because of its educational purposes, and the institute is funded through the university, then the institute is eligible to apply.

Q: THE RFP SAYS THE WORK WILL START IN MARCH, BUT PROPOSALS AREN'T DUE UNTIL MARCH 25. WILL THERE BE AN ADJUSTED TIMELINE?

A: The timeline is inclusive of the application process, which is why it starts in March. The selected grantee and the JJSG Youth Engagement 2.0 core team will fine-tune the timeline and begin to gather information in April.

Q: THE RFP REFERENCES 30 STAKEHOLDERS. HOW MANY OF THEM WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN, COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATORY EVALUATION PROCESS? WOULD ALL 30 BE INVOLVED IN ALL PARTS OF THE PROCESS?

A: Only the core team will be involved in all parts of the process. That group includes four Youth Advisory Council alumni, a youth engagement consultant, two representatives from a community-based organization and two JJSG staff. The other stakeholders will be placed in subgroups by affinity, such as Youth Advisory Council alumni, young people with current legal system experience, community-based organizations, other partners and JJSG staff. The core team and the selected grantee will define the most appropriate evaluation method for each group.

Q: HAVE THE 30 STAKEHOLDERS BEEN IDENTIFIED YET AND HAVE THEY ALL INDICATED THEY WILL BE PARTICIPATING? IF SO, WHAT DO THEY KNOW SO FAR ABOUT PLANS FOR THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE? IF NOT, HOW WILL THE STAKEHOLDERS BE IDENTIFIED?

A: With the exception of JJSG staff and Youth Advisory Council alumni, the stakeholders are still in the process of being identified. The core team will work with the selected grantee to finalize the participant list. After that, the participants will be invited to join an online kickoff event where they will learn more about the project, timeline and process.

Q: WILL THE 30 STAKEHOLDERS CONSIST OF PEOPLE CURRENTLY OR FORMERLY INVOLVED IN CASEY'S YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WORK?

A: The stakeholders will include people already familiar with Casey's youth engagement work as well as others who will be new to it.

Q: IS THERE ANY PART OF THE PROCESS THAT WILL NEED TO TAKE PLACE IN PERSON?

A: The current plan is that the work will be conducted virtually.

Q: WHAT ROLE DO YOU EXPECT CASEY FOUNDATION'S JUVENILE JUSTICE TEAM (JJSG) TO PLAY IN THIS PROCESS?

A: JJSG will be a key stakeholder in the evaluation process. Based on the team's past youth engagement work, the JJSG participants will share their reflections and suggestions for building on what we have started.

Q: WHO WILL BE THE AUDIENCE FOR THE FINAL DELIVERABLES? WILL THE FINAL PRODUCTS REMAIN INTERNAL TO CASEY, OR WILL ANY OF THE FINAL PRODUCTS BE SHARED PUBLICLY?

A: We intend to publicize two things:

- lessons learned from JJSG's initial experiences with its youth advisory council; and
- JJSG's next steps with youth engagement investments.

Q: WOULD INCENTIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO BE PART OF THE SELECTED GRANTEE'S BUDGET OR WILL INCENTIVES BE OFFERED THROUGH CASEY?

A: Incentives for young people in the larger stakeholder group would need to be part of the selected grantee's budget. The Foundation will compensate the young people on the JJSG Youth Engagement 2.0 core team.

Q: THE PROPOSAL IS LISTED AS HAVING A 2-PAGE LIMIT. CAN WE INCLUDE RESUMES, CAPABILITY STATEMENTS, ETC., IN ONE OR MORE ATTACHMENTS TO THE PROPOSAL?

A: Yes.

Q: WHAT TIME IS THE PROPOSAL DUE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 25?

A: The proposal is due by 11:59 p.m. in the submitter's time zone.

Q: THE RFP ASKS FOR SUMMARIES OF SIMILAR PROJECTS. HOWEVER, WE ARE A NEW ORGANIZATION. CAN WE SUBMIT EXAMPLES FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM INSTEAD?

A: Yes. Newly formed organizations can do so.

Q: HOW WILL THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD BE DETERMINED GIVEN THE \$50,000 TO \$75,000 RANGE?

A: The range provides flexibility based on cost factors that may vary by organization, such as team size or geographic location. The selected grantee will work with the JJSG Youth Engagement 2.0 core team to finalize the budget.

Q: WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS (I.E., INTERVIEWS, ETC.)?

A: The JJSG Youth Engagement 2.0 core team, and possibly others drawn from within and outside the Foundation, will review and rate the qualified proposals based on the selection rubric in the RFP. They will interview the highest-scoring organizations before making a selection (the number of organizations who will be interviewed will be determined after the proposals are rated).

Q: WHAT IS THE NOTIFICATION TIMELINE?

A: Early April is our objective, depending on the volume of applications we receive. We will update applicants regularly on the status of their application until a decision is made.

Q: IS THERE A TARGETED GROUP OF YOUTH IDENTIFIED?

A: Yes and no. The four Youth Advisory Council alumni who are part of the JJSG Youth Engagement 2.0 core team have been identified. We also will invite alumni of the JJSG Youth Advisory Council to be involved. Other stakeholders who are youth or young adults, such as young people with current legal system experience or young people who are part of community-based organizations, will be identified later.