

Frequently Asked Questions Related to the 23+ Program

This document was developed to address questions related to the 23+ Program Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Eligible Providers in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

QUESTION #1:

Does the high school diploma have to be issued from the provider or can the provider have an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a different provider who will issue the high school diploma?

ANSWER #1:

Per the RFQ, eligible providers must be a diploma-granting institution. If a provider has an established practice to provide the educational classes for a high school diploma and has an MOU with another school to issue a high school diploma, then this is allowable.

QUESTION #2:

Are charter schools eligible to apply for the 23+ Program?

ANSWER #2:

A charter school, like all providers, must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the legislation and requested in Section 2 of the RFQ.

QUESTION #3:

Is there a list of eligible industry-recognized credentials for the 23+ Program?

ANSWER #3:

No, there is not currently a list of state approved industry-recognized credentials. Industry-recognized credentials are credentials sought or accepted by employers within the industry or sector and are a recognized, preferred, or required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, or advancement purposes. They may include occupational skills certificates, diplomas, degrees, certificates, or licenses.

QUESTION #4:

Do teachers in the 23+ Program need to be certified?

ANSWER #4:

Yes, adult education teachers must be certified.

QUESTION #5:

When can participants begin enrolling in the program?

ANSWER #5:

New participants can enroll in the 23+ Program on or after October 1, 2022. If a provider

received 23+ Program funding in FY 2022, then participants may continue from the previous year.

QUESTION #6:

Can 23+ Program participants also be funded under State School Aid, Section 107, and/or Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title II?

ANSWER #6:

A participant enrolled in the 23+ Program can be co-enrolled under State School Aid, Section 107, and/or WIOA, Title II, assuming they meet the eligibility requirements of the respective funding source.

QUESTION #7:

What are the reporting requirements for the 23+ Program?

ANSWER #7:

Recipients will submit monthly progress reports (with the recipient's invoice), based on the reimbursement rate criteria identified in the RFQ. A template will be provided to eligible providers that are approved for funding.

QUESTION #8:

What can the reimbursement be spent on?

ANSWER #8:

The 23+ Program is not a reimbursement grant but rather a grant based on measures/outcomes being met during the performance period. The intent of the funding is to cover the cost of the program and support participants to attain a high school diploma, workforce training, and job placement. There is not cost guidance since the grant is measures/outcomes based.

QUESTION #9:

When must programs expend the 23+ Program grant funds?

ANSWER #9:

The FY 2023 performance period is October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023. All deliverables must be met during the performance period in order for recipients to invoice for the deliverable and be paid. There is not a timeline to expend the funds received; however, the intent of the funding is to cover the costs of the program.

QUESTION #10:

Can high school credit(s) be granted for life experience or work experience?

ANSWER #10:

While a school district or provider may award high school completion credits for work or life experience, only high school credits earned from participation in instructional activities during the performance period can be counted as a 23+ High School Diploma Program deliverable.