JAG Out-of-School Pilot Grant
Online Information Session
Today’s Agenda

• Background and Purpose of Funding Opportunity
• Applicant and Participant Eligibility
• Period of Performance
• Expected Outcomes and Grant Progress
• Reporting Requirements
• Application Components
• Award Timeline
• Tips for Writing a Strong Grant Proposal
• Q & A
• State-based, national non-profit organization dedicated to drop-out prevention and recovery

• Six program models, including the Multi-Year and Out-Of-School models

• JAG-SC launched the Multi-Year model in 2005 and has since assisted over 11,000 youth across 25 schools

• OOS model targets youth ages 16-24

• Aligns with WIOA and is a proven strategy for improving educational and employment outcomes with youth with barriers
Components of JAG Model

- JAG Specialist
- Competency-based Curriculum
- Advisory Committee
- Professional Association
- Community Service
JAG Specialist

• Plays a unique and significant role in student and program success
• Implements and oversees the JAG OOS Program
• Will attend the JAG National Training Seminar and JAG OOS Specialist Training
Competency-based Curriculum

• The Specialist-led, competency-based curriculum consists of employability and life skills
• The curriculum is unique to JAG programs and highly successful
Advisory Committee

- Assists the Specialist in recruiting, screening, and selecting participants
- Provides on-going support for participants and the program
- Must include at least three members
Professional Association

- The Specialist establishes a Professional Association Chapter for the program
- The chapter should be highly motivated, career-oriented and participant-led
- Each participant will be a member of the association
Community Service

- Each participant is required to give a minimum of 10 hours of community service
- Community service opportunities should be developed through the Professional Association Chapter
Applicant Eligibility

All public and private entities are eligible to apply!

• Each applicant may only submit one application
• Required partnerships:
  – Relevant workforce, education, and community partners
  – JAG-SC
• Partnership with local WIOA Adult and Youth programs is strongly encouraged
• Partnerships must be demonstrated through letters of support
Participant Eligibility

Out-of-school youth/young adults ages 16-24

• Not enrolled in secondary school
• No high school diploma or high school equivalency
• Multiple barriers to success
Period of Performance

24 month period of performance
Anticipated start date – February 28

3 month planning period
Remaining time for service delivery and 12-month follow-up period
• JAG Specialist(s) hired and trained
• Classroom location selected and schedule defined
• Partnerships established
• Advisory Committee members selected

• Participants selected and starting program
• Professional Association established
• Case management and data collection underway
Grantees will use SCWOS and the JAG Electronic National Data System (ENDS) to document and report participant educational and employment outcomes.

Page 3 of the solicitation provides a list of outcomes that will be tracked and reported.
• Monthly Financial Status Reports (FSR)
• Programmatic progress reports:
  – Quarterly
  – Final
Applicant Information

• Name and location of organization applying for funding
• POC and contact information for the application and program implementation
• Complete and thorough overview of the organization, highlighting demonstrated experience serving youth or young adults with barriers to success
• DUNS number and summary of performance on other Federally-funded grants
Project Design

Thorough and complete explanation of the how the JAG OOS model will be implemented, specifically addressing:

– Selection and hiring of JAG Specialist(s)
– Establishment of JAG Advisory Committee
– Establishment of JAG Professional Association Chapter
– Participant recruitment and selection
– Implementation of competency-based curriculum
– Availability and offering of supportive services
– Participant 12-month follow-up
– Participant case management
– Program sustainability
Partnerships/Collaboration

• Discuss how partners will be identified and engaged in the implementation and execution of the program
• Outline partner roles and responsibilities
• Discuss opportunities for participant co-enrollment
• Attach letters of support that clearly express partnership
Budget Summary and Narrative

• Use template provided to develop a grant budget
• Required budget line items:
  – JAG Specialist Training - $10,000
  – JAG Affiliation Fee - $10,000
• Budget narrative should include a thorough explanation for each budget line item emphasizing how the funds will be used to successfully implement the JAG OOS model
Attachments

• Participant planning worksheet
• Advisory Committee roster
• Partner letters of support
• Budget planning form
• Other attachments as identified by the applicant
## Evaluation Criteria

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Writing a Competitive Proposal

• Read the grant solicitation carefully and follow instructions
• Make note of deadlines, application requirements, and evaluation criterion
• Ask questions if the solicitation is unclear
  – Remember, all questions are due by December 18th!
  – Questions and answers will be posted to our grants page
• Determine whether your organization has the capacity to accomplish what is described in the solicitation
• Brainstorm ideas that align with need(s) the solicitation is intended to fill

Writing a Competitive Proposal

• Be clear and specific
• Provide a detailed description of your proposal and how it will affect the target population
• Think like a reviewer – make your proposal stand out; anticipate and answer questions the reviewers might have
• Demonstrate your expertise and unique ability to implement the grant
Writing a Competitive Proposal

• Before you submit:
  – Check spelling, grammar, punctuation, and etc.
  – Check budget calculations
  – Be sure that all components of the application have been completed
  – Organize attachments and supporting documentation
  – Review evaluation criterion and determine how your proposal measures up

• Do not wait until the last minute! Late submissions and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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Common Pitfalls

• Project design is unclear or includes activities that are not consistent with the grant
• Partnerships are not in place or letters of support are generic
• Too much of the budget is allocated to administrative costs or budget includes one or more disallowed costs
• One or more parts of the application is missing
Award Timeline/Submission

- December 20, 2017 – Last Day to Submit Questions
- January 10, 2018 – Applications Due
- February 28, 2018 – Grants Awarded

Applications are due **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10** and should be submitted through email to Grants Management at WorkforceGrants@dew.sc.gov.
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