



Program Evaluation RFP Frequently Asked Questions

Must an organization interested in responding to the RFP bid on all four projects, or may they select one or two the projects to bid on?

The Denver Preschool Program seeks to contract with the most qualified and capable Evaluators for this described work. As such, DPP will accept RFP responses as a single entity or partnership to complete any one, multiple or all Projects described in Section IV: Scope of Work/Requirements. Additional information is available on page 9 of the RFP packet.

Are the core projects described in detail in the proposal?

Yes – the four projects are described in more detail starting on page 14 of the RFP.

If one entity is applying for multiple projects, should one proposal be submitted with each project listed OR should multiple proposals, one for each project, be submitted?

DPP is willing to accept either option, though typically organizations do submit one proposal inclusive of all the different projects they are responding to.

What type of data does DPP currently have on the workforce?

DPP' 2020-2021 Workforce brief is located on our website at: <http://www.dpp.org/results-and-research/our-results>

In addition, DPP collects workforce data on Job Role and Demographic/Educational Characteristics, Intent to Stay, COVID Impact, Developmentally Appropriate Practices, Social-Emotional and Physical Well-Being and Financial Well-Being

In regard to Kindergarten Readiness, does DPP prefer continuing the use of the current measurement assessments or would DPP look to change these?

DPP encourages interested parties to submit their best recommendations for how DPP should proceed as it relates to Kindergarten Readiness.

In regard to Kindergarten Readiness, the most recent data available from DPP's current Evaluator is roughly 2 years old – will the current Evaluators be issuing a new report with updated data in the near future?

DPP' recent data is located on our website at: <http://www.dpp.org/results-and-research/our-results>

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In addition, DPP current evaluator is working on three articles that include:

- COVID learning loss
- Causal impact of the DPP on children's outcomes using an RDD
- Subgroup analysis

Is the budget listed for all four projects or will DPP provide budgets for each project individually?

The maximum combined budget for all projects for September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2013, (12 Months) is estimated to be \$940,789.68. The budget for years two and three will be based on the tax revenue of the City of Denver, but are forecast to be approximately \$976,539.68 for year two and \$1,013,648.19 for year three. This represents an annual 3.38 percent increase. The scope of work may vary from contract year to contract year.

Historically, DPP has spent roughly 55 percent of its evaluation budget on what this RFP announcement designates Kindergarten Readiness and Analysis of Preschool Cohorts from Preschool through adulthood. The remaining 45 percent has historically covered the cost of what this RFP announcement designates as the longitudinal outcomes study focused on the long-term outcomes of DPP participants, outcomes by subgroups, and partnerships that can enhance our knowledge of DPP's impact beyond academic success as well as DPP's overall program evaluation. The historical allocations do not include DPP's newest proposed project on understanding our workforce. Please frame your budget proposals with this in mind. DPP is seeking support for pilot projects to create space for new research.

Does DPP have partnerships with data providers other than Denver Public Schools (DPS)? Does DPP have partnerships with data providers for workforce issues?

DPP currently partners with Denver Human Services. Additionally, DPP prides itself on collaborating with many entities across the City, State and Nation.

Does DPP have a limit for how much indirect cost may be accrued by each project?

According to the contract that DPP has with the City and County of Denver, DPP can spend no more than 7% of its funding on administrative dollars. DPP does not necessarily expect its contractors to mirror this, though it may be considered as DPP seeks the most competitive responses while still accomplishing the tasks and meeting the needs of the organization.

Will additional notes or answers to questions be publicly available?

The deadline to submit questions is April 27, 2022. All responses will be posted on or before 3:00 p.m. MST on May 13, 2022. Additional information is available on page 11 of the RFP packet.

Is there a page limit for proposals?

There is no designated page limit for proposals.

How often, if at all, would the selected Consultant be required to travel or attend in-person meetings in Denver?

Key Evaluator staff would need the ability to travel when requested (if they do not operate primarily in Denver already).

As it relates to DPP's Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity (DEI) efforts, how does DPP hope to use data, such as neighborhood demographics, to help shape these new programs? What types of DEI-related data would be helpful to DPP to accomplish the goals of these projects?

Please refer to attachment D in the RFP starting on page 54 to understand our vision on equitable research. In addition, DPP's equity statement is available at www.dpp.org.

What data sets already exist within the DPP process? Which of DPP's data sets should an Evaluator interested in responding to the RFP be aware of?

DPP has one of the largest preschool-related data sets in the United States. Key data includes:

Programmatic data – enrollment data, quality initiatives data, provider data, operations and revenue data

Workforce data – survey results including, but not limited to workforce experience, pay and supports

Longitudinal data – tracking of DPP children since 2008, cohort data from DPS

Kindergarten Readiness data – pre and post assessments of children in their preschool year

How will DPP's evaluation strategy change as a result of Colorado's Universal Preschool, set to launch in September 2023?

DPP is in a period of rapid change with the advent of UPK and any potential evaluator would understand that there might be modifications to the scope and budget that would be reviewed mutually agreed upon between DPP and the Evaluator.

On page 11, it notes that 12 bound hard copies are required. Does DPP have a preference as to the type of binding (e.g., stapled copies, copies inserted into binders, or tape/spiral-bound copies)?

DPP does not have a preference on the type of binding.