



**ILLINOIS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

60 E. Van Buren Street • Suite 650 • Chicago, Illinois 60605 • (312) 793-8550

**Bullying Prevention
2118-0202**

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS (Posted every Friday)

Day posted: 3/6/2026

Question: _ The budget form included in the NOFO packet only has a tab for W9 Employees. (Tab is titled Personnel- (W9 Employees). Row 8 also indicates that only W9 employees should be added. Are W2 Employees not allowed under this grant? If we have W2 employees, where should they be included?

Answer: W2 employees should be listed on the Personnel page, while W9/1099 (independent contractor) personnel should be included on the Contractual page.

Question: Could you clarify the eligible youth for this application? Are only middle school students allowed or are younger students, for example in 4th or 5th grade also eligible to be served? **Answer:** Eligible youth for this funding opportunity include students enrolled in elementary and secondary school settings. While the NOFO notes that middle school youth experience higher reported rates of bullying, this population is identified as a priority group rather than a restriction on eligibility.

Programs may therefore serve younger students, including elementary-aged youth (such as 4th and 5th grade students), if proposed activities are age-appropriate and aligned with bullying prevention and positive school climate objectives outlined in the NOFO.

Question: We are having an issue with hitting the link to Amplifund in order to apply for grant. **Answer:** Can you please assist? **Answer:** Please contact Amplifund Helpdesk

Question: _I am writing with a question about the Bullying Prevention Application (#2118-0202). For the narrative section, including the equity-related questions, is there a specific word or character limit for any of the responses?

Answer: _No. However, tailor your response to the questions and do not add additional information.

Question: Are participant incentives or stipends allowable expenses under this funding opportunity when they are tied to program participation milestones (e.g., completion of group sessions, leadership activities, or engagement benchmarks)? **Answer:** Yes

Question: would scholarship-type awards (such as limited educational support or tuition assistance tied directly to program participation and outcomes) be considered allowable, or would those costs be unallowable under this NOFO?

Answer: Scholarship-type awards may be allowable if they are directly tied to program participation, achievement of program objectives, and support the intended bullying prevention outcomes outlined in the NOFO. Any educational support or tuition assistance must function as a programmatic incentive or participant support cost rather than general financial assistance.

Allowable costs would typically include limited educational assistance that:

- Supports participant engagement, retention, or completion of bullying prevention programming;
- Is clearly connected to measurable program outcomes; and
- Is reasonable, necessary, and fully documented within the program design.

However, broad scholarships, unrestricted tuition payments, or financial assistance not directly linked to approved program activities or outcomes would generally be considered unallowable under this NOFO.

Applicants are encouraged to clearly describe the purpose, eligibility criteria, amount, and monitoring process for any proposed scholarship or educational support to demonstrate alignment with NOFO requirements and federal/state cost principles

Question: I am assisting administrators from a local school district with an application for this grant. We had a question about the minimum for the grant. The website states that the minimum is \$65,000, but I wanted to ask if there was any flexibility. Could the district apply for around \$20,000 if that is what they need. They have a multi year plan, but the first year can move forward with the smaller amount to begin the work. Please advise. **Answer:** Unfortunately, there is no flexibility. The minimum is \$65,000.

Question: I'm seeking clarification on the Goals and Performance Metrics section. Are applicants expected to use the listed objectives and performance measures as written and simply insert numeric targets, or may we modify or select among them?

Additionally, are we required to complete all listed goals, or may we only complete the ones that align with the services we are proposing?

Answer: Applicants should use the goals, objectives, and performance measures listed in the application as the framework for this section. Numeric targets should be inserted where applicable. However, applicants should only complete the goals and performance measures that align with the services and activities they are proposing to implement under the grant.

If a goal or performance measure does not apply to the proposed program or services, it does not need to be completed. Applicants should not modify the listed goals or performance measures. There are blank tables to add additional program specific measures

Question: working on the budget for the Bullying Prevention grant, I'm noticing that the PDF NOFO states the NOFO # as 2118-0202, but on the Euna Grant portal, it shows as 2110-0202. Can you please confirm which NOFO number we should use for the budget spreadsheet? **Answer:** 2118-0202

Question: I am attempting to apply for the Bullying Grant, but I keep getting an "Error" message. Is there a different link I can use?

Answer: Try clearing your cache or using another browser

Day posted: 2/27/2026

Question: Could you please advise whether electronic signatures are acceptable for submission, or if all signatures must be physically signed and uploaded?

Answer: Electronic or we signature are acceptable.

Question: Is there an approximate number of students ICJIA would prefer a grantee reach during the grant term? **Answer:** No, the students you serve are based on your program.

Questions: Is ICJIA hoping to see more one-time events or bullying intervention series?

Answer: Funding for this program is contingent upon inclusion and approval in the State Fiscal Year 2027 budget by the Illinois General Assembly.

Question: Number of educational sessions conducted (raw number) – for this question are you looking for a grand total of sessions administered. For example: Program A 1x per week for 30weeks= 30 educational sessions; Program B 1x per week for 30 weeks = 30 educational sessions; TOTAL 60 educational sessions.

Answer: Yes, this measure requires the total (grand total) number of educational sessions conducted during the reporting period.

Question: If we currently have an active R3 grant which is scheduled to end in June 2026, are we still eligible to apply for this anti-bullying grant?

Answer: Yes

Question: For Goal 3 and Goal 4, there are XX's listed before each objective. Does this mean that we have the option to either keep or remove these objectives, and should we simply delete the "XX" without adding any numbers if we plan to keep the objective?

Answer: DO NOT delete any of the objectives. Add numbers or percentages where applicable.

Question: For the Performance Measures column for Goals 1 through 4, should we leave that column as is, or should we enter a specific number or percentage to reflect our program-specific projections for each performance measure?

Answer: The XX's require you to enter the numbers or percentages.

Day posted: 2/6/2026

Question: Can schools directly apply for this grant, or if an agency had to apply?

Answer: schools can apply.

Question: When downloading the Uniform Application Word document from the AmpliFund portal, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Completed Section of the Uniform Application is blank. Should we complete that section based on the information provided in the NOFO, or should we leave that section of the application blank?

Answer: Complete the grantee section of the application

Question: I reviewed the link provided by ICJIA for this grant opportunity and am wondering if a municipal police agency is eligible to apply?

Answer: Municipal agencies are not eligible to apply.

Questions: can community-based programs that provide prevention services in other settings also apply?

Answer: Community based organizations can apply.