

TAP Accelerator: Upskill-Backfill – Q&A (as of 1/17/2017, 11:00am)

Q: How long after the Letter of Intent (LOI) 1/20/17 deadline will organizations be contacted by the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County (WDC) in regard to their LOI?

A: All parties submitting a LOI received by the 1/20/17 5:00pm (PST) deadline will be contacted by the WDC no later than 5:00 pm (PST) on Friday, January 27, 2017.

Q: Could you let us know if funds can be used for covering the cost of instruction or assisting with tuition?

A: The reference to funding specifics in the RFP is on page 6, “TAP Accelerator: Upskill-Backfill funding is not intended to create a stand-alone, add-on, or a side program. It is catalyst funding for local partnerships to create structural change and permanent capacity increases sustained through their preexisting funding streams. The local partnerships will use the funding to make the project an integrated and routine part of the workforce system for job seekers and business customers.”

Q: Will the Seattle-King County WDC work with all parties who submit an LOI or is the LOI used as a screening process that effectively becomes a preliminary stage of deciding what proposals will be advanced and submitted for project funding for the TAP Accelerator grant?

A: The WDC will review all LOIs and screen for RFP requirements and concept description. Organizations/partnerships who both meet RFP requirements and present compelling project descriptions will be considered for proposal development.

Q: If a project is not chosen based on the LOI, does this process have the same transparency in terms of the decision-making process for which projects are chosen as is included in the RFP for the actual grant?

A: All parties who submit a LOI will be contacted regarding the WDC’s acceptance or non-acceptance of their concept.