1. RFP Page 27, Budget Narrative
   **QUESTION:** Do indirect costs have to be taken out of the grant?

   Yes, Administrative and indirect cost rates for non-profits are to be handled according to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards and in accordance with the governing authority of that specific non-profit.

2. RFP Page 27, Budget Narrative
   **QUESTION:** Do administrative costs have to be taken out of the grant?

   Yes, Administrative and indirect cost rates for non-profits are to be handled according to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards and in accordance with the governing authority of that specific non-profit.

3. RFP Page 29, Form B
   **QUESTION:** On Form B, there is no line item for equipment. Can we add it or is equipment not allowed?

   Equipment is not allowed.

4. RFP Page 27, Budget Form
   **QUESTION:** Budget forms (p.30) under the budget overview section, The second sentence states, "This overview must address all components (a-e). However, on Form A budget overview p.31, there are only a-b. I am correct in only answering a-b, because there is no a-e.

   Please answer a-b.

5. RFP Page 3, Section 1. Mississippi Board of Education Program Purpose and Goals
   **QUESTION:** Since the grant's primary focus is on combating Covid-19, should we focus our needs assessment more on the districts actual need for a nurse in general or more on the Covid numbers and its affect on our schools?

   The focus should be on combating Covid-19.
6. **RFP Page 4, Section 5. Formatting Directions**

**QUESTION:** There is a discrepancy on pages 4 and 18 of the school nurse grant. Page 4 says the narrative portions of the proposal shall not exceed 3 pages. Page 18 says the narrative portions of the proposal should not exceed 15 pages. According to this grant, districts will not get answers to our questions until March 5. That does not give enough time to add or take away 12 pages from the grant and get it in the mail to reach Jackson before the deadline. Please give clarity.

The narrative portions of the proposal shall not exceed 3 pages, Times New Roman 12-point font double spaced on white 8.5” by 11” paper with 1” margins on all sides on portrait setting.

7. **RFP Page 3, Section 2. Eligibility Criteria**

**QUESTION:** Our district hired a full time nurse position at the beginning of 2020-2021 specifically because of COVID concerns. Are we eligible to apply for this grant so that we can continue offering that position in 2021-2022?

Please see eligibility criteria on RFP Page 3, Section 2.

8. **RFP Page 3, Section 2. Eligibility Criteria**

**QUESTION:** Can we apply if we already have a MS state nurse grant?

Please see eligibility criteria on RFP Page 3, Section 2.

9. **RFP Page 11, Section 15. Grant Period**

**QUESTION:** Is this a one time grant for 14 months?

A subgrant award is made available for an approved project period from May 2021 – September 30, 2022.

10. **RFP Page 11, Section 15. Grant Period**

**QUESTION:** This is a one-year grant, correct?

A subgrant award is made available for an approved project period from May 2021 – September 30, 2022.

11. **RFP Page 3, Section 2. Eligibility Criteria**

**QUESTION:** Under the General Information, Section 2. Eligibility Criteria section, it states “Establish a need for a School Nurse program” and “Demonstrate the ability to implement a School Nurse program”. If a district already has a school nurse program but would like to add a nurse with the primary focus to combat COVID-19 as well as help provide other nursing care and health education, are they eligible for this grant?

Please see eligibility criteria on RFP Page 3, Section 2.
12. **RFP Page 3, Section 1. General Information**

**QUESTION:** Can this grant be used to pay the salary of an existing nurse if the district's school nurse program is already existing or would this be for adding additional nurses to make the existing program stronger?

*The grant can be used to hire a new school nurse or an existing school nurse.*

13. **RFP Page 3, Section 1. General Information**

**QUESTION:** Is this grant intended to add an additional school nurse to a district or to pay the salary of a nurse already in place?

*The grant can be used to hire a new school nurse or an existing school nurse.*

14. **RFP Page 3, Section 1. General Information**

**QUESTION:** Can we use the grant money to pay a nurse who is already with the district?

*The grant can be used to hire a new school nurse or an existing school nurse.*

15. **RFP Page 3, Section 1. General Information**

**QUESTION:** With the ESSER Grant can it be used for an already in place School Nurse or does it have to be a "New Hired" School Nurse?

*The grant can be used to hire a new school nurse or an existing school nurse.*


**QUESTION:** The instructions indicate (on page 15) we are to align our activities with Mississippi’s College and Career Ready Standards. What is an example of this? Please elaborate.

*An example would be creating activities that would keep students on campus and in class, thus reducing missed instructional time.*

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

17. **QUESTION:** Is there a limitation on the number of grants a school district can apply for?

*Yes, 2 per school district.*

18. **QUESTION:** Our district now employs one nurse that services all six schools. Can we apply for more than one nurse?

*No.*

19. **QUESTION:** Does this have any potential to be seen as supplanting?

*The RFP is clear and concise, the district must comply with this grant like they would any other federal grant.*
20. **QUESTION:** How many nurses are needed?

   *Each school district will have their own needs based on their assessments.*

21. **QUESTION:** How many school districts will the nurses be working in?

   *Each school district will have their own needs based on their assessments.*

22. **QUESTION:** What qualifications does the school nurse need? (RN, LPN, etc)

   *Each school district will have their own needs based on their assessments.*

23. **QUESTION:** Where is the school nurse data form found? I'm unable to find it in The Office of Healthy Schools section.

   *The form is located on the Office of Healthy Schools webpage under the What’s New tab.*

24. **QUESTION:** Is a private school eligible to apply for this grant?

   *No, however grantees are required to provide equitable services for private schools in their districts.*

25. **QUESTION:** Do we need to conduct another diligent search for private schools, or can we use the same search as for Title 1?

   *Each school district has the autonomy to conduct their own search.*

26. **QUESTION:** If we must do another search is it limited to K-12 schools?

   *Each school district has the autonomy to conduct their own search.*

27. **QUESTION:** Will the private school's allocation be based on their low income enrollment?

   *Low income is not a factor.*

28. **QUESTION:** If a private school chooses to participate and the eligible students reside in a different district, would we develop MOUs with that district? If so, what happens if they don't have the ESSER nurse grant?

   *Each school district will have their own best practices.*
29. **QUESTION:** If a private school chooses to participate would the nurse be required to go to the private school and serve the students there, or would the equitable services be limited to supplies and materials?

*Each school district will have their own best practices.*

30. **QUESTION:** Can the grant nurse(s) cover more than one school?

*This is a question must be answered by the school district.*

**NOTE:** This amendment is hereby made a part of the Mississippi Department of Education’s Request for Proposal ESSER I Nurse Grant (RFP). This document must be signed and returned with your response to the RFP to acknowledge that you received the amendment and that you have accounted for it in your response to the Request for Proposal.

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