

Frequently Asked Questions: Emerging Technologies State Staff Academy Grant

This document provides answers to submitted questions regarding [the Emerging Technologies State Staff Academy Grant RFP](#). For more information regarding application requirements for this RFP, please see the [grant guidelines and details](#) posted on the GO-Biz [website](#) under the Innovation and Emerging Technologies tab.

Questions and Answers:

1. **Q:** Funding Amount – What is the total amount available for this RFP?

A: The total available amount for this RFP is \$500,000. Applicants may submit proposals for less than that amount, but per the RFP, we will accept proposals scoped for projects up to the full \$500,000.

2. **Q:** Period of Performance – The RFP notes a performance period of 8/1/2026–2/26/2027. Is there any flexibility on the end date?

A: Yes, GO-Biz will accept project proposals that feature end dates later than the 2/26/2027 date included in the posted RFP.

3. **Q:** Reference Letters – The RFP requests two reference letters from partners who can speak to the quality of the applicant's programs. Is there any additional guidance on appropriate letter writers, as well as preferred length and formatting?

A: There is no additional guidance on the reference letters/letters of recommendation beyond the description in the RFP: "Two letters from entities or individuals with past experience participating in professional development offerings the applicant has hosted." Applicants are encouraged to submit letters from entities that can best speak to their ability to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. As noted on page 9, the entire proposal (including references) should be no longer than 15 pages, so letters of recommendation should fit within this limit.