

Connection Point Information Session Q&A:

1. What if your organization has an existing computer lab with outdated technology?

If the technology in your computer lab makes it inaccessible or unable to function as a connection point, we encourage the organization to apply. In the application narrative, describe the current technology and computer lab setup and what is needed to enable a fully functional Connection Point.

2. Are school districts eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 or other charitable organizations that have applied for and received a tax exemption. For a complete list of eligibility requirements, please see the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

3. Can the computers only be used for workforce related things?

The primary goal of the Connection Points Expansion Grant is to connect individuals to employment and training resources.

4. What is the grant timeframe?

The period of performance is six-months.

5. What are the reporting criteria?

The grant requirements include both financial and programmatic reporting. After the grantee has been informed of an award, these requirements will be discussed in greater detail during the grant orientation session.

6. Does the equipment have to be returned after the grant timeframe?

The return of equipment is not required at the conclusion of the period of performance.

7. Is it permissible to request personnel costs for the staffing of the center?

This grant does not cover the costs of staffing the center.

8. If I only serve senior citizens, will I have to open it to residents under 60?

Per the Notice of Funding Opportunity, eligible applicants must meet the requirement of “a physical location that is accessible to the public and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), in which the entity can provide in-person services.” We would require the Connection Point to be open to individuals of all ages.

9. We are outside of the priority area - Richland County. Can we still apply?

The entire state is eligible for this opportunity. However, applicants receive priority points for a proposed Connection Point that is physically located in Tier III and IV counties.

10. We are an institution of higher education with computer labs for students but none for the public. Can we still apply?

Entities that have an existing computer lab, or similar set-up in which the entity can establish a Connection Point, are ineligible to apply for funding. For a complete list of eligibility requirements, please see the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

11. If our organization serves multiple counties (2 priority counties, 1 non-priority county), should we do separate requests for each county or one request?

List in the application the physical location of the Connection Point, as well as the counties the Connection Point will serve. Applicants receive priority points for a proposed Connection Point that is physically located in Tier III and IV counties.

12. Where can we find the presentation? The Information Session presentation can be found at: <https://www.dew.sc.gov/connectionpoints>.