



Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc. (ACAM)
Request for Proposals
Next Generation of Youth (NextGen) Workforce Development Program
(RFP No. NextGen2)

FAQs

1. How many awards will be made?
The number of awards will be contingent on the quality and quantity of proposals received.
2. Is the expectation to enroll at least 90 youth between January-September and do all enrolled youth have to receive the 14 WIOA youth program elements?
Applicants should describe the current or proposed activities to enroll at least 90 youth for the project period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. Competitive proposals will describe the capacity to provide WIOA program elements both internally and through warm referrals.
3. Can multiple organizations collaborate and each provide partial services to meet requirements of the RFP?
Collaboration among community organizations and service providers is highly encouraged; however, vendor(s) may **not** subaward or subcontract for the delivery of services described in this RFP.
4. Can bank letters be submitted in lieu of bank statements?
Competitive proposals will include documentation verifying the organization has 90 days of working capital.
5. What is the maximum amount of money being awarded?
The maximum amount of available funding for this RFP is \$256,000.
6. Can youth enrolled in an internship simultaneously be eligible for work-based learning money?
Youth and young adults can participate in multiple services pending eligibility requirements. See Attachment 1. NextGen Collaborative WIOA Out-of-School Youth Services Guidelines for detailed information on eligibility requirements.
7. Is there a minimum benchmark of youth served by an organization that is important to ACAM?
Applicants should describe the current or proposed activities to enroll at least 90 youth for the project period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

8. Is it required to describe how the organization will verify eligibility of participants?
Competitive proposals will describe current or planned processes to comply with ACAM's program eligibility requirements.
9. Is an organization expected to cover all 6 counties served by the NextGen program?
Applicants are not required to have physical service sites in all six counties but must make services available to residents of Harris, Fort Bend, Waller, Brazoria, Galveston, and/or Montgomery Counties.
10. Does an organization need to set aside funds for youth incentives?
Funding is available for youth incentives as described in RFP Attachment 1. NextGen Collaborative WIOA Out-of-School Youth Services Guidelines.
11. Is the \$256,000 maximum amount for this RFP sourced from the larger \$2.5M contract amount?
The maximum amount of available funding for this RFP is \$256,000.
12. If multiple organizations receive partial awards, do they each need to serve 90 youth?
Applicants should describe the current or proposed activities to enroll at least 90 youth for the project period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.
13. Could one organization win the entire \$256K and would their target be 90 youth?
Applicants should describe the current or proposed activities to enroll at least 90 youth for the project period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.
14. Does our proposed cost per person need to cover payroll to the participant during their work-based learning internship or does Workforce Solutions/NexGEN [sic] have separate funds to pay them during this period? For example, will WFS cover \$10-\$15 per hour for up to 240 hours during the WBL or do we need to count this in our \$2300-\$2800 per participant?
Work-based learning pay must be included in the budgeted cost per participant.
15. Additionally, does WFS/NexGEN [sic] still cover the scholarship cost described in the RFP for certifications separately or is this included in our cost per participant?
Scholarships must be included in the budgeted cost per participant.
16. Besides the requirement of being an OSY, do participants have to meet all of the other criteria, such as Low-Income, Basic Skills Deficient and High Poverty Area?
Yes. See RFP Attachment 1. NextGen Collaborative WIOA Out-of-School Youth Services Guidelines for detailed information on eligibility requirements.
17. Is it a requirement that at least 20% of the budget be used to provide youth with paid and unpaid work experience that includes an occupational education component?
Yes, it is applicable to the NextGen program but not required of ACAM's individual vendor(s).