

Head Start and/or Early Head Start Grantee - Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and
Pickens Counties, South Carolina

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The following questions have been received as of October 18, 2013. The answers have been provided by the Office of Head Start.

Question: Do contractors have to provide matching funds?

Response: It is unclear what this question is asking. In the operation of a Head Start or Early Head Start program, Head Start regulations allow delegate agencies. In addition, programs may engage in partnerships with other entities in the community to provide services to children and families. In both cases, the grantee is responsible for the non-federal share match requirement.

Question: What is the indirect rate?

Response: Indirect cost rate refers to the rate agreement established for the non-profit agency and approved by the cognizant Federal agency. An indirect cost rate should be used only when the applicant currently has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or another cognizant federal agency. Please see Section IV.2. Application and Submission Information, "Indirect Charges" for more information.

Question: What are the beginning and ending dates for the program?

Response: Per the grant forecast for the Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens Counties, South Carolina service area, the estimated start date is July 1, 2014. Per the funding opportunity announcement, *Section II. Award Information* the project period is for 60 months.

Question: Is there a time in business requirement to receive these funds?
Meaning, do we have to be in business for a year or more to qualify for the grant?

Response: Please see Section III.1. Eligible Applicants. ACF does not provide direct guidance or instruction in the development of an applicant's project design or in writing their applications. Applicants should use their best judgment in determining whether they are able to meet the requirements contained in the FOA, whether they are able to develop an application they believe to be responsive to the FOA and in designing and writing their applications. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by objective review panels using the criteria described in Section V.1 of the FOA. The review panels will use the FOA as their principal guidance available to them in the same way that it is the principal guidance for applicants.