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Successful Federal Grant Writing Strategies

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Our Mission

Empowering youth and young adults with skills to build and sustain healthy interpersonal and romantic relationships.



Behind the Curtain of Federal Grants

What you need to know to win



What do we Know About the HM/RF Grants



3 Main Funding Streams



Are You Even Eligible to Win?



Think of Grant Writing Like Building a House

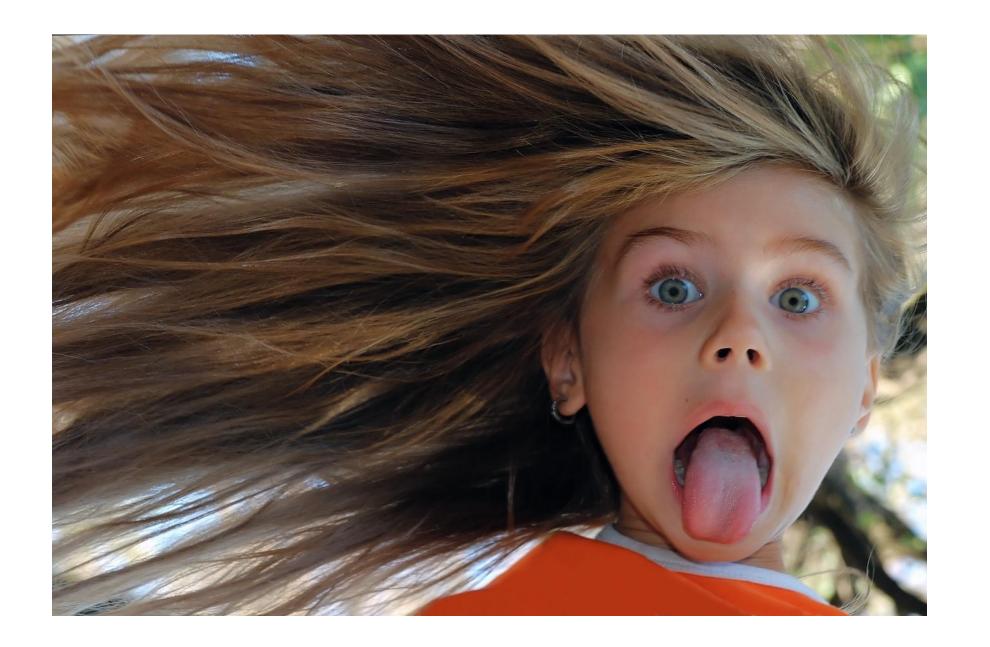


Do You Hire a Grant Writer?



Or Do You DIY it?





It's Okay to Be Overwhelmed

Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families

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Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (READY4Life) Modification

Announcement Type:

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Primary CFDA Number: Due Date for Applications:

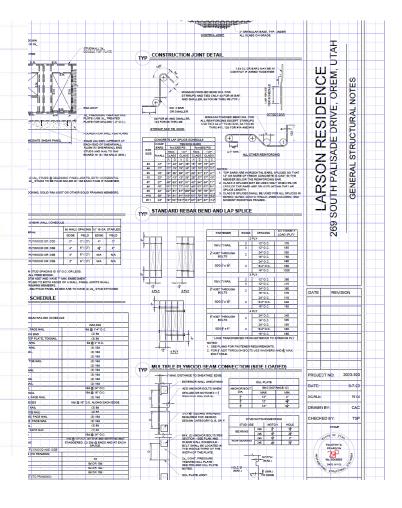
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Executive Summary

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Change Your Perspective

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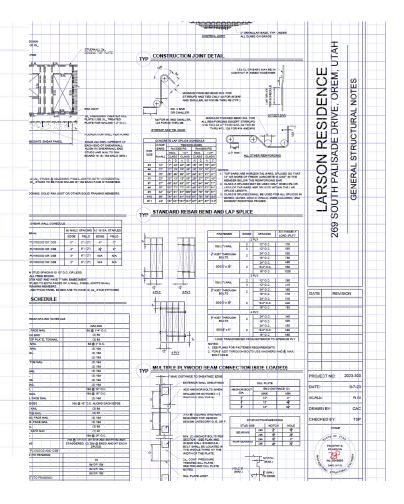
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Keys to Success

- Assemble a Team
- Follow the blueprint
- Use the right tools
- Take it one block at a time

Assemble a Team



Read the Grant/Blueprint

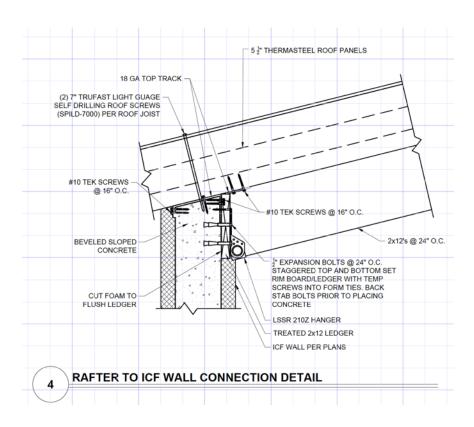
The Project Description and Section IV.2. The Project Budget and Budget Justification.

PROJECT APPROACH

Maximum Points:35

The applicant's overall proposed project design and approach will be reviewed and assessed by the following criteria.

- (1) The applicant demonstrates a clear, consistent understanding of the stated over-arching purpose of promoting healthy marriage and relationship education, including the specified activities.
- (2) The applicant clearly describes the target service area (the physical locations or proposed alternative geographic service provision approach) that aligns with the provisions of Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission, The Project Description, Geographic Location, and the compelling need for services (related to the objectives of the FOA) for the target population in the target service area that aligns with the provisions of Section IV.2. Content and Form of Application Submission, The Project Description, Need for Assistance, and describes how the proposed program will meet these needs.
- (3) The applicant provides a clear, detailed description and justification of the proposed project. The description includes a thorough description of the program model(s) and all curriculum(a) to be implemented, and a clear indication that curriculum(a) are in line with all standards. (See Section I. Project Description, Program Activities, Curricula.)
- (4) The applicant includes a clear description of how the activities to be included in the project and in the program model(s) align with the objectives of the FOA.
- (5) The applicant provides a reasonable rationale and/or research base for the program model(s) and curriculum(a) proposed including a clearly articulated justified, and well-documented



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Behind the Curtain Tip:

Make Life Easier for the Grant Reviewers



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Have Real People Review it Too



Behind the Curtain Tip:

Points Matter A lot



School of Hard Knocks



Your Project Summary Might Matter A lot







The (Preliminary) Healthy Marriage and Relationship Grant Toolkit

- HMRF slide deck from the Administration of Children's and Families Webinar
- Sign up for emails regarding HMRF updates
- Schedule a time to learn more about this funding
- Email us with any questions

Thank you for joining us today!

There is a brief survey after the end of this webinar. Thank you for providing us feedback by completing this survey.

Webinar will be available in 3 days:

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Second Wednesday Webinar

April 9, 2025

Project WITH

John Lewis

Able Works