Calming Space Round 2 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Can the funds be used to create a calming space for faculty and staff?
2. No, this space should be intentionally used for all students at a tier 1 level for self-management.
3. We are considering applying for the grant and we were hoping to use the grant for coping kits for all teachers and students. Coping kits would allow for students to have access to the self-management tools both at school, either at their desk or at the designated calm down area of each room, and at home. We were going to partner with an organization that has already done this: [https://www.catchiscommunity.org/coping-kits](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.catchiscommunity.org%2Fcoping-kits&data=05%7C01%7CKDERFP%40education.ky.gov%7Ce8d4d04a3d834fb39c4308db0ea30ec3%7C9360c11f90e64706ad0025fcdc9e2ed1%7C0%7C0%7C638119866591121351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5GJQW25ktyOcPl79UWk0FhPCK9EfExm6rZK2pFcMlyM%3D&reserved=0) .  Would calming kits meet the requirements for the grant?

A. Yes, those would meet criteria as they would count towards the development of a calming space in every room.

1. Does our proposed budget need to exactly equal $10,000.00?
2. Yes
3. Will we receive a copy of this presentation?
4. The recording of the webinar will be posted to the competitive grants page. A link to the slides will be in the schedule within the RFA.
5. Could we purchase individual items for all students, such as putty, stress balls, etc.?
6. Yes, if those items will be used by all students during the implementation of the calming space chosen by the school/district. The items must be targeted for calming activities and include some type of instructions for the students.
7. Can only one application be submitted per district?
8. Yes, each district may submit one application to serve between 1 and 4 schools.
9. Can funds be used to pay a stipend to a staff/aide/janitor to set up the classroom provided? Paint the room, assemble materials, and other setup since it will be during the summer?
10. Yes, the district must adhere to the board policy for paying stipends to staff.
11. If we do a joint application for a room and cart, do we mark room, cart and hybrid at the top of the application?
12. Only one option should be selected at the top of the cover sheet. If you are doing a room and a cart, select hybrid as your option.
13. Is there a +/- percentage that we need to spend to? Like 99% accuracy on cost of each specific line item? For example, if we say we are going to spend $32 an hour on PD for 20 teachers afterschool totaling $640.00, but we only train 15 teachers totaling $480.00, making the line item being spend at 75%, how will the remaining funds be spent? Will we send it back to KDE?
14. This grant is paid on a quarterly reimbursement basis. If your costs do not match the proposed budget and there are additional monies available, you would work with the program office contact, Heather Bushelman, to obtain prior approval for the expenditure of those funds. Then submit them for reimbursement.
15. We have a classified instructional assistant who we choose to pay from our SBDM budget to run our in-school support program for students struggling in the classroom. Could part of all of her salary be considered matching funds if she uses the calming room/spaces, along with the counselor, for part of her program?
16. No
17. Can the illustration of the design be an attachment?
18. No, the illustration/photos must be included in the narrative section of part 1. You may edit illustrations/photos as needed to fit the space allowed. But please ensure they are readable/visible for the reviewer(s) of the application.
19. Will the person who is implementing the grant, working with Heather, and providing the data back be paid through the grant funds or do we need to provide that as a match? If they work outside the school day, for example to hold a family or community engagement activity after school?
20. The RFA states paying for the salary of existing staff is unallowable.  However, staff should be compensated for work outside of their regular workday.

See question 10 in regards to using the salary of existing staff as match.

1. Will we be notified if other schools in our district applied?
2. If multiple applications from the same district are submitted, KDE procurement staff would notify the superintendent of multiple submissions and the superintendent would choose which application would be scored.  It is recommended that you address your intention to apply with the superintendent as soon as possible.
3. Is a prior district recipient of the Calming Spaces grant eligible to apply to serve a different school?
4. Yes, a previously awarded district may apply to serve new school(s) in Round 2. Schools awarded in round 1 cannot receive round 2 funds.