

Questions and answers for Women's Economic Security Act (WESA) and paid family and medical leave (PFML) engagement and education grant, fiscal-year 2025

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1. Q: Do you anticipate a separate round of funding for outreach and education on the PFML before the Jan. 1, 2026, effective date?

A: The current grants are what is available for funding and DLI comment on if funding will be available in the future. However, the Minnesota Department of employment and Economic Development is planning to issue PFML specific outreach grants to community organizations, but we do not know the timeline or when further details will be released.

2. Q: Are current grantees eligible to apply for further grant funds or do current grantees need to complete one before being eligible for additional funds?

A: The current grant ends on June 30, 2024, and the new grant starts on July 1, 2024. So, current WESA grantees are eligible to apply for this grant.

3. Q: Will DLI provide materials, such as brochures, or will the grantees need to develop materials?

A: DLI will provide materials such as brochures if requested by the grantee. Grantees can also develop materials, but it will require DLI review.

4. Q: Is exhibit C evidence of good standing from the request for proposals the same thing as a certificate of good standing from the Secretary of State's Office?

A: Exhibit C is a form in which the grantee will check whether they are in good standing with the Secretary of State's Office or not. DLI will check this during the risk assessment.

5. Q: Is there a specific dollar amount a grantee should apply for?

A: There is up to \$150,000 available for funding and DLI is looking to fund three to six grantees. The dollar amount requested should be based on the program activities the grantee would like to accomplish with this grant.