

Concluding Questions

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Q: In the consortium, the school board retains/hires/pays their adult ed staff from the allowed budget. However, each must pay a part of the directors salary (this will help the director's county from going over admin). We have roughly calculated that amount. So when the Fiscal agent takes the money out/or the partner counties give the money back (however it works), does the partner county have to allocate the 80 admin/20 instructional split in the budget. OR do we consider they are paying the director only the admin part of the job so they count all that money as admin.

A: In the consortium, the school board [FISCAL AGENT] retains/hires/pays their adult ed staff and the other school boards [MEMBER AGENCIES] retains/hires/pays their adult ed staff from the grant funds. The amount the total budget allocated for staff and other costs at each member agency is determined between the fiscal agent, in consultation with the director, and each member agency. The director (employed by the fiscal agent) has direct leadership over all staff and any staff may provide services at any site in the service area. The director's salary is part of the overall budget, which would be reimbursed by the fiscal agency. This grant is based on cost reimbursement, therefore, the budget is based on the total service area not the member agencies nor a smaller geographical area. Thus, the member agencies would not have an administration portion of their budget as an expense for the director.

Q: New Hires. If we are creating a new consortium where the separate school boards keep the staff under their umbrella for a specific county, those employees ARE NOT considered new hires under the new grant approved for the consortium. Just want to verify.

A: Correct, persons currently employed under these grant funds will not be consider a "new hire" if their current fiscal agent is awarded these grants via this RFA process and they retain their employment with the same fiscal agent.