**Questions and Answers- FY25 FC718 Supporting Arts & Cultural Vitality Teams**

**Returning School Questions and Answers**

**I would like for us to continue with the grant, but we don't have a performing arts director right now. Would it be possible for us to skip the year and apply for year 2 next year?**

Yes, schools and districts may skip a year of applying to the grant program and still qualify for the next fiscal year.

**Eligibility Questions and Answers**

**I am writing to formally request the detailed bid specifications for the \_\_\_\_\_\_Supporting Arts and Cultural Vitality Teams\_\_\_\_\_ Our company is keenly interested in participating in this procurement opportunity and requires the full specifications to prepare a comprehensive and competitive proposal.**

The named opportunity is a grant program in which all Massachusetts public school districts, charter schools, and collaboratives are eligible to apply. LEAs can have a single school or group of schools participate. Other organizations are not eligible to apply for this grant.

**I am submitting the LEA Access request form in hopes that our school can apply for a gem$ grant.  I believe we would fall under a collaborative of the XXX Public Schools.  Could you confirm this for me?**

Private schools are not considered collaboratives of the public school districts and are not eligible to apply for this grant.

**Application Process Questions**

**Other than having a district GEM$ account, is there anything we can do to prepare to apply for the grant prior to October 25 or is October 25th the date when all application information will be released? I did not see any applicants in the GEM$ system yet, so I assume that means that the application is not yet open. Am I correct?**

The grant application is currently open with a deadline of November 05th at 5:00 pm. Districts need the correct role assigned to them to see grants. They get assigned these roles from their district's GEM$ User Administrator.