VPA FAQ

1. How do we classify the region on the cover page?  Do we describe it by the cooperative region or …? For the sake of this RFA, region is meant to mean the educational cooperative that operates in your region. Information on this can be found at the following link: [KDE website, Kentucky Educational Cooperatives](https://education.ky.gov/comm/about/Pages/Kentucky-Education-and-Special-Education-Cooperatives.aspx)

1. We currently have an arts program at our school.  If it does not follow the defined components according to the statute, does that qualify us for the 5 points? Yes, so if you have an arts program at your school but it does not have those components as identified of a comprehensive arts program then you would qualify for the five points
2. For the 5-point special consideration, must a school not have any of the elements of a comprehensive arts program?  Yes, so this answer is similar to the one provided previously. So you may have an existing arts program but it may not be comprehensive as defined by the statute. In that case, you are eligible for that additional five points in this mini grant application. You can indicate that you need to have it on the application cover page where there is a specific question in bold at the bottom you either check yes or no. So again, yes if you have an arts program but it doesn't have all the parameters of a comprehensive arts program as identified by the statute then you are eligible for the five-point consideration.
3. Can funding be spent on media arts?  Yes, so in the definition of a comprehensive school arts program it says “may include but not limited to…” so funding can be used on media arts.

1. What are the start and end dates of the grant? Once the money is allocated the local school district they will be able to use those funds for the 20/21 school year.
2. So, the grant would cover professional learning in July 2020? Yes, if you look at the solicitation schedule it talks about June 15th of funding being available to the LEA so if that is part of what you are planning for the mini grant than you would be able to use the grant funds to cover professional learning in July of 2020.

1. Will a grant agreement be issued? An agreement will be issued between the Kentucky Department of Education and the local school districts in order disseminate funds to the district. After the agreement, the school district will work with the school to set up procedures to spend the grant.
2. On the District Budget Summary page, where it asks for Amount Budgeted and then Amount Matched, who would be matching? Is that referring to the district matching a grant amount? Yes, that question relates to matching done by the district or other entities.