

TOT RFP 2017-21 Q&A

1. I am writing to clarify that this grant opportunity is only for original TOT 2013 awards. Will there be a new TOT grant round for new applicants?

A1. This is a new RFP for all eligible School Districts for funding from 2017-2021

2. Can you please advise on the due date for the Letter of Intent on this grant? It is not stated in the notification.

A2. A letter of intent is not required for this grant

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A3. The 2017-21 TOT RFP is for all eligible applicant.

4. I am looking for the application narrative and don't see it attached. Where would I find this?

A4. The application narrative is a document prepared and submitted by the applicant. Please read section 14 of the RFP. It is not an attachment to the RFP
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/tot/tot.html>

5. We received a Grant alert regarding Teachers of Tomorrow which we are very interested in applying for, however the dates on Information provided keeps referring to deadlines in 2013. Can you please provide updated information if the application for this grant is still open for applications?

A5. <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/tot/tot.html>

6. The notification of TOT grant availability posted today on the NY Grants Gateway has a live link, but unfortunately the link goes to the 2013-2017 proposal. Do you know when the 2017-2021 RFP will be live?

A6. The new RFP for 2017-21 was posted to
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/tot/tot.html>

7. It's great to see the RFP notification go out about the Teachers of Tomorrow grant on Grants Gateway. However, the link from Grants Gateway doesn't go to an SED page that contains updated application information. Could you provide the correct URL?

A7. <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/tot/tot.html>

8. I am from an 853 school. I am curious if we are eligible to apply for this grant- as I see it shows "districts" may apply. We are significantly impacted by teacher turnover and retention- especially as our schools generally do not have the level of compensation as public districts. We have had 19 teachers leave this year- most of whom went to districts or BOCES attracted by higher compensation and benefits. I strongly advocate for the 853 group of schools to be eligible for application as it would greatly enhance outcomes for children with special needs.

A8. 853 Schools are not eligible for this grant as they are operated by private agencies and provide day and/or residential programs for students with disabilities.

9. Thank you for providing the list of low-performing schools so it's clear which schools are eligible in this category. Can you also provide a list of SURR schools since these schools receive priority for funding? Or provide a link to a list of SURR schools?

A9. <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/schoolsanddistricts.html>

10. On page 6, the RFP states that preference will be given to low-performing schools that are "designated as teacher and/or subject shortage areas." How does a school get "designated as a teacher and/or subject shortage area?" Can you provide a list of those designated schools?

A10. Schools are designated as teacher and /or subject shortage areas when the district and/or school reports a grade/content areas shortage of certified teachers in the prior school year and a projected shortage in the current school year. Please refer to Attachment of the RFP for a link of designated schools.

11. We see the page count and font size requirements. Are there also page margin requirements?

A11. No there is no margin requirements.

12. Is this Grant inclusive of Pre-K Special needs teachers?

A12. Yes, if they satisfy the requirements under eligible applicants in the program category.