

Ready for Pell

RFP Webinar & Applicant Q&A

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Ascendium Education Group

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About JFF

Our rapidly changing economy demands skilled and adaptable workers. But too many people lack the education and training employers require.

JFF is a nonprofit, transforming our nation's workforce and education systems to accelerate economic advancement for all.

ABOUT ASCENDIUM



Ascendium invests in initiatives designed to increase the number of students from low-income backgrounds who complete postsecondary degrees, certificates, and workforce training programs, with an emphasis on first-generation students, incarcerated adults, rural community members, students of color, and veterans.



Rebecca Villareal Director – Education Philanthropy

Leading Ascendium's Education Philanthropy team to elevate opportunities for learners from low-income backgrounds so they can better achieve their postsecondary educational and career goals.





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Initiative Overview

- Designed to strengthen post-secondary education programs in prison and support readiness for Pell implementation
- Grantees receive support and funding:
 - Cohort-wide and tailored technical assistance from <u>JFF</u> and initiative partner CSG Justice Center and connections to other leaders in the field of higher education in prison, including impacted individuals
 - Funding to build capacity for program development and Pell administration
- Third party evaluation with three components implementation, impact and student experience will inform grantees practice and share lessons learned with the field. The evaluator will be selected on or before December 3, 2021.



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Application Highlights

Eligibility – Individual Institution

Title IV eligible institutions that do not <u>currently</u> administer Pell in the postsecondary education program <u>in the prison</u>

Expected number of Grantees

- 20-30 institutions
- Includes the individual colleges included in the system's cohort

Proposal Length

- 10 pages
- Double spaced

Eligibility – Postsecondary Systems

Community college and four-year college or university systems office with a minimum of two institutions that meet the institution eligibility requirements

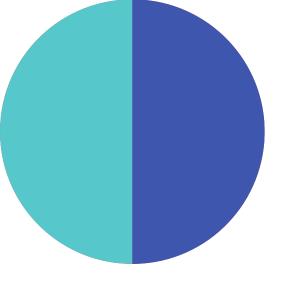
Funding Range

- Up to \$100,00 \$125,000 for individual colleges
- \$50,000 for college systems to support a coordinating function
- Funding amount can be used over two years

Project Duration

- Two years
- December 2021 December 2023





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Application Timeline

Proposals Due

Submit proposals to

AskReadyForPell@jff.org

Decisions Announced

Award and declination notices distributed to applicants

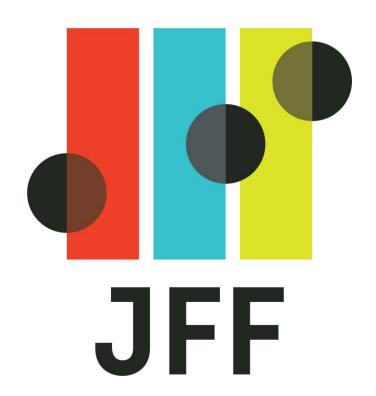


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Q&A

All questions are welcome!

Please type your questions in the chat



For more information, please visit our web page, or reach us at

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