

FY26 OST Office Grant Accountability Review and Scoring

To better recognize organizations that meet and exceed OST compliance requirements, the OST Office has adjusted the Accountability Review performance levels and scoring ranges for the FY26 grant period. As in previous fiscal years, the overall accountability rating and associated performance level is determined via a calculation of all compliance deliverables and requirements, which are listed below. The following table outlines the changes from FY24/FY25 to FY26, most notably the addition of the “High Performing” performance level.

Performance Level	FY24 and FY25	FY26
High Performing	N/A	95% and Higher
Performing	90%-100%	85%-94%
Emerging	80%-89%	75%-84%
Progressing	70%-79%	70%-74%
Under Performing	Less than 70%	Less than 70%

The table below lists all requirements that are included in an organization’s Accountability Review. Within each category, items are listed from the highest weight (top of the list) to the lowest weight (bottom of the list). **Bolded items have priority points for organizations that exceed compliance requirements.** *Items marked with an asterisk (*) only apply to Year-Round grantees.* Please refer to the FY26 calendar to ensure that your organization is prepared for all Compliance Checks and OST Office grant deliverable / benchmark deadlines for FY26.

Compliance Category	Compliance Items (listed from highest weight to lowest)
Program Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve 85%+ of youth proposed in grant agreement • Provide 90%+ of program days proposed in grant agreement • Provide 90%+ of program hours proposed in grant agreement • Maintain Average Weekly Attendance of 85% or higher • Submit youth program attendance in Cityspan on weekly basis (monthly for one-on-one program models) • Meet percentage of Target Demographics of youth proposed in grant agreement
Administrative Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all required compliance meetings with GMS • Submit requested FERPA Consent documentation to OST Office • Ensure a Youth Match Rate of 85% or higher • Submit Mid-Year Progress Report in Cityspan by established deadline • Submit End-of-Year Progress Report in Cityspan by established deadline • Submit Summer Progress Report submitted in Cityspan by established deadline * • As necessary, upload Current Basic Business License to Cityspan prior to expiration date of current license
Personnel Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload to Cityspan current and valid clearances/affidavits for all staff to Cityspan • Upload to Cityspan certification demonstrating at least one (1) certified Mandated Reporter per program site • Upload to Cityspan current certification demonstrating at least one (1) First Aid/CPR trained staff per program site • Ensure the number of verified background-cleared staff demonstrates an adult to youth ratio of at least a 1:15

Quality Assurance Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate youth survey once during the School Year by established deadline and ensure a minimum of 85% or more of eligible youth complete the survey • Facilitate youth survey once during the Summer by established deadline and ensure a minimum of 85% or more of eligible youth complete the survey • Register and attend a minimum of two (2) Special Population trainings during grant period • Register and attend PQA Basics or PQA Basics Plus Training • Submit PQA self-assessment by established deadline
Financial Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Invoice #1 to Grants Management Specialist by established deadline • Submit Invoice #2 and 25% spenddown to Grants Management Specialist by established deadline • Submit Invoice #3 and 60% spenddown to Grants Management Specialist by established deadline