Q1: How should CBOs determine the at-risk status of potential youth participants?

A. As stated in the RFA, at-risk is identified by legislation:

   As defined by the Fair Student Funding and School – Based Budgeting Amendment Act of 2013, Section 4 (a) (2A) “at–risk” means a DCPS student or a public charter school student who is identified as one or more of the following: (A) Homeless; (B) In the District’s foster care system; (C) Qualifies for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; or (D) A high school student that is one year older, or more, than the expected age for the grade in which the student is enrolled.

   CBO’s will need to explain how they are collecting the information that shows the youth fit the at-risk determination.

Q2: I see in the RFA that 1) the grant and program period are from June 6, 2022 through September 30, 2022. 2) the project is to pair adult mentors with youth mentees that meet regularly for a minimum of 13 weeks and 3) awards will be announced in August 2022. So just to clarify, does the $500,000 have to be spent by September 30, 2022?

A: No. The OST Office anticipates awarding one grant up to $500,000 with the potential for funding to be continued into fiscal year 2023.