## CRITICAL DATES FOR THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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| **Dates** | **Events** |
| **July 2022** | RFP is posted at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/Grants> & [ACLS Funding Opportunities](https://www.doe.mass.edu/acls/rfp/)  |
| **September 2022** | Virtual Bidders’ Conferences:**Thursday, September 8, 2022, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.** Join Zoom Meeting<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82949106766>Meeting ID: 829 4910 6766**Friday, September 9, 2022, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**Join Zoom Meeting<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678211126>Meeting ID: 826 7821 1126  |
| **September 2022** | Submit an optional **Letter of Intent** (for planning purposes only, but strongly encouraged) in the [letter of intent portal](https://webportalapp.com/webform/fy2428_lettterofintent) by **Friday, September 30, 2022.**  |
| **July - October 2022** | All inquiries must be submitted in writing to [question portal](https://webportalapp.com/webform/fy2428rfpquestion). Q&A with answers to inquiries will be posted to [ACLS Funding Opportunities](https://www.doe.mass.edu/acls/rfp/) on the ACLS website. The deadline for applicant submission of questions is **Friday, October 7, 2022.**Requests for assistance with submitting inquiries or locating the Q&A may be directed to the ACLS receptionist at **(781) 338-3850.** |
| **October 24, 2022** | Grant application must be submittedbefore or on **Monday, October 24, 2022, by 5:00 p.m.** in the [AECI RFP submission](https://webportalapp.com/appform/fy2428aecirfp) portal.  |
| **November – December 2022** | Applications will be reviewed, including a review by local workforce development boards for alignment with *local plans*.  |
| **January 2023** | **Notice of Intent to Award** (the initial posting of successful applicants[[1]](#footnote-2)) is posted. This notification is not the final list of grantees. The final list will be posted to the ACLS and Grants websites when all data is verified, and appeals are decided. **Applicants should not obligate funds based on this list.** Applicants receive award letters with instructions on how and what information to enter in EdGrants. Agency review of award decisions must be submitted within 30 days of the Notice of Intent to Award issued by ACLS.  Requests for appeals should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner’s Office. |
| **February 2023** | Final list of grantees posted. |

1. Applicants must be legally constituted and qualified to conduct business in Massachusetts. ESE reserves the right to evaluate applicants through a site visit prior to issuing a Grant Award Notification (GAN). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)