# Supporting Arts & Cultural Vitality Teams - FY26

# Grant Questions and Answers

## Do you happen to have a recording of the information session that you could share?

While a recording is not available, all information shared during the session comes directly from the [Supporting Arts and Cultural Vitality Teams RFP](https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2026/0718/), and the [ACV Index webpage](https://www.doe.mass.edu/instruction/arts/acv-grant.html) on the DESE website, and the slideshow used is also linked on the website. Any questions asked by participants during the sessions are posted with DESE’s answers within this document linked on the DESE website.

## Can you explain how I should use the Fund Use tiers to determine the number of review team members I need for my application?

The Supporting Arts & Cultural Vitality Teams FC718 RFP states:

*If schools are conducting individual, separate reviews:*

* *A minimum of 3 team members must participate*
* *Up to 5 team members for any school with <800 students*
* *Up to 10 team members for any school with >800 students*
* *Up to 10 schools in the district may participate*

*If conducting a review at the district level:*

* *A minimum of 8 team members must participate*
* *Up to 20 team members for any district with >6,000 students*
* *Up to 15 team members for any district with 2500–5999 students*
* *Up to 10 team members for any district with <2500 students*

The number of review team members an applicant should list is based on the specifics of their grant proposal. For instance, a very large district may want to involve more review team members than a small one. Or, for schools conducting individual reviews, the application will include an appropriate number of team members for each participating school and therefore will need a larger number of team members than a single school submitting a grant application.