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Questions and Answers

All questions asked in chat and via the Q&A box during the live January 12, 2026 webinar are copied below. Any questions answered live may include additional references or clarification. If you have any other questions, email the CLIR Grants team at hiddencollections@clir.org.

Q: Are there any restrictions on purchase or use of relevant technologies for projects?

A: As for expenses for your project, these should have already been included in your budget, which was approved by our review panel when you were awarded your grant. As always, you should check the [allowable and disallowed costs in the Application Guidelines](#) if you have any questions about what expenses are allowed in this regranting program.

Q: When will the funding be disbursed? Is it disbursed in installments?

A: The funding is disbursed in a single payment and you should have received it prior to the start date of the project. If you have not yet received your full award please contact us at the hiddencollections@clir.org email. If you're at a large institution you may also want to check with your funding department in case the funds have been received but they haven't yet notified you.

Q: Could you please share what the biggest changes are from previous years in the reporting?

A: We haven't had big reporting changes in the past few years with this program.

Q: Are the grant interest funds returned?

A: Currently, interest is included as part of CLIR's Returned Funds Policy, but this policy is currently under review. Under the current policy, all unspent funds, including interest, in amounts greater than \$100, must be returned to CLIR. You can spend interest on direct costs related to the project. If there are any updates during the course of your grant, we will notify you and supply you with a different budget detail that removes it from reporting. You can find the current returned funds policy on [CLIR's policy page](#).

Q: For the budget reallocations, is the 5% guidance on needing prior approval or not a cumulative one or is it per reallocation?

A: It's 5% of the total budget of your project and yes, it is per reallocation. You may end up needing multiple reallocations approved. If it is 5% or more of your total budget, you need to get prior approval before funds are spent differently than outlined in your approved budget.