1. **What is the basis of the grant funding at this time?**
The funds were made available to foster collaboration and mutual respect between the Village of Yellow Springs and Antioch College and engage the students, in alignment with the requirements of the funding endowment.

2. **Can nonprofit organizations who aren't slated for any Area of Practice (AoP) participate?**
Yes, as long as reasonable affiliation or connections exist.

3. **What if the project extends across more than one AoP -- which Encore Miller Fellow is the contact?**
Contact one of the Encore Miller Fellows associated with the associated AoPs and they will advise the others.

4. **Will this require more work of me with an already heavy load?**
The collaborative projects are not intended to create additional work but to address needs that your organization is currently addressing or is planning to address in collaboration with other organizations and the community. Additionally, sharing responsibility across organizations, including the Student Miller Fellows, is part of the intent.

5. **How do we decide who leads the project?**
The lead on the grant is one (or more) fiscally responsible nonprofit(s); project leads should be determined based on project needs. We recommend discussing with the project group and Encore Fellow, coming to agreement prior to submittal.

6. **What role should Student Miller Fellows play? (“educational content”)**
Student Miller Fellows should assist with writing the RFP and have involvement in the project planning process, project budget, and a role in the project, etc. These funds are made available to support student engagement.

7. **Can someone help w/ Student Miller Fellow training, etc.?**
Potentially, Encore Miller Fellow(s) may be able to assist, yet it is expected that the project team would engage the students in a way that enriches the experience.

8. **Can a grant fulfill part of a larger grant sought from another foundation?**
Yes, this is encouraged.

9. **Can the grant fund something that is already in motion?**
Potentially; the YSCF grant policy is to fund new projects, so the circumstances will need to be reviewed. Contact the Encore Miller Fellow to review.

10. **Are there other specifics that would be helpful to include?**
Participating organizations' mission, vision, and link to website.

11. **Who receives the check? How are grant monies distributed?**
YSCF Board of Trustees make the final decision regarding grant awards and distribution. You may make a recommendation in your proposal. If more than one organization will share expenses during the project, the grant award may be distributed. The grant process is aligned with typical grants through YSCF.
12. **How is Antioch College involved in approval process?**
   Any grant that involves AC must get approved by the current AC approval process, this includes the Collaborative Community Miller Grants Proposals.

13. **What if a proposal is put forward by a non-convener or Student Miller Employer?**
   The YSCF will review and consider the circumstance having the final determination.

14. **As the YSCF Grants Review Committee (GRC) will be reviewing and recommending awards, what are the YSCF Grants Review general guidelines?**
   The following are the published GRC grant making norms

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**YSCF Grant Norms for Grants Review Committee (GRC)**

*January 2019*

**A. Grant Funding Principles**

1. **What We Fund (for GRC and public/grant writers)**
   a. Core to YSCF and GRC grant funds:
      i. Arts
      ii. Environment
      iii. Education
      iv. Community
      v. Seniors
   
      vi. Town/gown collaboration
      vii. Farmland preservation
      viii. Affordable housing
      ix. Social justice – food insecurity
      x. Health & wellness

   b. Per YSCF articles of incorporation, generally, to assist, encourage, and promote the well-being of the citizens of the Village of Yellow Springs and Miami Township.

   c. Generally, we prefer to fund a variety of projects or needs within the Village and Township, such that the same 501(c)(3) organizations are not getting all or most of the grant funds every year.

   d. Collaborations on projects or initiatives among local organizations is highly encouraged and can give the grant request more weight than those that serve a small population or one organization; collaborative grants participants do not count against “c” noted above.

   e. Capacity building grants (computers, software, etc.) that are generally one-time requests.

2. **What We Generally Do Not Fund (for GRC and public/grant writers):**

   a. Projects that are narrowly focused in impact and number of participants
   b. General organizational operations and ongoing programs
   c. Individuals (for personal benefit)
   d. Operational deficits or reduced or lost funding
   e. Sectarian activities of religious organizations
   f. Scholarships and travel grants (high school scholarships administered per designated funds)
   g. Annual fundraising drives, ceremonies
   h. Hospitals and universities for internal programs
   i. Matching grants (unless local dollars are needed to fulfill a condition for a state or federal grant)
   j. Multi-year or large-dollar requests (unless they are Grants Committee and Governing Board initiatives)
   k. Publications, including books, reports, research papers