

WFD-27.1 Questions and Responses
6/26/2026

Below are questions received in response to RFP WFD 27.1 -- FabVille Lab Manager

1. Can you please share any presentation slides from the optional info session for this RFP?

Yes, the presentation slides have been posted online:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/somervillema-live/s3fs-public/RFP-WFD-27.1-fabville-information-session.pdf>.

2. This RFP is for one year. Is there any way we could propose a multi-year program for FabVille? Programming with City and community groups like the Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs would be able to develop more naturally along with the needs of individual communities served by SOIA. Capacity building would be smoother and more straightforward/less choppy. FabVille's offerings could expand back out to locations like West Branch Library during the summer.

3. What does the City of Somerville see Fabville providing in the next five years? Could a multi-year Grant better suit these goals for A2 and the City?

(Answers to Q2-Q3).

The City of Somerville sees a continued commitment to Fabville for the next five years, recognizing the important role Fabville plays for youth and adult programming during the school year. There continues to be interest in growing the program from the City and Schools, but the City of Somerville is facing at least 3 years of constrained budgets, and so growth beyond the current budget would require creative thinking on program pricing with the Fabville manager and/or seeking outside grants.

At this point, a single year grant is what has been approved for FY27. Staff will take it under advisement and explore if a multi-year award could be issued starting in FY28. For some context, a multi-year contract is limited to 3-years, with years 2 and 3 set up as "options to renew" that must be agreed to by both the City and grantee annually. The budget appropriation is also made each year, so the funding cannot be guaranteed in a multi-year contract. What would be guaranteed is the award for years 2 and 3 with no need to redo all the grant award materials.

4. Is the City open to starting the grant before September first so that we could apply admin time into professional and curriculum development during August?

The City is open to the grant term starting prior to September 1st; however, this early start date is dependent on the vendor promptly supplying all necessary documentation to execute the grant agreement.

5. Could we theoretically reallocate the \$5k of materials and maintenance into other parts of the project? Perhaps \$3k would be more appropriate as \$5k can be hard for us to shoulder and wait for reimbursement. Would it be possible to reabsorb the 5k into the general budget and allocate programing and admin hours?

The City would be amenable to reallocating up to \$2,000.00 from the materials and maintenance budget to the administration budget. This \$2,000.00 would be the maximum allowance for administration needs in August 2026.