



BOOST Grants Program.

**Grantee Orientation
Session #1**





WELCOME!

*on behalf of GSAN and our partners
at GaDOE!*

The BOOST Journey

Innovative collaboration features 104 grantees in Year 1:

- 100 community-based grantees
- 4 state-wide grantees



Featured GSAN Staff for BOOST

- Katie Landes, GSAN Director
- Jed Dews, Associate Director, BOOST Grants Program
- Tyiska Demery, Senior Quality Specialist
- Marcus Laing, Communications Specialist



Housekeeping For Today's Session

- Q&A feature vs. chat -- Please use the Q&A feature of Zoom today!
- Session is being recorded; may be streamed on-demand and link provided in follow-up.
- You will receive the slides by the end of the week in a Grantee Update.
- Survey to tell us how we did is planned for orientation completion, but we welcome direct feedback at any time at boost@georgiavoices.org!
- Acknowledgement – not *all* info applies to *all* grantees (i.e., those that are already a state vendor). Also, statewide grantees will be invited to a separate conversation.



GSAN's Role in the BOOST Grants Program

GSAN is not the grant funder

GSAN is serving as the grant administrator and providing:

- Training for grantees
- Technical assistance for grantees
- Training for LEAs
- Oversight of BOOST program evaluation

Unique nature of Year 1 and the potential for Years 2 and 3

All requests for technical assistance and other administrative supports can go to boost@georgiavoices.org

Grantees may benefit from a number of GSAN's non-BOOST resources for OST as well!

Bottom line – we want to help you succeed!

- **Onboarding Process Updates**
- **Review of Key BOOST Resources**
- **Critical BOOST Reminders**
- **What to Expect**
- **Q&A**



Goals for Today



Onboarding Process Updates

Grantee Updates – accurate contacts are critical!

- Flow of information will decrease over time but TA will always be accessible
- Many details pending state confirmation, legal approval, or further review
- If we do not have an answer yet, we will soon! FAQ will be updated regularly.
- Please continue to bring concerns to our attention!

Building Knowledge and Relationships

- Networking opportunities planned
- Year 1 likely to be heavily virtual!
- Please share with us your events, media spotlights, and other ways we can get to know you! We welcome invitations to connect!



Onboarding Process Updates

- BOOST Media Kits available online until November 15, 2021.
- Use #GaBOOST when promoting your BOOST project!
- BOOST Grantee website coming soon with FAQ, GaDOE forms, links, and more!
- Use G·SAN's team as a resource when telling your stories!



Onboarding Process Updates

- **100%** of grantees have completed their Grantee Intake Form
- **93%** of grantees have submitted their W-9
- **85%** of grantees have submitted their Vendor Management Form in the correct format (if applicable)
 - Some challenges at State accounting may result in more work on these forms.
- To change contact information or update vendor paperwork, contact boost@georgiavoices.org (in the future, additional forms and resources will be available on the grantee website).



Grantee Awards

Reimbursable (may require 3 months of working capital)

- No date given yet on when portal will be open for reimbursement requests, but we anticipate November 2021
- At this time, the GaDOE has signaled to GSAN that receipt uploads will not be required, and, instead, grantees will need to submit expenditure reports, reflecting high-level line items, that reflect the amount being drawn down.
- Cannot submit reimbursement request more than monthly
- *Updates on timing of Grant Award Notices and specific language pending*

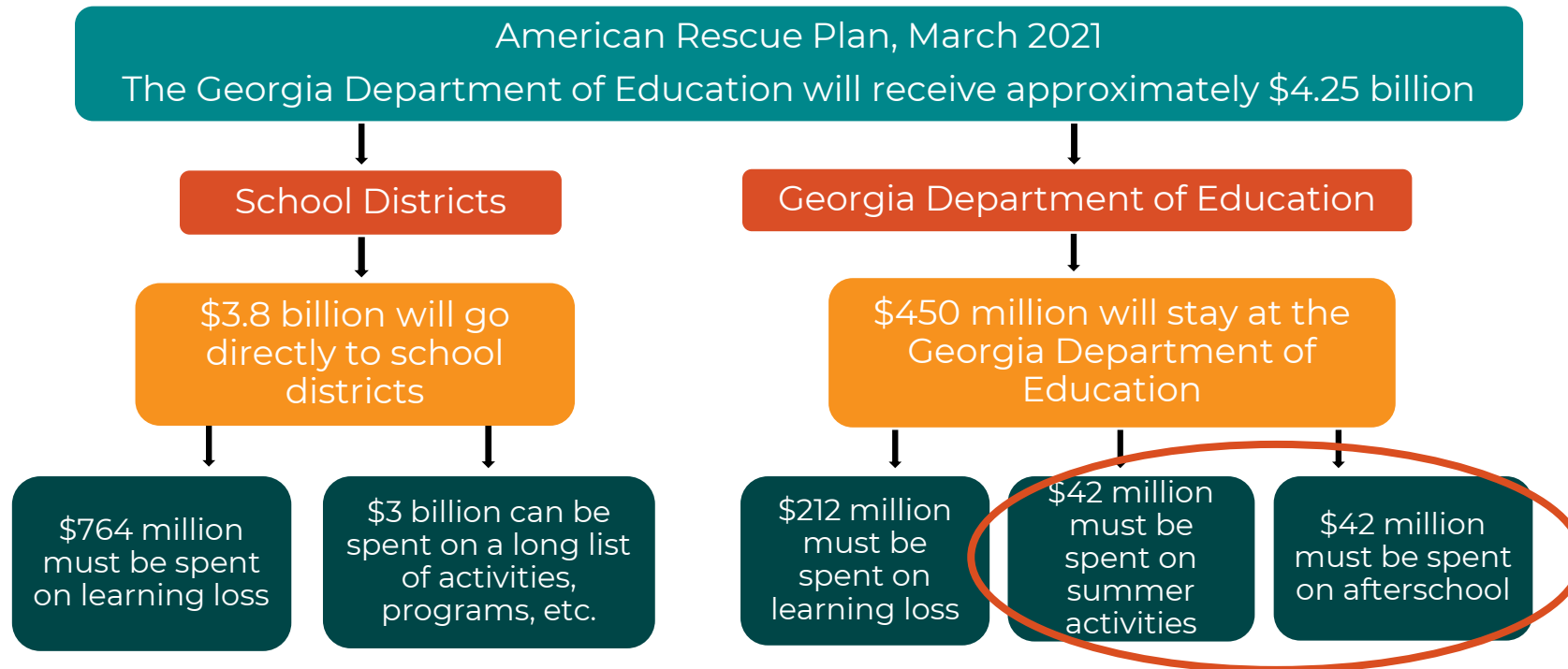
Allocations for summer and afterschool are fixed

- Cannot move funds between the two categories of funds





American Rescue Plan Act





Budget adaptations based on awarded amount

- Currently exploring the approval process with GaDOE
- Adjusting line items (removing, scaling up/down, adding) is to be expected
- Remember: Non-BOOST funds can and should be utilized to fulfill your program needs.

Project adaptations based on award amount or new information

- Currently exploring the approval process with GaDOE
- Adjusting service projections, sites, goals, or scope is to be expected
- Modifications cannot result in a violation of program requirements or assurances
- Modifications should not significantly alter the program's model/framework that was used to evaluate the application





Grant Periods (Updated and Adjusted from RFP!):

- Year 1: August 1, 2021-July 31, 2022
- Year 2: August 1, 2022-July 31, 2023
- Year 3: August 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

Renewal Requirements:

- Meet all required assurances (including compliance with any GSAN administrative requests, training requirements, and sound fiscal management)
- Demonstrate reasonable success (or clearly demonstrate knowledge of barriers that impeded success)
- Note: While GSAN intends to keep strict attendance requirements on its training offerings *to a minimum*, engagement at training will assist grantees with documenting their efforts to achieve a successful program.
- Document and provide narratives for any unmet goals or under-utilized funding



Other urgent items pending GaDOE review and confirmation:

- Liability insurance verification process
- Audit submission process
- Conflict of interest details and reporting
- “Fully operational” start date requirement



Review of Key BOOST Resources



- Purpose and required components (p. 2)
- Eligible expenses (not all-inclusive) (p. 4-5)
 - More details will be added to the FAQ as we have them.
 - GaDOE contact (Charmaine Simmons) will assist with expense questions.
 - Field trip reporting requirement! (p. 4)
 - Technology Request Form for technology supplies! (p. 4)
 - Capital Improvements Form! (p. 5)
- Reporting schedule (p. 6)
- Links for evidence-based strategy guidance (with more to come)!
- Program quality requirements (p. 10-11)
- Additional assurances (p. 11)

RFP

- Access to data and financials
- Safety and accessibility
- Fiscal controls and audits
- Liability
- Capital expenditures and asset maintenance
- Background checks
- Workplace policies (i.e., nondiscrimination, drug-free workplace)

**Grantees are BOUND by
this!**



GaDOE Program
Assurances for
Subgrantees



Grantees are **BOUND** by this!



GaDOE Conflict of Interest Policy

- Organizational conflicts
- Employee relationships
- Disclosures



Utilize
Existing
GSAN
Resources!

Website

Reports

Social
Media



Orientation

Session 2 registration links are live!

**Session 2: Vendor Readiness &
Reimbursements**

[Register for November 2 \(10 a.m.\)](#)

[Register for November 4 \(1 p.m.\)](#)

Remember: Only register for one occurrence of each session!



For Sessions 3 and 4, be sure you've saved the dates!

Session 3: Training and Technical Assistance

November 9 (10 a.m.) and November 11 (1 p.m.)

Save the date! Registration links coming soon!

Session 4: Data, Outcomes, and Collective Impact

November 16 (10 a.m.) and November 18 (1 p.m.)

Save the date! Registration links coming soon!



What to Expect



- **Training & Technical Assistance Plan** will include a mixture of required and optional training. Grantees will have an opportunity to suggest training topics!
- GSAN *will* maintain careful **training attendance records** in order to assist grantees with demonstrating engagement and effort.
- **Training cohorts** will be available and, in future funding years, customized one-on-one coaching.
- In addition to targeted training options, GSAN plans to make a variety of resources available to enhance and grow organizational capacity. Many statewide partners will be a part of this training and support team.



What to Expect.

- GSAN is also providing training and TA to LEAs in GA and will create opportunities to improve and expand provider-LEA partnerships.
- Do you have an existing partnership with an LEA that is working well? We'd love to have your voices in our conversations! Contact us at boost@georgiavoices.org!
- Due to the innovative nature of this grants program, GA is receiving much positive attention. GSAN will be inviting grantees to contribute their perspectives to potential case studies, white papers, and reports in the near future!



What to Expect.

- The BOOST Communications Plan will showcase a diverse sampling of grantee programs, and we welcome stories of impact!
- G·SAN can be a resource to you in your media interactions, organizational videos, reports, etc.
- Communications will support future sustainability efforts.



What to Expect.

- The reporting schedule is in the RFP, and we will notify you if that schedule changes.
- The FLUXX portal (used for applications) will also be used for reporting.
- Though not finalized, we anticipate requesting:
 - Number of youth served
 - Demographics of youth served with a focus on often underserved populations, including youth experiencing homelessness, youth in foster care, and English language learners
 - Program attendance
 - Dosage: Number of days and hours of programming offered
 - Types of programming and services offered, including learning acceleration, whole child supports, student well-being and connectedness, and enrichment
 - Youth satisfaction and sense of belonging
 - Grantee specific goals/outcomes as outlined in grant application



What to Expect.

- GSAN does not require you to use any specific data collection tool at this time.
- In Year 1, we will be exploring the potential of collective impact outcome measures for future funding years.
- GSAN will be engaging a third-party evaluator to assist with a comprehensive evaluation of the BOOST Grants Program. This may require some contributions from grantees, including potential interviews, surveys, and/or forms.



Q&A

