

Please Note: Now that we are moving into a more comfortable BOOST routine and have accomplished the majority of administrative tasks, Grantee Update messages will move to a biweekly schedule. Grantees can expect to receive an email **every two weeks** containing the latest information and updates regarding the BOOST Grants Program. Your next Grantee Update will arrive on May 9. We will continue to send the Training Update weekly for now, and, of course, we'll issue a special e-blast for any critical or time-sensitive news.

Take Action Summary!

- **Draw Down Grant Funds!**
 - **For afterschool-only programs, the clock is ticking to make your first drawdown of funds in year-one!** GSAN challenges all organizations to draw down at least 30% of their afterschool funds in Year 1, which means that we highly encourage everyone to submit their first invoice for reimbursement no later than **this month**. While GSAN is committed to rolling over funds for those who can demonstrate their reasonable efforts, failure to draw down sufficient Year 1 funds could impact Year 2 funding.
 - Are you making efforts to draw down your first invoice this month, but encountering barriers? It's not the end of the world! Try again in May! Just keep in mind the general expectation for 30% of afterschool funds to be spent by the end of Year 1, and keep us informed if you are encountering challenges.
- **Complete All Steps Required to Draw Down Funds:**
 - Check GSAN's BOOST [Budget Status List](#) **daily** to see if you have received the green light to submit your electronic budget in the MyGaDOE portal; we update the list around the close of every business day. Do not sign off on your electronic budget until then, but you can go ahead and build it. You will have the full green light when you have:
 - Received GSAN *and* GaDOE pre-approval on your budget plan; GSAN relays budgets to GaDOE on your behalf after we provide our pre-approval.
 - Submitted any applicable field trip or capital expenditure form(s) and received approval.
 - Uploaded all required documentation to show compliance with insurance requirements. *Note: Only the Coordinator role can upload insurance in the portal! The Superintendent does not have access to the upload.*
- **Reminder: Register for the 2022 ASYD Conference!**
 - [Registration for the Annual Afterschool and Youth Development \(ASYD\) Conference opened on April 11th, 2022.](#) **Please note that BOOST grantees have a special registration code designed to track organizational participation and offer free and reduced-price tickets.** Use this code when completing registration to receive your benefits: **BOOST2022**
 - The **BOOST2022** code **will give you \$175 off your ticket price. The early bird price is \$175 so if you register by May 31, 100% of your ticket will be paid for.** If you register after May 31, you will have to pay the difference of \$175 and the increased ticket price.
 - **We invite you to use this code twice per organization.** In other words, BOOST is providing you with \$175 off TWO tickets. Please do not use this code more than twice per organization and do not share it with anyone outside of your organization. If you would like to send more than two attendees, you are welcome to allocate BOOST funds for this purpose (if it is not already in your pre-approved budget, we can help you with a revision if you desire).
 - Remember, that **attendance at the 2022 ASYD Conference is required for all BOOST grantees.** You must send **at least one** individual to this conference.

Reminders & Updates

- **Year 1 Grantee Reports**
 - In addition to a simple budget report that will be completed for GaDOE in the MyGaDOE portal, BOOST grantees will provide their annual report to GSAN as we draw closer to the end of the Year 1 period. We will be requesting reports slightly differently than originally planned -- instead of collecting all reports at once, we'll be collecting afterschool reports first, followed by summer reports a few months later. **A report template, along with the exact dates for reporting, will be provided with the next Grantee Update.** We are also planning to issue the anticipated timeline for Year 2 funding recommendations and awards at the same time.
- **Summer Grantee Media Kit**
 - Due to recent changes with GSAN's SharePoint system we will unfortunately be unable to provide you with a clickable link to gain access. If you would like to receive a copy of the updated Summer Media Kit please email mlaing@georgiavoices.org and he will provide you a zipped file containing all newly developed traditional and social media assets.
- **Last Call to Register for the First BOOST Community Town Hall!**
 - The BOOST Team is hosting a series of bi-monthly, virtual town-hall-style meetings aimed at offering direct technical assistance and hearing directly from grantees. While we hope to answer many grantee questions on a live call, we also anticipate that town halls will help us to tell the story of your BOOST grant, what it means for your organization, and what exciting opportunities it has afforded or will afford to the youth you serve. **Our first Zoom-based BOOST Town Hall is being held on April 26th at 10:00 am.** Use this link to register: [BOOST Community Town Hall](#).
 - *Note that BOOST Town Hall calls are optional. No grantee is required to attend.*

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