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## BOOST Grants Program

Year 3

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*Check out our new year 3 format! We've made some changes to the BOOST grantee update to make it easier for you to find the information you need to manage your grant. Expect to see the BOOST grantee update during the third week of each month. Read more about each topic using the links below!*

### New Senior BOOST Program Specialist



GSAN is thrilled to welcome Justin Swartzwelder as our new Senior BOOST Program Specialist! Prior to joining Voices in 2023, Justin was the Program Director for the Youth Department at the Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS). During his time here, he oversaw a department of over 50 staff that directly supported hundreds of youth and families each year in their goals of academic achievement and self-sufficiency while tackling difficult issues, such as language barriers. In his new role, he will be responsible for



providing the BOOST grant program with critical administrative support within a federally-funded grant program in the areas of subgrantee technical assistance, budget management, and overall program management. Welcome to the team, Justin!

## Take Action



### **BOOST Town Hall Meeting (August 24, 2023 @ 11 AM)**

To kick-start BOOST year 3, we are hosting a BOOST grantee town hall. We are requesting that each BOOST grantee have at least 1 person from their organization present for this meeting. We will highlight important administrative updates, upcoming professional learning and quality supports for year 3, and also connect in real time with GSAN staff, GaDOE staff, as well as peers in the field. [REGISTER HERE](#) to reserve your spot in the Town Hall.

### **SUBMIT YOUR YEAR 3 AFTERSCHOOL BUDGET (DUE AUGUST 25, 2023 BY 11:59 P.M.)**

GSAN is now accepting BOOST 2023 afterschool budgets, and we request all budgets be submitted by August, 25, 2023. Our team has worked to improve the budget process, and we anticipate that the approva...

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### **Check Out and Download BOOST Year 3 Critical Administrative Dates**

Please use the [Year 3 BOOST Critical Administrative Dates](#) to review upcoming deadlines and other important dates. Take note of:

- Reporting dates
- Budget submission dates
- Final grant date for all invoice submission
- Townhall and Advisory Council Dates

Grantee updates will be provided monthly ; however, this calendar is your guide for important grantee administrative timelines and deadlines. Note: the timelines for summer reporting, funding, budgets, and approvals have been

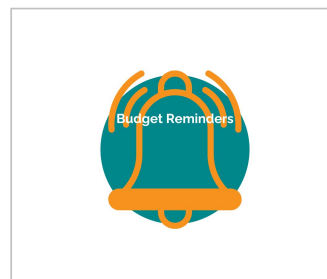
set! Please make note of these dates. More details will be forthcoming about specific events as the dates approach.

### **Budget Reminders**

Please consult the BOOST Implementation FAQ for more budgeting resources. Please also do not hesitate to schedule a technical assistance call with us if you require technical assistance for the budge...

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## Updates and Reminders

### **Scheduling Technical Assistance**

As a reminder, scheduling technical assistance with GSAN is now as simple as clicking a few buttons! Use the [online TA scheduling tool](#) to get connected with support on budgeting, invoicing, new hire orientations, quality supports, and more!



### **Year 3 Training Catalogue & Calendar**

Stay tuned for the BOOST Year 3 Training Catalogue and Calendar! This resource will provide a comprehensive listing of training and professional development opportunities and events available to grantees in this the final year of BOOST. We've been intentional in responding to grantee feedback regarding professional learning priorities. There will be multiple opportunities for organizations to equip for sustainability and capacity building. The catalogue and calendar, complete with targeted audience, descriptions and much more will be released this September.



### **Important: Draw Down Afterschool and Summer Funds!**

All invoices for eligible BOOST Year 2 expense reimbursements should be submitted by August 31, 2023. This includes both Year 2 afterschool and summer expenses. Any amounts not expended will remain av...



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### **Year 3 Expenditure Report Template Available for Invoicing**

For organizations using the expenditure report method for invoice documentation, please ensure you have updated to the recommended [Year 3 expenditure report template](#). As you will see, it allows you to draw down simultaneously from the Year 1 ASP, Year 1 SE, Year 2 ASP, Year 2 SE pots of money (your "rollovers" or balances), and Year 3 ASP new line items all within the same invoice. You continue to have access to Year 1 and Year 2 funds even though we are in Year 3. However, for auditing purposes we must all continue to account carefully for these different allocations.

## **Share How You're Supporting Children's Behavioral Health!**

# **SUPPORTING HEALTHY BEHAVIORS**

## **The Out-of-School Time Behavioral Health Survey**



Take the [Out-of-School Time Behavioral Health Survey](#) today and share with your networks! Your input will help to inform policy and funding recommendations, and more.

[Take the Survey](#)

## **BOOST Grantee Spotlight: The Jessye Norman School of the Arts**



During Year 2, Jessye Norman School of the Arts (JNSA) utilized the Mindplay program to address literacy deficits and improve academic abilities. At the close of the Year 2 BOOST reporting period, JNSA's outcomes data shows that 68% of their students scored as "Proficient" or higher in English Language Arts (ELA), while 40% scored as "Proficient" or higher in Math. Their year 2 outcomes improved from year 1: 43% to 68% in ELA and 29% to 40% in Math. Join us in celebrating this BOOST Grants Program for a job well done!

The Jessye Norman School of the Arts was founded in 2003 by the Rachel Longstreet Foundation, Inc. and was funded in large part during its first year by its namesake, the celebrated opera singer and Augusta native [Jessye Norman](#), who has continued to be very involved in the life of the School in the intervening years. The School offers courses in dance, drama, visual art, music, digital art, and creative writing on the same academic schedule as the [Richmond County School District](#).

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