

The Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Grants Program

The Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) grants program is a collaborative partnership between the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network. Funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, BOOST allocates \$85 million in grants to afterschool and summer learning in Georgia. The three-year grants, renewed annually, are awarded to organizations that operate comprehensive out-of-school time (OST) programming year-round, over the summer months, or after school during the academic year, with the goal of providing evidence-based afterschool and summer enrichment programming for youth most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Intended Impacts

BOOST grants support youth's academic acceleration, connectedness and well-being, utilizing a whole child approach to:



Expand access to serve more youth, with an emphasis on children and communities most impacted by the pandemic.



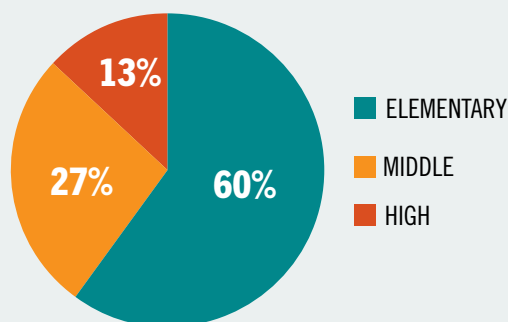
Reduce barriers, such as lack of transportation and enrollment costs, to ensure access for all.



Increase programmatic quality and expand or enhance supports and services offered.

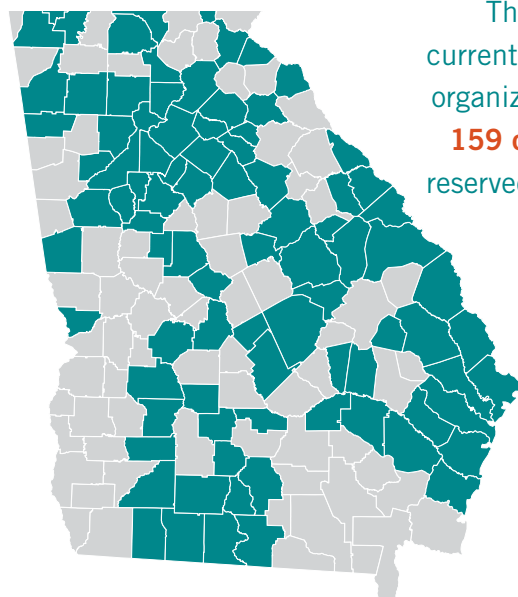
In 2021, Georgia awarded **\$27 million** to support 101 grantees who collectively served **over 72,000 youth** via afterschool and **over 78,000 youth** via summer programming.

YOUTH SERVED



Target Populations

- Youth receiving free or reduced-price lunch
- Youth with disabilities
- Youth experiencing homelessness
- Youth experiencing foster care
- English language learners
- Migratory youth



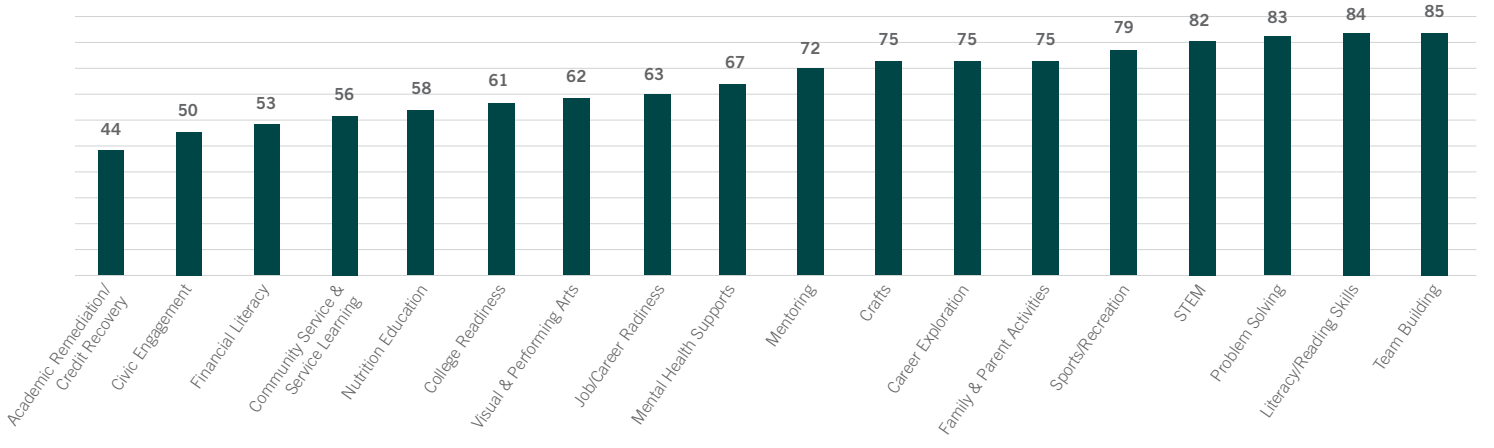
The BOOST grants program currently supports youth-serving organizations in **87 of Georgia's 159 counties** with more funds reserved to expand to additional rural communities in the fall of 2023.

- BOOST Site Counties
- No BOOST Site

Grantee Composition

Programming Components Offered to Youth

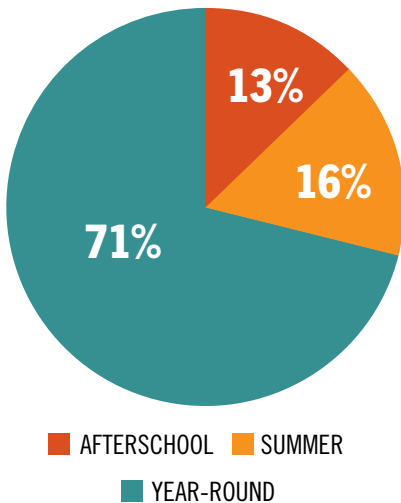
Number of BOOST grantee organizations providing programming components



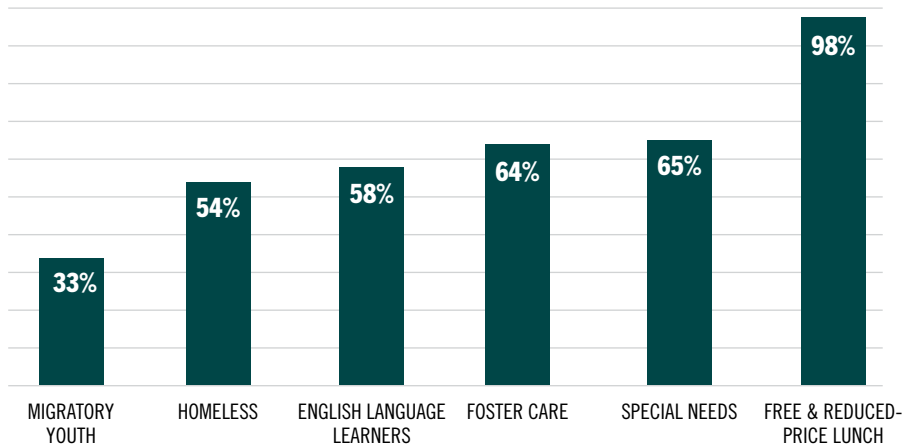
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

97 community-based organizations that collectively serve over **74,000** youth annually.

Community-Based Organizations



Community-Based Grantees Serving Target Populations



STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

4 statewide organizations that serve youth year-round and collectively serve over **89,000** youth annually.

Updated and new data from BOOST Year 2 will be available in early 2024