



Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Grants

Applicant Information Session

July 11, 2025



GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK (GSAN)

WHO ARE WE? CHAMPIONS FOR QUALITY TIME FOR KIDS.

Our mission is to advance, connect, and support high quality afterschool and summer learning programs to promote the success of children and youth throughout Georgia.

WHAT DO WE DO? PROVIDE DIRECTION AND RESOURCES FOR HIGH QUALITY AFTERSCHOOL TIME.

We are an effective resource for afterschool and summer learning programs in Georgia. We cultivate environments that allow these programs and the youth they serve to thrive.

1. Overview



BOOST TIMELINE

2021 - 2022

Year 1 : BOOST sites
operated in 87 counties

Summer 2021

GaDOE & GSAN
partnership: ARPA funded
BOOST Grants Program.

2022 - 2023

Year 2: BOOST sites
operated in 112 counties

2023 - 2024

Year 3: BOOST sites
operated in 115
counties

Spring 2025

Georgia makes a \$12.5
million annualized
investment to continue
BOOST

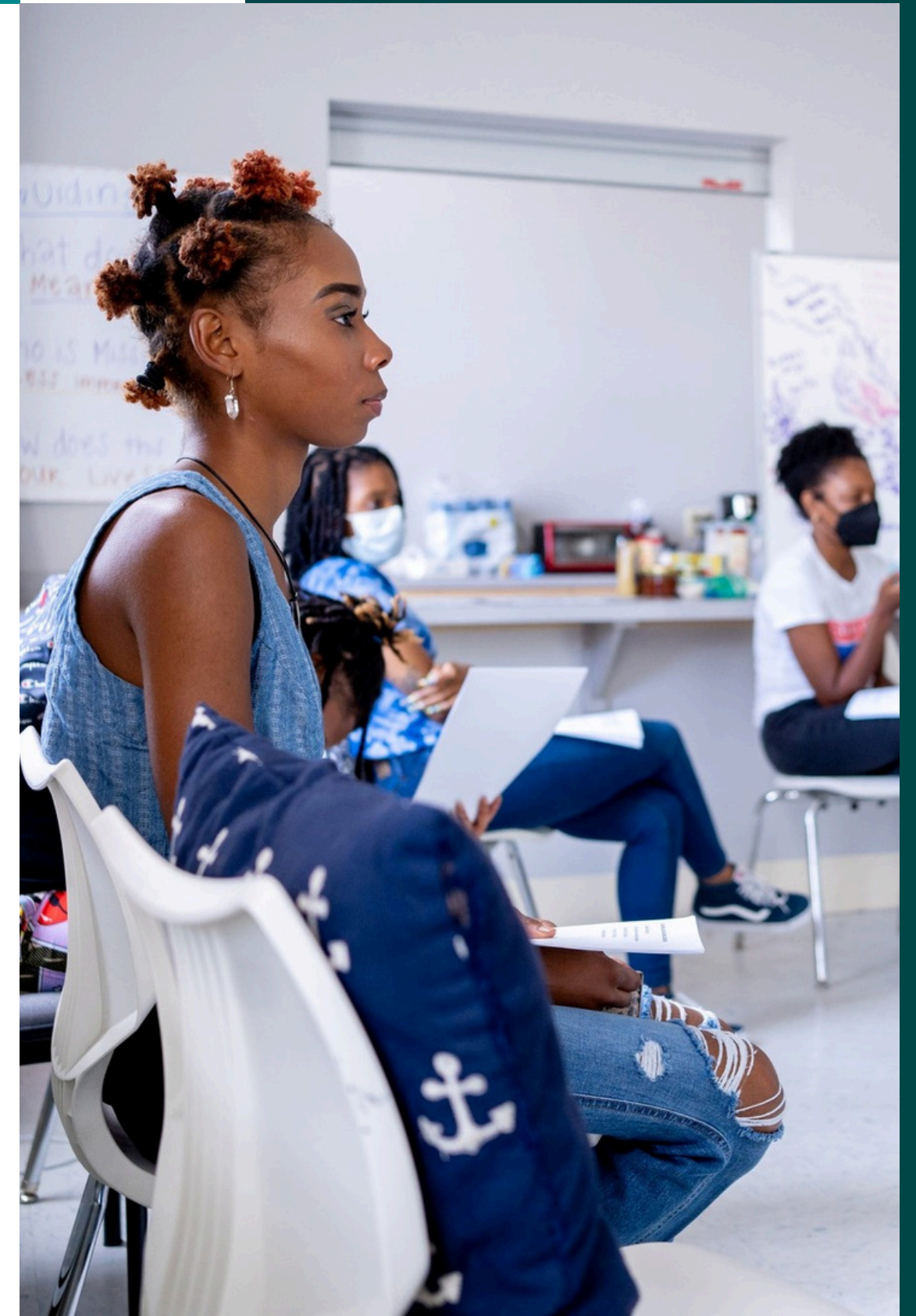
Early 2025

Final BOOST
Evaluation Report
Released

BOOST PURPOSE



BOOST Grants are intended to support the learning acceleration, academic development, connectedness, and well-being of Georgia's students, utilizing a whole child approach.



LEARNING ACCELERATION



- Strategically prepares students for success in the present—this week, on this content
- Addresses past concepts and skills in context of future learning
- Jump-starts underperforming students into learning new concepts before their classmates even begin
- Creates opportunities for struggling students to learn alongside their more successful peers
- Establishes and maintains strong and intentional links to the school day



WHOLE CHILD APPROACH



- Develops and prepares students for challenges and opportunities by addressing comprehensive needs
- Acknowledges AND addresses non-academic factors that impact academic outcomes while expanding learning opportunities
- Ensures each student is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged



2.

Who is eligible to apply?
For what can you use
BOOST funds?



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA TO APPLY

- Nonprofit organizations, colleges/universities, and municipalities, such as Park & Recreation Departments*
- Private and independent schools and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply only if the program is open to all children and not just those who are of a particular faith, enrolled in a particular school or members of the applicant organization

*City/County Park & Recreation Departments cannot apply individually as the Georgia Recreation & Park Association is applying for a Statewide Grant

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA TO APPLY

- Organizations located and providing services (see below; must provide one or both) to public school students in grades K-12 in the state of Georgia:
 - Comprehensive afterschool programming during the school year for youth 5-18 years-old
 - Summer enrichment programming for youth 5-18 years-old
- **Organizations providing afterschool or summer programming for students with special needs:**
 - If students are being served through an IEP and are enrolled in a Local Education Agency (LEA), they are eligible to receive services for afterschool and summer programming funded through the BOOST Grant until they turn 22.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA TO APPLY

- If a nonprofit, it must be registered with the Georgia Secretary of State as a nonprofit
- Organizations that have been in operation for at least two (2) years as of August 1, 2025.
- At least 25% of the youth served must qualify for free or reduced-price meals
- All applicants must provide at least the following **minimum** programming hours available to **a youth**:
 - Academic year afterschool programs must offer at least 2 hours of daily programming to each youth for a minimum of 3 days a week over at least 20 weeks of the academic year
 - Summer programs must offer at least 4 hours of daily programming to each youth for a minimum of 3 days a week over at least 4 weeks

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA TO APPLY

- All applicants must offer learning acceleration, as well as programming in at least 2 other critical content/service areas:
 - Learning acceleration, such as literacy and numeracy instruction, STEAM, and college readiness (required component)
 - Enrichment activities, such as visual and performing arts and career exploration
 - Healthy eating & physical activity
 - Well-being and connectedness, such as mentoring, problem solving, and team building





INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Public schools and school districts, private and independent schools.
 - Though public schools and school districts are not eligible to apply for funding, they are eligible to serve as fiscal agents for community-based nonprofit organizations with whom they have a documented existing partnership applying for BOOST grants.
- Organizations whose purpose is to raise funds for public schools.
- For-profit afterschool and summer enrichment programs/organizations.
- Child-care centers serving only children under age 5.






COMMUNITY GRANTS

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- No letter of intent needed
 - Grant Range: \$20,000 to \$300,00
 - Academic year only or summer only programs are eligible for up to \$150,000 per year
 - Year-round programs are eligible for up to \$300,00 per year
 - No additional eligibility criteria
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STATEWIDE GRANTS ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY

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- Had to submit LOI by deadline & be invited to apply
 - Provide year-round youth development programming through evidence-based comprehensive afterschool and summer enrichment programming
 - Serve at least 2,000 youth (5-18 years old) annually
 - Provide programming across at least 15 counties in Georgia
 - Offer programming at least 4 days per week, with at least 2.5 hours offered per day during the school year and at least 6 hours offered per day during the summer
 - Have a demonstrated track record of success
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STATEWIDE GRANT: INVITED APPLICANTS

- Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- Georgia Alliance of YMCAs
- Georgia Recreation and Parks Association
- Communities in Schools of Georgia
- Morehouse College-Federal TRIO Programs

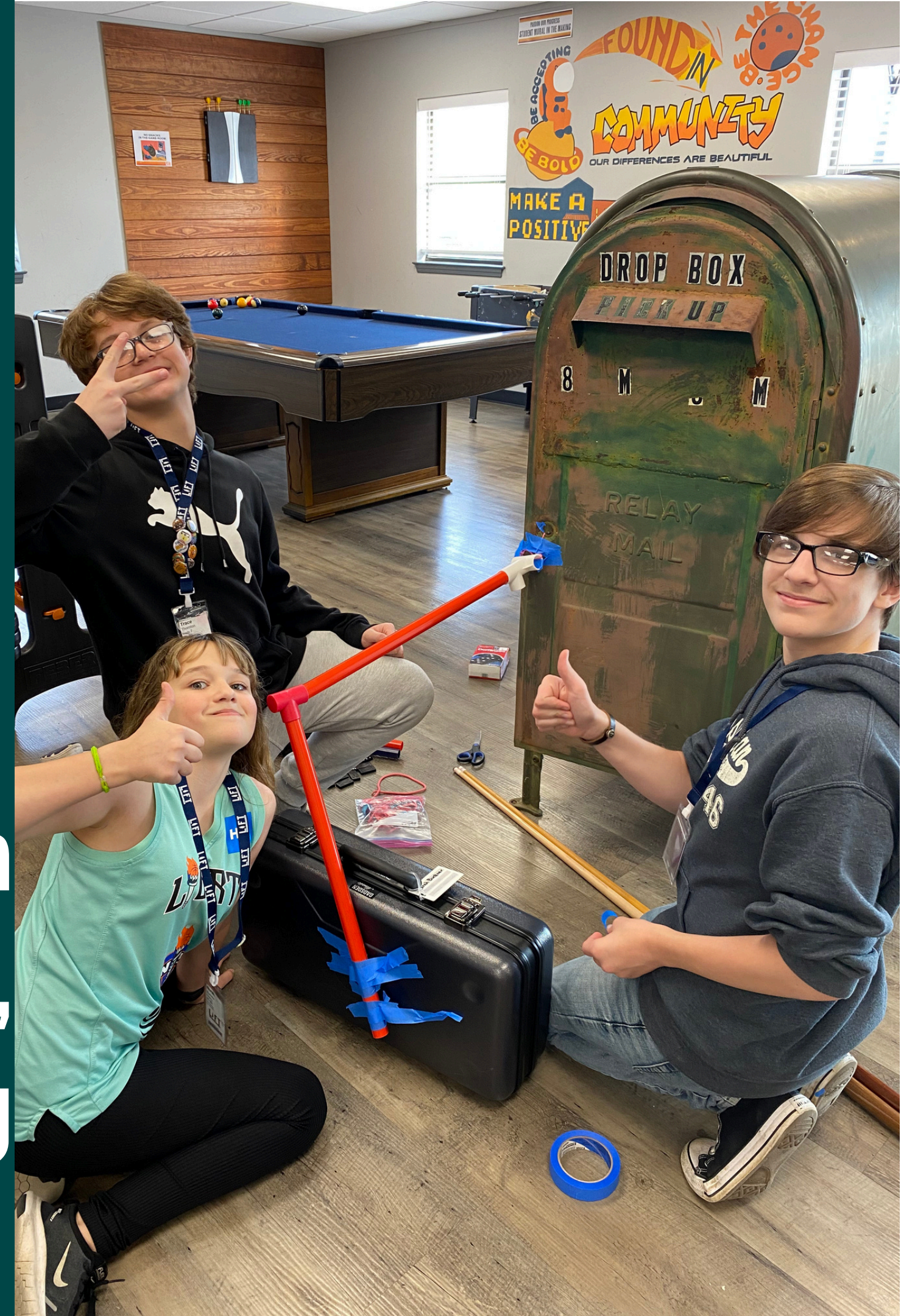
Organizations were selected through a letter of intent process this week

If your organization is a member of or associated with one of the above-named organizations, you may not apply separately for a Community Grant. Organizations receiving Statewide Grants will determine how to disseminate grant funds to local members/affiliates.

Anticipated grant range: \$500,00 to \$2 million per year.

3.

Timeline, Application Process, Grant Details, Reporting



TIMELINE

Friday, June 27, 2025	RFP released and Statewide Organizations invited to submit Letters of Intent (LOI; more information in section VIII, Statewide Grants)
Thursday, July 3, 2025	LOIs from Statewide Organizations due
Monday, July 7, 2025	Statewide Organizations notified of the status of their LOIs
Wednesday, July 9, 2025	Application opens. Applicants may only apply using the online application that will be released on July 9th.
Friday, July 11, 2025	Optional Applicant Information Session at 10:00 a.m. Register here . · 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. BOOST Overview · 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Deep dive into BOOST Grants Portal and budget templates
Tuesday, July 15, 2025	Submit questions by noon, for posted answers by noon on 7/17/25
Thursday, July 17, 2025	FAQ updated by noon. Applicant Workshop recording posted on GSAN's website .
Friday, August 1, 2025	Application deadline at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 25, 2025	Funding recommendations for approval at Georgia State Board of Education meeting.
Friday, September 26, 2025	GSAN notifies all applicants of the status of their request.
Wednesday , October 1, 2025	Official Grant Award Notifications (GANs) are available in the MyGaDOE Portal.

HOW TO APPLY

****Apply online through the BOOST Grants Application Portal. [online application](#)****

(hosted on the Submittable online platform)

- If you already have a Submittable account, go to [this link](#).
- Click the Sign in tab and enter your account-associated email address and password to sign in.
- If you don't remember your password, use the "Forgot password" link.
- If you don't have a Submittable account, you can create a free account by clicking Sign up:

Stay on from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the deep dive on The BOOST Grants Portal.



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GRANT PERIOD



One-year grants that begin October 1, 2025, and end July 31, 2026, with renewal available contingent upon continued state appropriations and grantee performance and compliance.



ASSURANCES

****Find the complete list in the RFP****

- Commit to and participate in GSAN's Assess, Plan and Improve continuous quality improvement framework
- Adhere to the financial requirements and invoicing draw down deadlines
- Adhere to all applicable licensing and/or exemption rules and regulations from the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning <https://www.decal.ga.gov/ccs/rulesandregulations.aspx>
- Submit a report at the end of each grant period to GSAN
- Complete the Georgia Department of Education Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy
- Participate in any data collection that is required by the state for the use of this funding
- Unannounced, on-site monitoring visits conducted by GaDOE staff or their subcontractor at any time during the program



SITE VISITS

Conducting site visits is crucial for ensuring compliance and providing tailored support to grantees.

All programs will be subject to an in-person site visit by GSAN staff during each year of the grant performance period.



REPORTING

Grantees will report on grant activities, outcomes, and impact on an annual basis with annual reports opening in **August and due in September** of each year.

Grantees will also be responsible for completing any quarterly data requests and reporting required.

REPORTING: WHAT WILL BE REQUESTED?

****Find a more detailed list in the RFP****

- Number of unduplicated youth served by grade band
- Demographic Information
 - Number of unduplicated youth served by race and ethnicity
 - Number of youth served by gender
 - Number of youth served in special population(s)
- The home county of unduplicated youth served
 - Must list all counties and indicate the number of youth from each county
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REPORTING: WHAT WILL BE REQUESTED?

- 3 program outcome goals outlined in grant application service areas (learning acceleration, enrichment healthy eating & physical activity, well-being and connectedness)*
- Types of programming and services offered, including learning acceleration, whole child supports, student well-being and connectedness, and enrichment
- Georgia Testing ID for students enrolled in BOOST-funded programs (*preferred, not required*)

REPORTING: WHAT WILL BE REQUESTED?

****Find a more detailed list in the RFP****

- Youth satisfaction and sense of belonging & well-being
 - *Required Metrics—grantees will be asked to include a required question from each of the required metrics on existing measures. If you do not already measure this, GSAN can provide survey questions for your use.*
 - Overall program satisfaction
 - Sense of belonging and connectedness
 - Feelings of safety
 - Relationships or interactions with teachers/staff



ANNUAL RENEWAL

Opportunities for a 1-year grant renewal will be available contingent upon grantee performance and compliance and contingent upon continued state appropriations.

If renewed, grant amounts are anticipated to be equal for both years. If a grantee's services significantly differ from initial application (including serving fewer students or offering less programming hours) the grant award for the renewal year may be reduced.

Eligible grantees are anticipated to be renewed in August of each year.

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Funding & Financial Requirements

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ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

****Find the complete list in the RFP****

- Expansion of existing program: number of summer weeks and hours, number of children served, staffing, space, activities, add a site, etc.
- Establishment of a new program
- Salaries and fringe benefits
- Professional learning and training related to the improvement of the program(s)
- Field trips aligned with learning acceleration activities; college and career awareness; program goals and objectives as listed in the grant application; and have a positive impact on student growth and achievement.
- Consultants, subcontractors, and evaluators

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

****Find the complete list in the RFP****

- Program materials and supplies
 - Technology over \$5k per unit need prior approval form
- Purchase of vehicles for transportation to and from program location (e.g., buses, vans) (need prior approval form)
- Food for healthy meals and snacks for students and participating adults during programs and field trips
- Enrichment activities
- Literacy education programs, including financial literacy
- Family engagement and parenting skills activities that promote parental involvement and family literacy

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

****Find the complete list in the RFP****

- Pre-award expenses
- Field trips purely for entertainment purposes
- Field trip tickets purchased in advance for those who do not attend
- Advertisements, promotional or marketing items
- Decorative items
- Purchase of facilities or land acquisition
- Capital improvements and permanent renovations
- Dues to organizations, federations, or societies for personal benefits

BUDGETS

- Must be submitted on the BOOST Grants Budget Worksheet
 - Must use GaDOE accounting codes
- If selected as grantee, the budget must be officially approved by GSAN & GaDOE before implementing
- Year-round programs can allocate funds between ASP and SE according to program needs
 - ***No need to split evenly between program areas***
 - Must clearly indicate which expenses are ASP or SE
- Up to 15% of the total budget may be allocated to indirect costs
- Three revisions will be allowed. (one during three of the invoicing window) periods
- Will be managed in the MyGaDOE Portal

EXPENSE PAYMENTS & INVOICING

- Grantees will be able to drawdown funds for incurred and anticipated expenses that have been described on approved budgets.
- Grantees are expected to have 3 months of working capital to start their grant programs while budgets are approved and processed, trainings are conducted, and initial expense reports and expense narratives are reviewed and approved for reimbursement.

EXPENSE PAYMENTS & INVOICING

Drawdown Dates	Minimum Drawdown %	Expense Months
October 31, 2025	25%	October – December
December 31, 2025	50%	November – February
February 28, 2026	75%	January – April
May 31, 2026	100%	March – July

Grantees must submit drawdown requests for incurred and anticipated expenses included in the approved budget according to the above schedule, which is subject to change

*Grantees providing summer-only programming will be provided with an alternate drawdown and invoicing schedule.

5.

Program Requirements, Target Populations & Geographic Priorities



TARGET POPULATION

At least 75% of Community Grant funds will support programs that serve these populations

- Youth receiving free or reduced-price lunch
- Youth with disabilities
- **Youth experiencing homelessness***
- **Youth in foster care***
- Youth who are English language learners
- **Youth impacted by the juvenile justice system***
- Youth who are, or are at risk of becoming, chronically absent, as defined by missing 10% or more of school days

Programs that intentionally serve target population groups, will receive additional points during the scoring process.

*We are particularly interested in organizations intentionally serving these population groups.

GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITIES

At least 10% of Community Grant funds will support programs in these counties

Organizations operating programs in counties with no current programs receiving government funds through 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program or the Out of School Services Office will receive additional points during the scoring process.

[Click here for a list of counties with no such programming.](#)

Organizations operating programs in these counties will receive additional points during the scoring process.

PROGRAMMATIC AREAS OF FOCUS

- Literacy programming and curriculum based on the science of reading
- Numeracy programming and curriculum
- Workforce development and career exploration

Additionally, GSAN is committing at least 10% of funds, each, to programs:

- Offering literacy programming and curriculum based on the science of reading
- Offering intentional numeracy programming and curriculum

Organizations offering programming in these areas will receive additional points during the scoring process.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED & INFORMED STRATEGIES

- All applicants must demonstrate their use of evidence-informed afterschool and/or summer learning program practices.
- GSAN encourages all applicants to review youth development best practices for afterschool and summer enrichment
- Sample Resources (See RFP for additional resources):
 - Georgia Afterschool and Youth Development Quality Standards <http://georgiaasyd.org/quality-standards/>
 - Evidence-Based Interventions: Summer Learning or Enrichment and Comprehensive Afterschool Programs <https://bit.ly/EvidenceBasedAfterschoolandSummer>
 - Georgia Reads Resource Library: [Resources - Georgia Reads](#)

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Program Quality & Safety Requirements




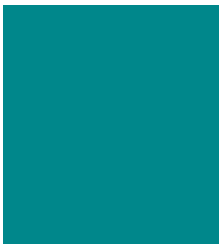
PROGRAM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

****Find the complete list in the RFP****

- Staffing (age and qualifications)
- Staff: student ratios
- Current evidence of required staff completion of American Red Cross lifeguard training
 - only if engaging in water activities
- Have plans and practices related to emergencies



PROGRAM QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

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- **Commit to GSAN's Assess, Plan, Improve Framework**, which will employ various program assessment tools to guide programs in evaluating the state of their program and developing a plan to strengthen it.
 - Programs must assign a Quality Improvement point of contact to actively communicate with GSAN's Quality Team
 - Complete a Program Quality Intake Survey
 - Participate in GSAN Quality activities aligned to your Program Quality Intake Survey
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Funding Matrix

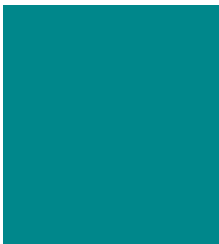




HOW CAN I DETERMINE HOW MUCH MY ORGANIZATION CAN REQUEST?



Determinations on maximum grant size applicant organizations may request are based on:

1. Do you offer afterschool OR summer enrichment programming only, or programming year-round?
 2. How many unduplicated youth do you serve annually?
 3. What % of youth served receive free or reduced-price lunch?
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COMMUNITY FUNDING MATRIX

Number of UNDUPLICATED Students Served Annually	Afterschool OR Summer enrichment				Year-round programming		
	25% -40% of students receive free & reduced- price lunch	41%-70% of students receive free & reduced- price lunch	More than 70% of students receive free & reduced- price lunch		25%- 40% of students receive free & reduced- price lunch	41%-70% of students receive free & reduced- price lunch	More than 70% of students receive free & reduced- price lunch
Less than 25**	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$25,000		\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
26 – 50	\$26,500	\$29,800	\$33,100		\$53,000	\$59,600	\$66,250
51 – 100	\$43,000	\$48,400	\$53,750		\$86,000	\$96,750	\$107,500
101 – 250	\$73,000	\$82,000	\$91,250		\$145,000	\$163,100	\$181,250
251 – 500	\$111,250	\$125,200	\$139,000		\$223,000	\$250,875	\$278,750
More than 500	\$120,000	\$135,000	\$150,000		\$240,000	\$270,000	\$300,000

**Applicants serving less than 25 youth are only eligible if they are serving a target population or within a priority county.

STATEWIDE FUNDING MATRIX

Number of UNDUPLICATED Students Served Annually	25% - 40% of students receive free & reduced-price lunch	41% - 70% of students receive free & reduced-price lunch	More than 70% of students receive free & reduced-price lunch
2,000 – 4,000	\$500,000	\$562,500	\$625,000
4,001 – 6,000	\$800,000	\$900,000	\$1,000,000
6,001 – 10,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,500,000
More than 10,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,800,000	\$2,000,000

8.

Application Questions & Rubric





APPLICATION QUESTIONS



Must be submitted within the BOOST Grants Application Portal
(hosted on the Submittable Online Platform)

[BOOST Grants Application Online Portal](#)



Most recent update to RFP July 10, 2025



APPLICATION QUESTIONS


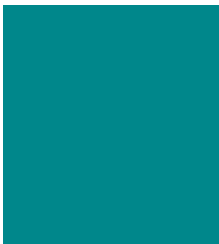
See RFP For All Questions

- Mix of narrative questions and data points
- Important for applicants to select what kind of program they are requesting funding for as that will determine which questions will be required throughout the application:
 - Summer enrichment
 - Comprehensive afterschool
 - Year-round - **must select both within the online application**

Application Guidance document is full of helpful information on answering questions and includes resources




APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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- Organizational History
 - Administrative, Program, Financial, Quality Improvement Contacts
 - Sites & Program Duration (Dosage)
 - Youth Served
 - Program Design
 - Staffing & Partnerships
 - Outcomes & Evaluation
 - Priority Questions (if applicable)
 - Budget
 - Statewide Applicants
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APPLICATION QUESTIONS: DOSAGE



- Start date
 - End date
 - Days per week
 - Hours per day
 - # of learning acceleration minutes per day (summer)
 - 0, 1-30, 31-60, 61-120, 121-180, 180+
 - Total weeks
 - Total hours of programming available to an individual youth
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APPLICATION QUESTIONS: PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Must develop three program outcome objectives for afterschool and three program outcomes objectives for summer enrichment.

Objectives must be developed using the S.M.A.R.T Framework.

- **S – Specific:** Objectives should be clear, concise, and focused.
- **M – Measurable:** Objectives should be measurable, so that progress towards achieving them can be tracked and evaluated.
- **A – Achievable:** Objectives should be achievable, given the available resources and constraints.
- **R – Relevant:** Objectives should be relevant to the overall mission and goals of the organization or project.
- **T – Time-bound:** Objectives should be time-bound, with a clear timeline for achieving them.





APPLICATION QUESTIONS: PRIORITY POINTS

- **Target Populations**
 - Must describe the specific program strategies to intentionally serve that population
- **Priority County**
 - Describe the % of your sites in these counties & provide site addresses
- **Priority Program Service Area**
 - Describe the curriculum, framework, or toolkit utilized



APPLICATION QUESTIONS: BUDGET

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- Total Budget for afterschool and summer program
 - Total amount of funding requesting each year based on Funding Matrix
 - Describe other sources of funding that support afterschool and summer programs
 - Complete [BOOST Grants Budget Worksheet](#) to detail all program expenses
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RUBRIC

See RFP for full details

- Different total possible points based on the type of program offered and whether applying for Community or Statewide Grant
- Scale:
 - Not addressed – information not provided = 0 points
 - Weak – lacks sufficient information
 - Fair – requires additional clarification
 - Good – clear and complete
 - Excellent – well-conceived and thoroughly developed
- Applicants are only eligible to receive priority points once assessed a funding eligible score
 - target populations | geography | priority programmatic areas of focus





SCORING

GSAN is pursuing expansive, nationwide outreach to engage 50-80 application reviewers, with a focus on recruiting strong representation of individuals with experience or connection to youth development.

- Will disclose a conflict of interest
- No reviewer will review a proposal from an organization with which they are affiliated
- Must participate in a training before beginning their review
- Will use the same scoring rubric
- The review process will be hosted within the BOOST Grants Application Portal



SUBMITTABLE RESOURCES

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- On Demand Resources
 - [Help for Applicants Page](#)
 - [How Can I Submit](#)
 - [File Upload Troubleshooting](#)
 - [Email Support](#)
 - Submittable business hours are 11am - 7pm EST
 - They aim for a within 24 hours response time
 - Please reach out to Submittable for any technical issues within the portal
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QUESTIONS?

9.

Grants Portal & Budget Deep Dive





BUDGET & GRANTS PORTAL



GETTING TO THE SUPPORT PAGE FROM YOUR HOME PAGE

From your home page, you will select the question mark next to your icon in the top right corner

