Quality Enhancements in After-School and Out-of-School Time (ASOST-Q)

Competitive Grant (FC 530)

Funding Opportunity/RFP at: http://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2015/530/

Grant Information Webinars
May 23rd and 30th, 2014

Massachusetts Department of
ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

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Agenda

★ ASOST-Q Grant Overview (~30 minutes)
  ★ Purpose/Priorities
  ★ Categories
  ★ Eligibility
  ★ Fund Use
  ★ Timeline

★ Questions (~30 minutes)

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Commonly Use Acronyms

★ **OST** = Out-of-School Time (including after-school, before-school, weekends, vacations and summer!)

★ **ASOST-Q** = Quality Enhancements in After-School and Out-of-School Time Grant (Fund Code 530)

★ **ESE** = The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Overall ASOST-Q
Grant Purpose & Priorities

Enhance quality of OST programming

Improve Student Outcomes
(academic, social, emotional, physical)

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Purpose & Priorities:
In particular...

- **Category A - Quality Enhancements**
  - To existing programming; in one or more areas

- **Category B - Regional or Statewide Professional Development**
  - For OST program staff/providers

- **Category C - STEM Service-Learning Curriculum Development**
  - Develop, pilot and document curriculum for summer

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Competitive Priorities

Categories A and C
- Serving relatively high percentages of low-income children/youth
- Serving students/schools designated Level 3, 4, or 5
- Serving children and youth with disabilities and/or English language learners in inclusive settings;
- Partnership among public school, non-public school, and a community-based organization(s) (CBO)
- (For Category A only) Serving at least some children through Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) subsidies, and proposing enhancements that support advancement through the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).

Category B
- Have demonstrated experience providing high quality PD
Eligibility

Massachusetts public school districts, non-public schools, and public and private community-based organizations are eligible to apply for funding under ONE category.

Additional parameters:

- **Category A**: propose enhancements to *existing* OST programming and/or add a summer program.
- **Category B**: demonstrate experience providing PD for OST
- **Category C**: demonstrate experience developing/implementing STEM curricula; apply in partnership with two existing summer programs
Key Requirements
Category A: Quality Enhancements

- ~80% of grants awarded
- Up to $20,000 per applicant (for one or more sites)

- Implement quality enhancements that support identified needs or gaps in program services in one of quality criteria areas.
- Attend required Department-sponsored training on program evaluation tools to be used to support continuous improvement.

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Key Requirements
Category A: Quality Enhancements

⭐ Funds requested to support existing staff costs must be clearly justified and tied to proposed enhancements.
⭐ All funds requested must be clearly linked to proposed program enhancements.

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Key Requirements
Category B: Regional or Statewide PD

★ ~5% of grants awarded
★ Up to $10,000 per applicant

★ Provide PD for OST that includes networking and is aligned to ESE’s high quality standards
★ Work with ESE to review OST PD needs, finalize offerings and distribute schedule/registration

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Key Requirements
Category C: STEM SL
Curriculum Development

★ ~15% of grants awarded
★ Up to $50,000 per applicant

★ Identify a team to participate in required training, develop, implement and document the curriculum.

★ Implement the curriculum at two existing summer programs for a minimum of 25 hours over a minimum of 4 weeks.

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Key Requirements
Category C: STEM SL
Curriculum Development

★ Work with ESE to document and submit curriculum developed for sharing.
★ Budget $10,000 ($6,250 school year / $3,750 summer) in the grant request to support required PD provided by the Department and its partners.
★ Includes: up to 7 days of PD and coaching, and support for documenting and publishing developed curricula.

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★ **Info sessions and webinars:**
  ★ May 23rd (webinar)
  ★ May 30th (webinar)
  ★ June 6th (in-person)
  ★ Others TBD; will be posted at: [http://www.doe.mass.edu/conference/?ConferenceID=2859](http://www.doe.mass.edu/conference/?ConferenceID=2859)

★ **Letter of Intent Due: June 20, 2014**
  ([https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/793CGYV](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/793CGYV))

★ **Application Due: June 30, 2014** (email and postmarked)

★ Submit all required forms by 5PM via email to kmckinnon@doe.mass.edu

★ Mail **TWO** sets, at least one of which is single-sided and marked “ORIGINAL” and includes original signatures.

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