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

Competitive Grant (FC 530)

Grant Information Session (ESE, Malden)
June 6, 2014 1:00-3:30

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

Massachusetts Department of
ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION
Agenda

★ ASOST-Q Grant Overview
  ★ Purpose/Priorities
  ★ Categories
  ★ Eligibility
  ★ Key Requirements/Fund Use
  ★ Part III (Narrative)
  ★ Part I/II (Signature Page/Budget)

★ Questions
Commonly Used 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

OTHERS...?
Overall ASOST-Q
Grant Purpose & Priorities

Enhance quality of OST programming

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

Categories A and C

- Serving relatively high percentages of low-income children/youth
- Serving students/schools designated Level 3, 4, 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)
Competitive Priorities

Categories A and C (continued)

★ (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 (QRI S).

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.
Eligibility

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.
Key Requirements
Category A: continued

★ 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.
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
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.
Key Requirements
Category C: continued

- 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.
Part III – Required Program Information: **Category A**

In general:

- Describe your existing program / services
- Describe your proposed enhancements
- Proposed enhancements should be connected to identified needs
Part III – Required Program Information: Category A continued

★ Current activities and PD needs (if applicable) **must be** described in **ALL** quality areas

★ Enhancements **must** be proposed in **at least ONE** quality area (may be proposed in multiple areas)

★ Only respond to the following if proposing enhancements in a given quality area:
  ★ Need; anticipated outcomes; budget justification

★ Evaluation – describe current activities **only**; common tools will be used
Part III – Required Program Information: **Category B**

- Describe experience providing PD for the OST field
- Provide the requested information about proposed trainings
- Be open to honing/adapting offerings upon award (based on needs of Category A grantees)
Part III – Required Program Information: Category C

***Remember: School-year activities include training/ PD, planning and curriculum development***

★ Describe expertise developing/delivering STEM curriculum
  ★ Identify particular science topics/areas, if known, that may be addressed (to be finalized upon award)

★ Be open to honing/adaption the curriculum focus upon award

★ Existing lessons/activities, etc. may be adapted/integrated into the developed curriculum (we will provide the framework!)

★ NOTE: On Page 17 – Part B, should read “FY15 Program Implementation”
Part III – Required Program Information: All Categories

- Applicants that are **NOT** a public school district, city, or town **MUST** demonstrate capacity to administer the grant by:
  - Describing previous experience with similar sized grants
  - Append proof of fiscal responsibility – most recent audit LETTER (not the full audit, please!)
Part I/II – Signature Page/Budget

★ Different documents for:
  ★ Category A and B
  ★ Category C

★ Start with ‘Instructions’ tab
★ Much will pre-populate and total for you!
★ Problems – email Kristen
  ★ (kmckinnon@doe.mass.edu)

★ Let’s explore…!
Timeline

★ **Upcoming webinars:** (to address questions only!)

★ Every Tuesday/Friday 10-10:30
★ Posted at:  [http://www.doe.mass.edu/conference/?ConferenceID=2859](http://www.doe.mass.edu/conference/?ConferenceID=2859)
★ **Submit questions:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6RH6ZKZ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6RH6ZKZ)

★ **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 asost@doe.mass.edu

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