



Oakland County Out of School Time Learning Support Fund Administered by United Way for Southeastern Michigan

FAQ

Q: Who is funding this grant opportunity?

A: This grant is funded by Oakland County Government.

Q: What are the funding levels available?

A: Funding is available in three tiers ranging from \$30,000 - \$400,000. The tiers are:

Funding Tiers:

Tier 1: \$30,000 to \$100,000

Tier 2: \$100,001 to \$250,000

Tier 3: \$250,001 to \$400,000

Q: Who is eligible for funding?

A: Nonprofits with 501(c)3 status, School Districts and Public-School Academies, Counties, Villages, and Townships within Oakland County providing quality out of school time programming to Oakland County youth.

Q: What type of programs and services can be funded?

A: ***Onsite programming at schools***

This would allow students to receive after-school programming without having to worry about transportation to and from an after-school provider. Programming could serve as enrichment, extended learning and/or support health and wellness.

Offsite with out of school time providers

Offsite providers can use grant dollars to improve programming through equipment & materials investments and/or personnel training and/or the addition of programming.

Schools can use grant dollars to offer transportation to offsite out of school time providers

Offsite non-traditional learning providers

High-traffic spaces where community gather can invest in creating spaces where experiential, inquiry, and play-based learning can happen.

Q: What is the difference between the tiers?

A: Award Type 1: Restarting or Supporting established programming

Funding Range: \$30,000 to \$100,000

Award Description: Operational grants may be awarded to nonprofit organizations, school districts, or CVTs that meet basic eligibility criteria and need funds to maintain or enhance out of school time learning supports for youth experiencing learning loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This award may also be used to restart out of school time learning supports for youth that halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Award Type 2: Operational Support to Existing Programming

Funding Range: \$30,000 to \$100,000

Award Description: Funding that exclusively supports operating costs can include gap funding for services, such as transportation to and from out of school time programming, but request must be explicitly connected to the services provided to children and the academic or social emotional outcomes those children will achieve. Operational support can be included in other types of awards.

Award Type 3: Expansion Grant

Funding Range: \$100,001 to \$250,000

Award Description: Expansion grants from \$100,001 and up to \$250,000 may be awarded to nonprofit organizations, school districts, public academies, or CVTs that meet basic eligibility criteria and need funds to expand to include more youth in out of school time learning and social emotional support services for youth because of increased demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Award Type 4: Community Grant

Funding Range: \$250,001 to \$400,000

Award Description: Community grants of \$250,001 and up to \$400,000 may be awarded to nonprofit organizations, school districts, public academies, and CVTs that meet basic eligibility criteria and need funds to implement out of school time learning and social emotional support services for learning recover due to the COVID-19 pandemic in new communities. To be considered, organizations applying for this award type must have an annual operating budget of at least \$4,000,000, recorded in the most recently approved organizational budget. Organizations applying for this award type must also have a large service footprint that reaches clients throughout communities in Oakland County or reaches a large percentage of youth in a specific, localized Oakland County community. Organizations will be expected to demonstrate their ability to deploy the larger amount of funds requested within the spending period through budget allocations and narrative details.

Please Note: School Districts and Public-School Academies may apply to implement new programming but will be required to provide match funding. Evidence of match funding will be required.

Minimum Number of Youth Served through this Award Type: 250

Q: Do I have to provide match dollars for my grant?

A: School Districts and Public School Academies applying for funding for NEW programming must provide 100% match funding, and will be responsible for showing proof of funds.

Q: Do I have to spend all the dollars in two years?

A: Yes, all funds must be spent by December 2024. There will be no extensions.

Q: Who do I need to collect demographic data for my program?

A: It is a requirement of the ARPA federal dollars, which are being used to fund this grant?

Q: How are funds disbursed?

A: Payments are made quarterly over the course of the two-year grant period. Payments will be disbursed upon completion of quarterly reporting.



Q: Who will support and manage the grant over the two-year period?

A: United Way for Southeastern Michigan will administer and manage the grant over the two-year grant life cycle.

Q: What are the Out of School Time Standards?

A: [Michigan Out of School Time Standards](#) can be found here.

Q: What constitutes high quality, evidence-based programming?

A: Programming is emotionally and physically safe for participants, Youth express choice and voice within programming, the program addresses a need, and collects feedback for continuous program improvement.

Q: How will my application be scored?

A: Applications will be scored by a team of trained reviewers using the provided rubric.

Q: When does the application close?

A: The application closes at 6:00 p.m. on October 14th. There will be no extensions made for late applications.

Q: Can I change the goals of my grant, if awarded?

A: No, grant awards are made based on the content of your application.

Q: When will decisions be communicated?

A: Final decisions will be communicated in early December.

Q: What can be covered with this grant?

A: Funds can be used to support programming and program materials, operational costs such as staffing or transportation, and support for students in the program. Funding cannot be used for capital improvements, as duplicative funding for programs or operational expenses already supported.

Q: How often will I have to report on grant funding, if awarded?

A: Grant reporting is required quarterly to receive continued distribution of quarterly payments

Q: Can we apply with another organization?

A: Yes, joint applications can be submitted. There should only be one application for co-applicants.

Q: Can I apply under more than one tier?

A: No.

Q: What age ranges of youth can be served with this grant?

A: Youth ages 0-18.

Q: I serve youth in Oakland County, but my organization is not based there. Am I eligible to apply?

A: Yes, any organization serving youth in Oakland County can apply. The dollars must be spent on Oakland County youth exclusively.



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Q: Is online programming eligible for this grant?

A: Programming must adhere to the Michigan Out of School Time Standards and be evidence based. Applications must show strong alignment to both the standards and their evidence-based practices, and must speak to how the program is mitigating the impact of COVID-19.

Q: Is hybrid programming eligible for this grant?

A: Programming must adhere to the Michigan Out of School Time Standards and be evidence-based. Applications must show strong alignment to both the standards and their evidence-based practices, and must speak to how the program is mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on Oakland County youth.

Q: Can I apply as a fiduciary organization and a grant recipient?

A: Yes.

Q: How many grants are available at each tier?

A: There is no set number of awards for any tier, grants will be awarded to the highest scored applications until funding is exhausted.

Q: Can multiple departments within the same organization apply for separate grants under the same Tax ID?

A: No, if you are applying for a grant for your organization, it should represent the full amount you wish to be awarded across all programs. Apply for the tier that represents the full award you hope to receive.

Q: Can a school district apply alongside one or more nonprofit organizations?

A: Yes, but one organization (likely the school district) should apply as the fiduciary, responsible for stewarding the funds and submitting timely reports and documentation.

Q: Does the organization's fiduciary need to be a 501(c)3, a public school district or academy, or a County, Village, or Township entity?

A: Yes, fiduciaries must fall under the eligibility criteria detailed for this funding opportunity.

Q: Can this funding be used to support in-school learning?

A: No, this funding is specifically to be used to support out of school time learning supports.

Q: For schools looking to create new programming, does the match have to be in dollars, or can it be in in-kind support or fixed assets such as buildings?

A: The match funds do have to be in dollars.

Q: For supporting established programming within not-for-profit after school programs, can funds be used to add a new program component?

A: Yes, you can add program components to existing programs.

Q: Is funding for academic development only, or can it be used for sport and mentoring programs?

A: Yes, it can be used for social emotional development found in sports and mentoring programs.