

Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

The findings of a recent study showed that there is a significant benefit to students who participate in out-of-school-time (OST) programs. In fact, the [Return on Investment of Afterschool Programs in Pennsylvania](#) study determined that for every dollar invested in after-school programming for students there was a return of \$6.69 in potential benefits to students, including reduced rates for drop-outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, crime and delinquency ([Link to PSAYDN.org](#)).

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$50,000,000 or one percent (1%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to support school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) in the development and implementation of comprehensive after-school programs to address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three-part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer programming, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found [Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit](#).

Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA's promising practices in supporting students' needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in after-school programming. Include a brief description of the indicators used in the decision-making process.

In Mariana Bracetti's ESSER II and ARP ESSER applications, funding was allocated for full-time staff members to provide after school programming focused on academic support for the next three years (2021-2024). These offerings are designed utilizing PDE's Integrated System of Support for Accelerated Learning with a focus on high-quality academics to help students successfully master grade level content as well as provide a system of scaffolded supports. However, additional steps must be taken to ensure these after school offerings maintain healthy systems conditions and foster a supportive learning environment in which both students and staff members can mentally and socially recover. Current staffing challenges have made it evident that we cannot rely solely on full-time staff members to provide a comprehensive set of after school offerings. Additionally, current club attendance records show further student interest in the arts, STEM, and robotics. As such, these ARP ESSER set-aside funds will be utilized to partner with local organizations to provide these program enhancements in addition to the academic supports already being offered. Further student interest assessments will be completed to determine more specifically which partners will be the best fit in the three areas identified.

Section: Narratives - After-school Program

After-school Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide after- school programming for their students.

2. Identify the target student-group for the summer school program. Will the focus be on academic growth, social and emotional wellness, or some other factor to support student growth? For each group, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

| Student Group | Area of Focus | Number of Students Served | Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Children from Low-Income Families | Emotional Wellness | 100 | After school program attendance will be monitored to measure student interest and informal observations will be used to gauge student engagement. Additionally, curriculum and grade level teams will continue to meet biweekly to discuss student progress, analyze data, and identify students in need of additional support. |

3. Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the after- school program.

Students' academic progress will continue to be monitored through benchmark assessments as well as more regularly through formative and summative assessments. Analysis of these assessments, coupled with student interest, will drive the specific arts, STEM, and robotics offerings provided as well as the key interdisciplinary skills on which they should focus. Programming will be standards-based with particular attention given to areas in need of learning acceleration. These after school program enhancements dually provide additional academic support while also offering productive creative outlets to promote student social emotional wellness.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the after- school program (i.e., Internal staff or outside resources).

| Number of Staff Members | Internal/Outside Provider | Role |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 | External Provider | Extracurricular Club Facilitator |



a. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to offer the work to its internal employees prior to engaging outside entities.



b. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to ensure that all after-school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.

5. How will the LEA assess the success of the after-school program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

| Tool Used to Evaluate Success | Frequency of Use | Expected Results |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Club Attendance Records | Weekly Collection & Quarterly Analysis | 20% increase in student after school program participation rates |
| Benchmark Assessments | 3-4 Times Annually | 10% increase in students' math and science proficiency |

6. How will the LEA engage families in the after-school program?

Mariana Bracetti will utilize a variety of communication outlets to share information about after school program offerings with families, including paper flyers, social media, family conferences, student concern meetings, and texting services. Families of students attending the program will receive regular updates from club facilitators about upcoming activities, and when safe and appropriate, opportunities for family members to engage in club offerings.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

\$115,210.00

Allocation

\$115,210.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

| Function | Object | Amount | Description |
|--|---|---------------------|--|
| 1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary | 300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services | \$70,000.00 | Arts & STEM Contract Staffing from Local Organizations |
| 1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary | 600 - Supplies | \$45,210.00 | Arts, LEGO, and Robotics Supplies |
| | | \$115,210.00 | |

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

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| | | \$0.00 | |

Section: Budget - Budget Summary
BUDGET SUMMARY

| | 100 Salaries | 200 Benefits | 300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services | 400 Purchased Property Services | 500 Other Purchased Services | 600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees | 700 Property | Totals |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1000 Instruction | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$70,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$45,210.00 | \$0.00 | \$115,210.00 |
| 1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1700 Higher Education Programs | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 1800 Pre-K | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2000 SUPPORT SERVICES | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2200 Staff Support | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|
| Services | | | | | | | | |
| 2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2400 Health Support Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2500 Business Support Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2600 Operation and Maintenance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2700 Student Transportation | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2800 Central Support Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 3100 Food Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 3200 Student Activities | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 3300 Community Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$70,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$45,210.00 | \$0.00 | \$115,210.00 |
| Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000 | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Final | | | | | | | | \$115,210.00 |