

# FY 21 After School Programs – Non-school District

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question 1:** What criteria is used to identify “low-income” for this grant?

**Answer:** To calculate the low-income count, elementary schools may use the number of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. For middle and high schools, the free and reduced-price count generated at the school or from the elementary schools that feed into the middle and/or high schools may be used to establish the low-income count at the receiving middle or high school.

**Question 2:** Are there age requirements for student participants?

**Answer:** No, students may be of any age.

**Question 3:** If we have funding from the FY20 After School Program which ends June 2021, can we still apply to this round of funding as long as we are serving a different cohort of students with this funding?

**Answer:** Yes, funds must be kept separate and students served non-duplicate.

**Question 4:** Can grant funds be used to subsidize student stipends/wages, if our program has a workforce development component?

**Answer:** Yes, provided such stipends/wages meet the goals of the RFP.

**Question 5:** I know individual grant awards won't exceed \$3 million, but is there guidance on a minimum amount to apply for?

**Answer:** There is no dollar amount limit for a request. However, ISBE staff will determine allocations as provided for in the RFP and ensure opportunities for as many students as possible.

**Question 6:** Do all funds need to be spent by August 31, 2021?

**Answer:** Yes, the grant period will start no sooner than January 4, 2021 and go through August 31, 2021.

**Question 7:** Can funds be used to cover professional development related costs for program, executive, and admin staff supporting the ASP program?

**Answer:** Yes, as long as the criteria is met as listed in the RFP.

**Question 8:** Are for-profit organizations eligible if all criteria are met?

**Answer:** Yes, as long as the criteria is met as listed in the RFP.

**Question 9:** If we received funding in FY20 do we need to complete a new application for FY21?

**Answer:** This is a competitive grant for non-school district entities and will be reviewed and scored separately.

**Question 10:** Can funds be used towards organization-wide strategic planning, as all org work is linked to ASP program?

**Answer:** Funding for programming should be utilized for the purpose of serving students and to support the goals as listed within the RFP.