

FY 2026 After School Programs – Non-School Districts

Frequently Asked Questions

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Question 1: I logged into IWAS looking for the After School grant opportunity and it is not listed. I have an RCDT Code and completed the Intent to Apply. How can I access the grant?

Answer: Please refer to page 3 of the FY 2026 After School Programs - Non-School Districts NOFO-RFP which states if you have questions related to access to IWAS, please contact the Help Desk at (217)558-3600 Option 3 or email to the help link at help@isbe.net. To access the FY 2026 After School Programs – Non-School Districts Grant login to IWAS -> System Listings -> After School Programs – Non-School Districts RFP. **If you do not see this option under your Active Grants listing, click on “Want to Sign up for Other Systems?” at the bottom of that page. This will allow you to request access. Only entities that have completed the Intent to Apply and have a valid RCDT code will be granted access.

Question 2: What grades are eligible for this grant?

Answer: Please refer to page 2 of the FY 2026 After School Programs - Non-School Districts NOFO-RFP which states, the program aims to serve *school-aged youth* in after-school programming and out-of-school time opportunities.

Question 3: Is there a cap for the number of schools an applicant can apply for within a single application?

Answer: Please refer to page 2 of the FY 2026 After School Programs – Non-School Districts NOFO-RFP which states, there is no minimum number of students served requirement for this competition. All schools must be listed on the application.

Question 4: We are having trouble accessing the After School Programs – Non-LEA RFP in IWAS. When we open the RFP it says, “District is not eligible to create an application for the current school year.”

Answer: Please refer to question #1 of this document.

Question 5: Please confirm for-profit companies are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity.

Answer: Please refer to page 1 of the FY 2026 After School Programs – Non-School Districts NOFO-RFP which states, entities that are not school districts or Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are eligible to apply. These entities include, but are not limited to, Regional Offices of Education (ROEs); Intermediate Service Centers (ISCs); community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations; or

Indian tribes or tribal organization (as defined in federal Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act).

Question 6: Can we propose to serve schools that are currently being served in our FY 2025 grant, in the FY 2026 After School Programs – Non-School Districts application? The schools meet all criteria of the RFP.

Answer: Yes, entities may propose to serve schools that have previously been served.