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.

All students failing courses will qualify for after school programming. The LEA will also use various performance data including iReady growth, PSSA and Keystone assessment scores, distinct grades, and student retention records as consideration for after school programs. In addition, if the district can staff the programs, any student wishing to participate in after school programming for remediation along with enrichment activities will be permitted to participate.

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	Academic Growth	80	Student grades will be the main basis for identifying students and continuous monitoring of classroom grades will be used to measure the impact.
Children with Disabilities	Academic Growth	25	Student grades will be the main basis for identifying students and continuous monitoring of classroom grades will be used to measure the impact.
Children from Low-Income Families	Emotional Wellness	10	Special building level teams will refer students for SEL services in after school programs. The impact of the additional support will be continuously monitored through these groups and district staff.
			Special building level

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Children with Disabilities	Emotional Wellness	5	teams will refer students for SEL services in after school programs. The impact of the additional support will be continuously monitored through these groups and district staff.

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

The district is in the process of researching additional evidence-based resources for student after school and summer school programs. The district is currently using academic activities developed by faculty and staff that align with the district's established curriculum. Since a major focus with after school programming will be supporting students with existing grades, the majority of time will be spent in content based support. Reading instruction focuses on the Five Components of Reading including Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. In addition, Screening, Progress Monitoring, and Diagnostic tools will be used to prescribe specific instruction. The district is in need of additional resources in the area of mathematics. The current math series provides limited resources for summer and after school programs. STEM programming will be used for enrichment activities.

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
3	Internal	Building Level Coordinators
15	Internal	Teachers

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

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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
District Student Management System	weekly	The goal of the after school program will be to reduce the number of students failing core content courses by 10%.
i-Ready	monthly	The goal of the after school program will be to raise student i-Ready scores to grade level.

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

The district will communicate goals of the program from recruitment to conclusion. The district will encourage parents to support students throughout the after school program with notifications through our mass media program Blackboard Connect. Progress reports will also be provided to parents along with activities for parents to participate with their children. The program will have a culminating activity that will allow parents and students to participate together.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

$35,388.00

Allocation

$35,388.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	$15,000.00	Salaries for after school program
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	200 - Benefits	$7,000.00	Benefits for after school program
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	$7,000.00	Supplies for after school program
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	$2,000.00	Costs for special programs during after school program
		$31,000.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

$35,388.00

Allocation

$35,388.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
3100 - Food Services	500 - Other Purchased Services	$2,000.00	Food for after school program
2700 - Student Transportation	500 - Other Purchased Services	$2,388.00	Transportation for after school program
		$4,388.00	

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	$15,000.00	$7,000.00	$2,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$7,000.00	$0.00	$31,000.00
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	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
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

	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
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	$2,388.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,388.00
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	$2,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,000.00
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

	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
	$15,000.00	$7,000.00	$2,000.00	$0.00	$4,388.00	$7,000.00	$0.00	$35,388.00
				Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000				$0.00
				Final				$35,388.00