

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, CTE Directors, Business Managers
FROM: Daniel M. French, Ed.D., Secretary of Education *DMF*
SUBJECT: ARP-ESSER Afterschool State Set-Aside Grant Application
DATE: July 6, 2022

Purpose

By this memo you are notified that the application for the ARP-ESSER Afterschool State Set-Aside Grant Application for Vermont LEAs is now available in the [Grant Management System](#) (GMS). ARP-ESSER funds are available as part of the [ARP Act of 2021](#). The applications for this competitive grant opportunity are due August 15, 2022.

Overview

Created by ARP ESSER Section 2001(f)(3), this funding is set aside for the creation and support of high-quality, evidence-based afterschool and summer programs across Vermont. This program is particularly focused on addressing the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on students' academic, social and emotional needs as well as addressing the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on marginalized groups.

Within Vermont, this fund is being administered as a competitive grant program in line with Vermont's Education Recovery and Revitalization framework. LEAs statewide are invited to submit applications detailing how this funding could support their local COVID-19 recovery strategies and the overall goal of providing equal access to high quality education to every Vermont learner. Awards under this program will be available on one of two tracks depending on the scope of the applicant's project.

- Track A is for program development, expanded learning opportunities, after school expansion and/or capacity building activity to support existing comprehensive evidence-based afterschool centers(s). Annual awards may range from \$15,000- \$60,000.
- Track B is to develop a comprehensive evidence-based afterschool center. Annual awards amounts are \$50,000-\$135,000.

Regardless of the track selected, grants will be awarded for a two-year period, ending on September 30, 2024.

Contact Information:

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A [companion paper version](#) of the Request for Applications is also available on the Agency of Education's website.

Creating and Editing the Application in the Grant Management System

All superintendents and business managers have permissions in the GMS to create and edit the application. If desired, a superintendent can delegate the ability to create and edit the application to additional staff by assigning the role "leaESSER" to any staff members with a GMS account. Note that, as with all other grant applications, only the superintendent can agree to assurances and do the final submission to the Agency of Education.

All applicant questions, responses and resources will be forwarded to potential applicants via a group email list on an ongoing basis. To get on this list and to facilitate on-going communication, all interested or prospective applicants should complete this non-binding simple [Contact Form](#). LEAs may also direct programmatic questions to [Emanuel Betz](#) or [Johannes Haensch](#). Any technical questions pertaining to budgets or other financial topics should be sent to [Deb Allen](#).