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## Upcoming Afterschool Grants

### Purpose

This announcement from the Agency of Education is to assist Vermont supervisory unions, supervisory districts, and other organizations to the upcoming release of competitive grants for afterschool programming.

### Background

The Vermont Agency of Education will be releasing an estimated 7 million dollars through three aligned competitive grants aimed at supporting and expanding the ability of schools, community organizations, and partners to provide high quality afterschool and summer programming to Vermont's youth. These opportunities will begin with the release of the FY25 [21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center](#) grant in September and continue with two Act 78 state-funded options in October. These federal and state funded investments are designed to provide multi-year grant options with flexibility in terms of size, scope, and effort required. At its core, these investments will explicitly fund more time for learning through a variety of engaging programming and implementation options. Flexible school/community program partnerships and expanding opportunities for participation to all Vermont youth are essential components of the initiative.

### Application Preparation

AOE will be using the Weekly Field Memo beginning in September to release detailed announcement documents for each grant opportunity. In the interim, those interested in participating may consider the following questions to prepare for the upcoming competitions.

- In what ways could my SU/SD or organization initiate, improve, expand, and/or sustain my pre-existing afterschool or summer operation to better serve youth?
- What schools or community organizations in my area are mission-aligned with my program and how can we partner to improve the quality of the experience being provided to all our participants?



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## **Additional Information**

Additional information on these grant opportunities may be found on the AOE website. Updated application information will be added to these sites when it is available.

[Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers \(21C\) Grant Program](#)

[State Afterschool Grant Application Planning Guide for FY 2024](#)

## **Resources**

For questions on these competitive grant opportunities, please reach out to the AOE employees listed below.

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