**Request for Proposals: ASOST-S Grant Summer 2024**

In partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership (MAP) is calling for proposals for the ASOST-S Grant for **summer 2024**. This grant program is intended to help expand access to and increase the quality of summer programs in Massachusetts. MAP will award programs an amount of up to $60,000**,** awarded to programs for services offered from July 1st, 2024 – August 31st, 2024**.** MAP has approximately $1M to award to summer programs.

Programs can apply to ASOST-S funds for a wide range of services and support, including but not limited to staff wages and/or compensation, emotional learning services, transportation, and professional development. Funds cannot be used for capital projects.

Programs should meet the following criteria:

* Programs that are operated by non-profit community-based organizations (CBOs) and school districts, including charter schools and collaboratives;
* Programs in communities or schools/districts where at least 25% of students served are considered [low-income](https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/statereport/selectedpopulations.aspx) and/or are in [schools in chronically underperforming status](https://www.doe.mass.edu/level5/);
* Programs that specifically aim to support historically marginalized students, including but not limited to, [English learners](https://www.doe.mass.edu/ele/), [students on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/), students who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), [students experiencing homelessness, in foster care and/or who are migratory](https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/edstability.html);
* Programs that support the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's or Department's) [Educational Vision](https://www.doe.mass.edu/commissioner/vision/), including supporting the [whole student](https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/mental-wellness/default.html), [deeper learning](https://www.doe.mass.edu/deeperlearning/), and culturally and linguistically sustaining practices that contribute to affirming environments where students have a sense of belonging;
* Programs that engage and leverage knowledge and strengths of students, [families](https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/?section=family), staff and community to inform programming design and decisions;
* Programs that offer comprehensive programming at least 3-5 days a week and/or approximately 150 hours per year/summer;
* Programs with curricula and programming that are evidence/research-based; and
* Programs that have or want to strengthen partnerships with local schools and/or other community-based organizations.
* Programs will be required to participate in professional development, provided free to them through the Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership’s Professional Development arm or through another entity. They will also be encouraged to include plans for program and/or student evaluation in their proposals, such as the SAYO, APT, DoS, or other evaluation tools.

**Purpose and Process**

The overall goal of the grant is to help ASOST programs enhance the quality of and increase access to afterschool and out-of-school time (ASOST) programs in order to improve academic, physical, social, and emotional wellness of school-age youth during the school year and summer months. The main priorities of the grant are to support activities that enhance one or more of the quality criteria areas outlined in the [Guidelines for Quality Enhancements in After-School and Out-of-School Time](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.doe.mass.edu%2Fgrants%2F2024%2F528-530%2Fguidelines.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) and to increase access to quality ASOST programs for students who have previously been underserved.

MAP reserves the right to change the scope and/or of the terms of the RFP depending on the number of proposals received, funding requested, and changes to the anticipated allocations by the state legislature. MAP may also extend the date for application submissions.

Timeline

* April 2nd 2024– Informational Webinar
* April 12th 2024– Application due date
* May 1st 2024– Awards announced

**How to Apply**

Interested program administrators can use this link to attend an informational session on April 2nd, 2024 from 11 a.m. to noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84489145302?pwd=aXg3eVBGM1ErakVMeVMycmg5OE9ZZz09>.

Link to the application: [ASOST Summer 2024 - Formstack.](https://map.formstack.com/forms/asost_summer_2024)

**Required documents when submitting application:**

* **Application Form (includes Grant Assurances)**
* **Budget -** *Please download the budget template and save as “[ProgramName]ASOSTSummer2024” - Do NOT edit online. You can find this on our website at www.massafterschool.org/asostgrant.*