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## Afterschool Alliance

### GRANTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL OST PROGRAMS - DUE FEBRUARY 1

The New York Life Foundation is seeking applications from afterschool, summer, or expanded learning programs serving middle-school youth. In total, \$1.8 million in grants will be awarded to programs all across the country. Take a look to see which opportunity is a good fit for you and apply today!

Grant categories:

- \$100,000 Level
  - Ten (10) grants of \$50,000 per year over the span of two years (for a total award of \$100,000) will go to OST programs with annual program budgets of \$250,000 or more and annual organizational budgets of \$500,000 or more.
- \$50,000 Level
  - Ten (10) grants of \$25,000 per year over the span of two years (for a total award of \$50,000) will go to OST programs with annual organizational budgets of \$250,000 or more.
- \$15,000 Level
  - Twenty (20) awards of \$15,000 over one year will go to OST programs with annual organizational budgets of \$150,000 or more with a focus on supporting programs in their efforts around advancing racial equity and social justice.

For all three tiers, grant funds may be used for technical assistance, enhancing direct service activities, and/or program expansion. Applicants will need to describe how programs support youth in the transition to the ninth grade and how they are continuing to serve youth in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two-year grant applicants will need to demonstrate results around indicators of success such as on-time promotion; school attendance rates; improved behavior, grades and test scores; and/or the development of social and emotional skills. One-year grant applicants will need to describe how they

intend to improve the supports they provide to youth related to social justice and racial equity efforts.

For more information, [watch the recording of our Aim High grant webinar](#). Applications are due February 1, 2022 at 5 p.m. ET. [Learn more about the grant application, view the RFP, and submit your application.](#)

Reach out to the Afterschool Alliance at [aimhigh@afterschoolalliance.org](mailto:aimhigh@afterschoolalliance.org) with questions, or [view our updated FAQ](#).



## REGISTER NOW - *Responding to the Afterschool Worker Shortage*

### Speaker's Forum Webinar

Recruiting, hiring, and retaining afterschool workers have been longstanding issues. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit—and these issues were greatly exacerbated. They had resulted in programs closing, drastically reducing capacity, and adding stress to afterschool workers. Many of these challenges are not unique to the afterschool field- they are being experienced by those in education and a wide range of fields. We know that the issue of staff shortages is not new to veteran afterschool program leaders. However, we felt it is important to summarize what we know in the time of COVID-19.

**“The most pressing problem facing afterschool is the nationwide shortage of workers.” –**  
Michael Funk, Director of CDE Expanded Learning Division

The purpose of this Speaker's Forum Webinar is to examine the nature of the current worker shortage, the challenges to afterschool programs and how best to respond to this as a field. Attendees will be invited to offer comments and ask questions.

**Speakers:** Michael Funk (Director, Expanded Learning Division, California Department of Education) will offer a brief introduction to this topic. Other speakers include: Jodi Grant (Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance), Aleah Rosario (Director of Programs, Partnership for Children & Youth), Nhi Chau (Deputy Director of Strategic Development, East Bay Asian Youth Center) and others.

**Who Should Attend:** Out-of-school time and educational leaders and practitioners serving young people ages 5-18, funders, and policy-makers.

Thursday, January 27, 2022

online via Zoom!

10:00am - 12:00pm PST

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For more info and to register, click [HERE](#).

The Stossel in the Classroom 2021-22 student essay and video contests are here—offering \$25,000 in cash prizes for students & teachers!

The essay and video contests are open to secondary schoolers and undergrads can participate in the video contest. New this year—students can choose from multiple topics, and there's a new middle school division with separate prizes!

Check out their website for details on prizes, program updates, and entry instructions, then get your students started on their entries!

<https://stosselintheclassroom.org/student-contests/>



## Recovery Resources

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