

## Award Process

### ARPA Beyond the Classroom Grant Program and Beyond the Classroom Technical Assistance Grant Program August 11, 2021



## Background

Governor Tony Evers has directed \$49,500,000 for the Beyond the Classroom Grant Program to assist Wisconsin to support increased enrollment capacity, additional learning opportunities, or increase mental health support for school-age children during the summer months of 2021 and support programming during the 2021-22 school year through summer months of 2022. Governor Evers has also directed \$500,000 for the Beyond the Classroom Technical Assistance Grant Program to provide technical assistance to organizations which provide assistance to out of school educational programs. Funding for this assistance is provided to Wisconsin by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. For more information regarding the Beyond the Classroom and the Beyond the Classroom Technical Assistance Grant Programs, including the grant applications, please visit the Program website: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/BeyondtheClassroom.aspx>.

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties information on the award processes for the Programs as defined in the Grant Announcements, issued Friday, June 18, 2021. The Grant Announcements provided the following Method of Award governing allocation of funds:

**Section 3.6 Method of Award.** The State will determine final evaluations for each application (see section 3.3). The State intends to award multiple grant agreements. (*Source: Grant Announcement, p. 7*)

## Process-Beyond the Classroom Grant Program

### Eligibility.

1. The program received 140 proposals prior to the application deadline of July 8, 2021, at 2:00PM CDT, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
2. Twenty-five (25) proposals were disqualified due to applicant ineligibility (e.g. did not have 501(c)3 status, did not have qualifying 2019 operating revenue, or did not otherwise meet the minimum application requirements)

### Budget Adjustment and Awards.

1. There were 114 eligible applications received. The Program adjusted proposals that made requests in excess of the amounts identified in Section 3.5 of the Grant Announcement to the lesser of \$3,000,000 or 25% of the organization's 2019 operating revenue. Finally, the Program adjusted grant requests that included ineligible costs as identified in an applicant's proposal.
2. The Summer 2021 period was undersubscribed with requests totaling \$16,157,409.66 of the allowable \$24,750,000, therefore all eligible applications were fully funded for the period. The remaining balance of Summer 2021 funding (\$8,592,590.34) was made available for the period of the 2021-22 School year and Summer of 2022.

3. The period of 2021-2022 and Summer 2022 was oversubscribed with a total of \$41,457,984.27 for the available \$24,750,000 original allotment and the \$8,592,590.34 carryover from Summer 2021. In order to provide service to the most children, the program reduced Fall 2021 and Summer 2022 awards by either 16% or 40%. Applications which had submitted all required materials with the original application received the 16% reductions. Those applicants that had failed to submit the required W-9 paperwork with their applications were reduced by 40%.

### **Process-Beyond the Classroom Technical Assistance Grant Program**

#### **Eligibility.**

1. The program received twelve (12) proposals prior to the application deadline of July 8, 2021, at 2:00PM CDT, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
2. Ten (10) proposals did not meet all application requirements, and 1 application was withdrawn by the applicant.

#### **Budget Adjustment and Award.**

1. One proposal was selected for an award no budget adjustments were made.