



Competitive ARP ESSER Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment
and After-School Programs
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Guide

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*As we provide technical assistance to district and organizations regarding
Competitive ARP ESSER Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment and After-School Programs Funds
and more information becomes available, NDE staff will add question and answers to this document.*

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Information in here may change based on updated guidance that we receive from the federal government or the Governor’s Finance Office

Updates to this FAQ will be posted on the NDE website under the “[Grant Information](#)” page.

General Grant Application Questions


#	Question	Answer
1	Will the PowerPoint to today's Webinar be available after the meeting?	Yes, the PowerPoint will be made available after the meeting on NDE's grants website.
2	How do we submit this application since we do not have an ePage account? We have never had one issued and it appears everything must be uploaded using this program.	Please submit your Notice of Intent to Apply to here by September 12, 2022 at 5:00pm PST. Once the Notice of Intent to Apply is submitted, you will sent e-PAGE login instructions sometime after September 12, 2022.
3	The standard hourly rate is \$30/hour however we want to provide incentives to encourage teachers to participate and support student engagement and ensure that they complete the afterschool/ enrichment sessions that the school schedules. Is that hourly rate something we can raise? Is a stipend also possible?	The Competitive ARP ESSER Afterschool and Summer NOFO grant opportunity is being funded from federal relief funds, therefore, your entity may write, justify, and prove the need for teacher hourly rate of pay, incentives etc. as determined per the needs assessment data. We advise to justify within the narrative and align the budget to that narrative and needs assessment.
4	In the NOFO, when I clicked on the letter of intent link it says, "form is not found."	Please copy & paste the URL into your browser and delete the ending "." Please submit your Notice of Intent to Apply to here by September 12, 2022 at 5:00pm PST.
5	Your "notice of Intent to apply" only has one spot to put the Vendor ID#	This portion should be filled with the Vendor ID of the applicant.

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<p>6</p>	<p>Are these funds permissible to be used over breaks such as fall, winter, and spring breaks including Saturday and before school times?</p>	<p>Yes, any out of school time can be requested</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Will an evaluation be required like it is with the 21st CCLC Grant and can we write in our application to include an external evaluator?</p>	<p>An External Evaluator is not required for the Competitive ARP ESSER Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment and After-School Programs Grant. However, applicants will need to detail specifics on how the proposed program will be monitored and evaluated for continuous improvement.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Will NDE require training of the schools, partners, LEA grant program and coordinators? If yes, will it be offered online?</p>	<p>As this grant opportunity is funded by ESSER, NDE will not require trainings for this grant program.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Is professional development permissible specifically EL strategies to be then used during those Afterschool and summer school programming so that it is providing professional learning for those staff members that will be engaging with the students</p>	<p>Yes, Professional Development is permissible. This is a competitive application so long as justification is provided in the application. The priority of this funding is toward services to students.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Is local government eligible to apply, either (1) directly to support our out-of-school youth programming, or (2) as a partner with a non-profit?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, we cannot support other government agencies due to this being ESSER. Local governments received funding under ESSER already.</p>

<p>11</p>	<p>Can these funds support current 21st Century schools?</p>	<p>We discourage blending funds is as it could be difficult to monitor and record keep. It may be beneficial to apply for the ARP ESSER and move schools/sites from current cohorts into this competitive application. However, if your entity is a current 21st CCLC subgrantee and wants to include justification for a new component that does not exist within that approved application, this is permissible.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>I work for a local non-profit and we are applying for funding, is the Vendor Showcase something we are presenting at or something we are attending to watch?</p>	<p>The Vendor Showcase is an event that is open to all interested applicants of the Competitive ARP ESSER Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment and After-School Programs Notice of Funding Opportunity. This is an optional event and all applicants would be attending to listen to the presentations and ask questions of the Vendors.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>As I evaluate the path we will take, I want to make sure that our team will have support from NDE directly if needed if we apply outside of our LEA.</p>	<p>As this is a competitive grant, NDE cannot assist in the design, writing, or submission of the application. The NOFO team is available for any technical assistance that may be needed, for example, navigating ePAGE, allowability, etc. We encourage you to attend each of the TA sessions listed in the NOFO.</p> <p>Please let the team know if you have any technical questions as you move through the process.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>If additional afterschool programs and/or Summer programming is requested in this application, is Cayen entry required for all or is it optional?</p>	<p>The NDE is working to make available the Afterschool 21(CAYEN) system for data entry for the Afterschool and Summer NOFO grant. It is not a requirement of the grant to use Afterschool 21 system, it will be optional.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Can programs supported by these funds be pushed INTO the classrooms at the elementary school.</p>	<p>No, these funds can only support programs that are provided during any out of school time-before/after school, breaks, summer, etc.</p>

<p>★ 17</p>	<p>When is the “Statement of Certificate” and “Pre-Award Financial Risk Assessment” due?</p>	<p>These documents are due with your completed application on 9/23/2022. They will be completed in ePAGE</p>
<p>★ 18</p>	<p>Is the unit cost per year or the life of the grant?</p>	<p>It should be for the entire grant period. In your narrative section, please breakdown the costs further, as necessary.</p>
<p>★ 19</p>	<p>Can we type in a word document and then cut/paste into ePAGE?</p>	<p>All narrative answers will be uploaded into ePAGE as a Word or PDF document.</p>
<p>★ 20</p>	<p>Is the indirect cost allowable?</p>	<p>An entity must use their current negotiated rate. If an entity does not have a negotiated rate that was approved by some cognizant entity, then they will not be able to submit for indirect costs and will need to include only actual/direct costs for allowable activities.</p>
<p>★ 21</p>	<p>Can we submit additional attachments in the application to support the narrative questions? Where can we upload these attachments?</p>	<p>Yes, you may upload additional documents to support your narrative responses or provide additional context in the Needs Assessment section. This is the only section within the application that allows multiple attachments.</p>

 22	<p>If awarded, will applicants have the opportunity to revise line items to reflect exact needs? For example, if we are partially funded can we shift our allocated funds to other line items?</p>	<p>Yes, we are asking entities to be as accurate as possible on the application. However, if the application is awarded and partially funded the subawardee would have the ability to shift allocated funds to other approved line items.</p>
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Charter School Applications

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23	<p>In the NOFO it states that charter schools must apply through their LEA, does this mean that our schools that are sponsored by the SPCSA must apply through one application that the SPCSA submits for all charter schools, or can we apply by individual systems?</p>	<p>ALL Charter schools may apply for the Competitive ARP ESSER Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment and After-School Programs NOFO directly to NDE. The NDE will compile all charter grant applications that are awarded funds and allocate through one grant under the district-sponsor or SPCSA and they will then manage the grant in ePAGE.</p> <p>Revised in NOFO</p>
24	<p>Should LEA sponsored charter schools communicate directly with NDE?</p>	<p>LEA sponsored charter schools interested in applying independent of their LEA’s application may communicate directly with the NDE for technical assistance.</p>
25	<p>Will the award be a line-item award for Charter schools under an LEA District application?</p>	<p>If the LEA sponsored charter school applied independent of their LEA’s application, then the NDE will compile all charter grant applications that are awarded funds and allocate through one grant under the district-sponsor and the district-sponsor will then manage the grant in ePAGE.</p>
26	<p>Theoretically, should the LEA write for the Charter School if the Charter School is sponsored by the LEA?</p>	<p>Revised in NOFO. All Charter schools may apply on their own for this funding. See question 15.</p>

Vendor Showcase

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27	The date of the Vendor Showcase is listed as the 23 rd in some places and 29 th in others. I was wondering if you would be able to clarify which date is correct?	We apologize for the discrepancy of dates. The NDE is working to finalize a revised NOFO and will include this correction. The updated date of the Vendor Showcase was rescheduled for Monday, August 29 th , 1-2:30 pm.
28	For the Afterschool Vendor Showcase, have the vendors been vetted by NDE? Are we only able to pick one?	All vendors at the Showcase on August 29 th will be vetted by NDE prior to August 29 th . Entities can pick more than one vendor, designing their programs and applications in a way that serves their respective communities.
29	How do we access a list of the vendors that will be vetted by the NDE who are presenting at the Afterschool Vendor Showcase on August 29 th ?	The NDE will not have a finalized list of vendors until the event. After the event, NDE will distribute a directory of Vendor Showcase participants that will include vendor name, point of contact, and a brief description of their services.
30	Is anyone allowed to present at the presentation if we applied?	The NDE is process of vetting all Vendor applicants. Once vetted, NDE will reach out to all qualifying vendors with further instructions to present at the Vendor Showcase. Applicants do not need to present.
31	Can applicants' contract with vendors other than the ones who participated in the showcase?	Applicants may choose to contract with any one or more vendor to provide a complete support system for students.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or need assistance with Competitive ARP ESSER Evidence-Based Summer Enrichment and After-School Programs

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Glossary of Acronyms

- **ARP** – American Rescue Plan
- **ePAGE** – Electronic Plans, Applications, Grants, and Expenditures, NDE’s electronic grants management portal
- **ESSER** – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief
- **LEA** – Local education agency, meaning county school districts and the State Public Charter School Authority
- **NDE** – Nevada Department of Education
- **NOFO** – Notice of Funding Opportunity
- **SLFRF** – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds