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American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Afterschool Program Competitive Award

Please join the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Youth Development Branch in celebrating the release of the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Afterschool Program Competitive Award (ARP ESSER). The purpose of the ARP ESSER Afterschool grant is to provide funding for the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive after school programs, and ensure such programs respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student populations.

This program supports the development of the ARP ESSER Afterschool grant program to assist local school systems, public charter schools, nonprofit [501(c)(3)], faith-based, or other private or public organizations in the State to establish partnerships designed to support the creation of after school learning centers to provide academic enrichment opportunities during after school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.

Important Dates:

- Dissemination of Request for Proposal: Friday, July 16, 2021
- Pre-Proposal Virtual Conference: Friday, July 16, 2021
 - Click [here](#) to access the Pre-Proposal virtual conference call to begin at 1:00 p.m.
 - Log- in by using the following details:
 - Meeting number: 161 001 5404
 - Password: OST2022
- Deadline for Application Submission: Friday, August 20, 2021

Please refer to the [American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ARP ESSER\) Fund](#) for additional information.