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APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

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

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has extended the deadline to submit proposals for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Afterschool Program Competitive Award (ARP ESSER). The deadline to submit the proposal has been extended to **Friday, August 27, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.** The deadline for submission of the LSS Participation Agreement (Exhibit 9) has been extended until **Friday, September 3, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.** Award notifications will be no later than Friday, October 22, 2021.

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.

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