



FY25-26 Out-of-School Time Fund (Community Children's Services Fund)

Funding Purpose

The Saint Louis Mental Health Board (MHB) is excited to announce a grant opportunity for out-of-school time service providers beginning October 1, 2025. MHB will provide funding to providers addressing the social/emotional development of children, youth, and their families through high quality prevention and youth development programs during out-of-school time. MHB wants to ensure these critical services remain available and accessible to children living in the City of St. Louis. The Out-of-School Time Fund will allocate approximately \$297,000 to support approximately four out-of-school time programs.

The deadline for the application is **Thursday, August 15, 2024, 5:00 pm**. Applicants may contact Denise Carter, MHB Children's Services Project Director, at dcarter@stlmhb.org with questions about this funding opportunity. All general questions from applicants and MHB responses will be posted to the MHB website. Questions must be submitted before Thursday, August 8, 2024, 5:00 pm. MHB staff will not be available to answer questions after that date.

Funding Background

Beginning in July 2006, through the Community Children's Services Fund (CCSF), MHB invested in quality afterschool programming as an intentional strategy to support prevention programs that promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families. Over the past 18 years, MHB has invested more than \$14M to increase access to and support for quality afterschool programming for children and youth in the City of St. Louis. MHB's support for out-of-school programming for children and youth is part of a larger strategy to reduce children's experiences of trauma and violence and to provide high quality prevention programming. The use of these funds has expanded from after-school programming to out-of-school time programming to allow for weekend, morning and evening prevention programming during the school year and summer programming when school is not in session.

About Saint Louis MHB

Established in 1994, the Saint Louis Mental Health Board (MHB) is an independent government taxing authority administering two special property taxes that support behavioral health services via the Community Mental Health Fund (CHMF) and the Community Children's Services Fund (CCSF). Using a competitive application process, tax funds are distributed to nonprofit organizations that provide high quality children's services, mental health, and substance use services to St. Louis City residents.

Mission

We're on a mission to improve the quality of life for city residents by investing and participating in a coordinated system of social, behavioral, and physical health services aligned with community priorities.

Definitions

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Out-of-School Time (OST) is a supervised program that young people regularly attend when school is not in session. Settings can include before- and after- school programs in a school and/or community facility, specialty programs (e.g., sports teams, STEM, arts enrichment), multipurpose programs that provide an array of activities, summer camps, school break camps (e.g., fall, winter, spring break), and weekend programming.

Funding Eligibility

1. Organizations that are currently receiving Out of School Time funding through MHB's FY24-26 grant program are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.
2. All organizations considering an application submission should review MHB's Community Investment Policies available here - <https://bit.ly/30SQica>
3. All proposed projects must focus on service provision specifically for St. Louis City residents in line with MHB's governing CCSF Statute - <https://bit.ly/3Ji3TLq>
4. Projects should be tailored to meet the specific needs related to out-of-school time. Additional information may be found by reviewing MHB's Theory of Change - <https://bit.ly/3H9TPCA>

Disclaimers

- MHB reserves the right to amend, modify or cancel the Notice of Funding Opportunity in whole or in part if it is deemed to be in the best interest of MHB to do so.
- MHB reserves the right to reject any and all applications, to waive formalities, and to select the applications which are, at MHB's sole discretion and allowed by statute or regulation, in the best interest of MHB.
- MHB reserves the right to reject applications that are inconsistent with Missouri statutes and regulations, St. Louis City ordinances, or MHB policies and priorities.
- MHB reserves the right to negotiate specific terms of an application if it is deemed to be in the best interest of MHB to do so.
- MHB reserves the right to require supplemental information or documentation from applicants to clarify and/or verify information provided in the application.
- The NOFA process does not obligate MHB to select an applicant, pay the costs incurred in preparations of any responses hereto, or to procure or contract for the services or outcomes described herein.
- MHB may exercise the foregoing rights at any time without notice and without liability to any applicant or any other party for expenses incurred in the preparation of responses hereto or otherwise. Responses hereto will be prepared at the sole cost and expense of the applicant.

How to submit your Out of School Time application:

Visit the MHB Portal by using this

link: <https://stlmhb.communityforce.com/Funds/FundDetails.aspx?496F49596D593768464E3537506B6F754D5442315A31434C5865682F305A5850795238704B37426C492F4B7A43434C5A3478557A4B77375645457A717765393145516256674145536A66513D>

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