**The Arkansas ARP ESSER III Afterschool and Summer Learning Competitive Grant Program**

**Letter of Intent (LOI)**

**I. Overview:**

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has partnered with Arkansas State University and its sponsored initiative, the Arkansas Out of School Network (AOSN), to oversee the American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III sub-awards for afterschool, summer, and extended-year learning programs to support student learning and social emotional development. A-State and AOSN will accept applications, distribute funding, and manage the sub-award process.

Priority will be given to programs located within school districts with 50 percent or higher Free and Reduced Lunch rates and students or communities that fall under Community Eligibility for the Free and Reduced Rate Lunch program. In addition, geographic areas that have limited access to afterschool and summer programming will be prioritized as well as those students who were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**II.** **Eligible Applicants:**

Entities interested in applying should represent school districts, entities that partner with school districts, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, licensed youth development programs, public libraries, nonprofit organizations, career and technical programs, public and private institutions of higher learning, and others as determined by AOSN and approved by the DESE.

**III. Application process:**

Interested applicants must submit the LOI Form by 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2021 to the Arkansas Out of School Network at aosn@astate.edu. Qualified applicants will be invited to submit a full application. Please direct questions concerning the LOI to Laveta Wills-Hale at lwillshale@astate.edu.

**IV. LOI Information: Please answer all questions**

Name of the Organization**:** Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Person: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City, State, Zip Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email:Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone:Click or tap here to enter text.

**V. Type of Program:**

[ ] Comprehensive afterschool and summer

[ ] Summer only

**VI. Age group served: (Check all that apply)**

[ ] Elementary (K-6)

[ ] Middle School (7-8)

[ ] High School (9-12)

**VII. Funding period:**

[ ] Comprehensive Afterschool and Summer Program (year-round programming)

[ ] Summer Only

**VIII. Proposed activities: (Check all that apply)**

[ ] Personal development skills, such as, Social and Emotional Learning or Life Skills

[ ] Fluency in Literacy and Computational Skills or Math Skills

[ ] Helping youth explore a broad range of careers with an emphasis on STEM fields

[ ] Employability and workforce preparation

[ ] Substance abuse prevention

[ ] Health and wellness

[ ] Financial literacy

[ ] Family Engagement

[ ] Vocational or Technical Skills Training

**IX. Statement of Impact: (250 words or less)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**X. Intent to apply statement:**

*Submission of this form indicates the organization’s intent to apply for the ARP ESSER III Afterschool and Summer Learning Competitive Grant Program. I understand that submission of this form is no guarantee of acceptance or funding.*

**Authorized signature:**

**Date submitted:**

Click or tap here to enter text.