

# ACT NOW!

Afterschool for Children and Teens

# NEWSLETTER

## Policy Updates

### Federal Updates

#### [FY23 Federal Budget Proposed](#)

Yesterday, on March 28, 2022, President Biden released his Fiscal Year 23 (FY23) discretionary budget request, with increased funding proposed for afterschool and summer learning opportunities. Below, you will find some of the other proposed budget line items we are following:

- **\$1.31 billion for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)**, which would be \$51 million over the FY22 continuing resolution but is \$21 million above the 2022 enacted level of \$1.289 billion.
- **\$7.6 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)**. This is an increase of \$1.4 billion over the FY22 enacted level
- **\$468 million for Full-Service Community School grant program**. This is an increase of \$393 million over FY22 enacted funding level.
- **\$36.5 billion for Title I funding to local education agencies**. Reminder: afterschool and summer learning programs are an allowable use for this funding. This proposed amount is an increase of \$19 billion above the 2022 enacted level.
- **\$7 million proposed increase for Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants**.
- **An increase of \$21 million is proposed for the Perkins V Career, Technical Education (CTE) program**. Community-based organizations are able to access this funding via partnerships with school districts.
- **\$120 million for the Youth Mentoring grant line**, which aims to support mentoring programs including those provided through afterschool programs. This is an increase of \$18 million over FY22 enacted levels.

To review the Afterschool Alliance's full blog post on the funding for afterschool and summer learning programs in the FY23 proposed budget, click [here](#). Don't forget to [send an ACTION ALERT to highlight the importance of including afterschool in the FY23 Budget!](#)

For a list of previously listed policy updates, click [here](#).

## Trainings, Events and Webinars

Core Area	Organization	Name of Event/Training	Date	Registration Link
Youth Development	<a href="#">ACT Now</a>	STEM Webinar #4: Big, Blue Rock: Integrating Geoscience Curriculum into STEM OST Programming	April 7, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">Afterschool Alliance</a>	Youth Voice Week	March 28, 2022 to April 1, 2022	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
Professional Development	<a href="#">Illinois AfterSchool Network</a>	36th Annual Spring Virtual Conference	<b>TOMORROW</b> to April 1, 2022	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">ACT Now</a> and <a href="#">Illinois AfterSchool Network</a>	Teen REACH Quarterly Meeting #3	<b>TOMORROW</b> (During IAN's 36th Annual Spring Virtual Conference)	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">The U.S. Department of Education</a>	Lessons from the Field Series: Expanding School-Health Center Partnerships	<b>TOMORROW</b> from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">Coalition for Community Schools</a>	Virtual Youth Town Hall: Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19	March 31, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">EducationWeek</a>	Disability & BIPOC Youth in the Week of the Young Child	April 5, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">ACT Now</a>	IL-QPSA Webinar #3 for NEW Users	April 13, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">ACT Now</a>	IL-QPSA Webinar #2 for RETURNING Users	April 14, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">American Institutes for Research</a>	Linking SEL and Academics in the Learning Environment: Ten Equity-Centered Instructional Practices	April 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>

		That All Educators Can Use to Teach the Whole Child		
	<a href="#">ACT Now</a>	April Membership Exchange	April 26, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<a href="#">ACT Now</a>	Community Schools CHICAGO Training: Family Engagement	April 27, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
<b>Safety, Health, and Nutrition</b>	<a href="#">Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Office</a>	Community Safety Town Halls: Youth Town Hall	April 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in-person	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>

For an archive of our previously listed Trainings, Events and Webinars, click [here](#).

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## Resources for Providers

### Safety, Health, and Nutrition

#### [Strategies for Maintaining Mental Health of Educators](#)

[eSchool News](#) has shared an article with seven strategies for support the mental health of educators and afterschool professionals!

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## Opportunities for Providers

### Administration

#### [COVID and Afterschool Survey](#)

[The Afterschool Alliance](#) is asking for afterschool and summer program providers' time and help once again to capture what our field looks like two years into the pandemic by completing a [short survey](#). In this seventh wave of the survey, which should take approximately 10 minutes of your time, you will find questions about the activities and services your program is currently providing, challenges you are facing, resources that would be of most help to you, and plans for the summer. **The survey closes April 10, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. PDT. All those who complete the survey are entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card.**

## Professional Development

### [Board Matching Opportunity](#)

The [Compass On Board](#) program is offering a free board candidate matching opportunity for Chicago nonprofits seeking new members for their boards. **The deadline to participate in this program is April 1, 2022.**

### [Crisis in the Field: Using Data to Support the Afterschool Workforce](#)

The afterschool workforce in Illinois is facing an unprecedented staffing crisis. The need for youth support is greater than ever, but the impact of the pandemic and historic underinvestment in these roles has made staffing programs a challenge. **ACT Now** surveyed the field to examine the state of the afterschool workforce and the issues they are facing to determine potential solutions. Join us on **April 26, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, for our April Membership Exchange where we will officially release the data and discuss how to use the results to make positive changes in the field including:

- Advocating for increased per award grant amounts
- Building into budgets increased wages and staff mental health supports
- Training on how to create a culture of support

For questions or concerns, please contact **Lesley Fisher Chapman** (Project Coordinator) at [ChapmanL@actnowillinois.org](mailto:ChapmanL@actnowillinois.org).

*For an archive of our previously listed Opportunities for Providers, click [here](#).*

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## Youth Opportunities

### Youth Development

#### [ACT Now: Policy and Communications Internship for Summer 2022](#)

**This is our final call for applications for our Policy and Communications Internship for Summer 2022.** This is a full-time internship opportunity. We hope to offer an in-person internship this summer if it is safe to do so. However, ACT Now will consider a remote internship opportunity. We are also providing a stipend for this internship. **Applications are due Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. CST.**

*For an archive of our previously listed Youth Opportunities, click [here](#).*

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# Funding Opportunities

## Administration

### [Grant Opportunity for Chicago-based Arts Nonprofits](#)

[The MacArthur Funds for Culture, Equity, and the Arts at the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation](#) is offering a second cycle of grants to Chicago-based organizations that provide programming around the creative disciplines, and whose actual expenses in the most recently completed fiscal year were between \$150,000 and \$500,000. **The application deadline is May 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. CST.**

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## Call for Resources

*Do you have valuable resources, stories, or best practices to share with the afterschool field?*

Please [click here](#) to share your resources with ACT Now and we will disseminate them (via our newsletter and website) to other providers across the state!

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Spencer (Youth Development Associate) at [Spencere@actnowillinois.org](mailto:Spencere@actnowillinois.org)

**NOTE:** We sort our trainings and resources by the Core Areas in the Illinois Statewide Afterschool Quality Standards to promote better understanding and implementation of the Standards. **Blue headings denote a Core Area.** To learn more about the Quality Standards, click [here](#).

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