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## **Apply for Out-of-School Time Expansion Grants**

PIERRE, S.D. – Existing out-of-school time (OST) programs in South Dakota have the opportunity to apply for \$50,000 to \$200,000 grants to expand their existing programs. Applicants must be local education agencies, educational cooperatives, or nonprofit community-based organizations that support the academic school day during out-of-school time programs.

Out-of-School Time Expansion Grants are intended to support students who have experienced significant lost instructional time or academic regression. Applicants will be able to determine those most impacted in their community. The proposed activities should provide academic enrichment and additional activities designed to complement students' regular academic program.

The grant application must be submitted electronically, via email with attachments, on or before Tuesday, April 11, 2023, to <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Cronin@state.sd.us">Stephanie.Cronin@state.sd.us</a>. Find more information on the South Dakota Department of Education's Out-of-School Time Expansion Grants webpage.

Grants are being funded with dollars available to the South Dakota Department of Education through the American Rescue Plan. Funds must be obligated prior to Aug. 31, 2024. Grants must support existing OST programs that may encompass after school and/or summer programs.

Email <u>Stephanie.Cronin@state.sd.us</u> or <u>Alan.Haarstad@state.sd.us</u> or call 605-773-4693, with questions about the grant application process.