FAQ

What will the review process entail?

Programs who complete the application and submit all required documents will be reviewed by the grant review committee, which will be composed of a minimum of 4 community members and out-of-school time professionals and scored using the rubric.

How do I apply for this award?

Begin by registering through the [Blackbaud grant portal](#). Once logged in, eligibility is determined through an initial questionnaire and if requirements are met, you will be able to access the application form, complete the necessary fields and submit required documents. Members of organizations that have previously applied for an ION award should use prior login information.

How long do I have to spend the funds if awarded?

The grant amount received needs to be obligated between September 15, 2022 - August 31, 2023 for year round and September 15, 2022 - June 5th, 2023 for school year only.

If my organization is awarded, can we use the funds for expenses incurred prior to the grant period beginning?

The grant funds can be used to pay for expenses incurred on September 1 2022, or after.

How many grants can one organization apply for?

Multiple applications may be appropriate when several programs are run through a parent organization or fiscal agent.

If a program or organization intends to use funds for multiple sites, that is allowable within one application if the goals are the same at each site, and must be outlined in the application's organization information section and explanation of fund strategies. The financial agent must be clear and listed in the application.

My organization runs 2 programs, 1 in Caldwell and 1 in Nampa and we plan to submit one application. Would we combine the participant demographic information?

Regarding data for multiple sites, the data you use should reflect the young people you intend to serve from both.

My organization doesn't collect that data you are asking for in your demographics section? What should we do?

We are aware that every organization requests, collects and tracks different types of data and does so based on their community and capacity. If your program does not collect this information from registration it is acceptable to use information that youth or adults have disclosed to you about their demographic. It is also acceptable to put the number of youth you serve in the undisclosed category if that is the case for your programming structure.

Why does ION ask for demographic information?

ION will not be monitoring or seeking individual identifying data on any of demographic categories. Our purpose for asking is twofold; to meet our funding requirements in order to ensure the funds are reaching intended audiences and to be able demonstrate the incredible impact investing in programs that serve these demographics makes.

I don't have the most current number of youth for this upcoming school year because not everyone in the program has registered or attended yet. What should I do?

If you have an estimation based on your past participation, it is acceptable to use that for the application.

Our organization is planning to provide a never been done before program. Is this grant for us? And what program planning resources are available to us?

Yes! This grant is designed to help bring programming to areas with little to no afterschool and summer programming available. Idaho Out-of-School has a wealth of resources to help you prepare an evidence-based program with afterschool and summer learning activities. Visit our website https://idahooutofschool.org/ to learn more, or contact our Quality & Professional Development Coordinator, Dianna McAllister, dmcallister@jannus.org.

We received an Idaho Community Programs for Youth award from ION in the past? Are we still eligible?

Yes, as long as you completed that award in good standing and meet the requirements outlined in this Request for Proposal.

We applied for the Idaho Community Programs for Youth Award and were not awarded. Are we eligible?

Yes, as long as you meet the requirements outlined in the RFP.

We are a privately owned faith based organization. Are we eligible?

Yes, however funds to religious organizations may not support religious programming or materials, nor can participation in religious activities (such as prayers or lessons with a religious purpose) be a required or expected component for youth participants.

If we select all three purposes are we more likely to be awarded our full amount request?

Not necessarily. Programs will be considered for the grant based on their demonstration of comprehensive and evidence programming, a sound plan and feasible strategies to use the funds for the intended purposes. Clarity around goals and outcomes is key. More doesn't always mean better, especially if capacity is a concern.

My program serves youth 4-16 year olds. Are we eligible?

It is allowable to serve additional youth within the program, but the funds from this grant are required to be spent on 5 to 13 year olds. For instance, your program may opt to purchase an evidence-based Social Emotional curriculum or hire a staff with specialized skills such as a therapist or clinician. All youth in your program may benefit from this, however the purchase or expense must be justified to improve access to, or reduce barriers to participation for ages 5 to 13.