

# Any updates to Act 78 grant eligibility & design

- All entities “Public, Private, and Non-Profit” are eligible.
- To be considered, proposals must:
  - Utilize a partnership model
  - Serve communities with no or limited afterschool options
  - Be designed to improve access and remove barriers

# Deployment timeline for Act 78 funds

- Both Applications released – Oct 30th
- Program Applications Due — Dec 5th
- Program Award Announcements — Dec 30<sup>th</sup>
- Program Funding Start – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- Center Applications Due — Jan 15th
- Center Award Announcements – Feb 24th
- Center Funding Start – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

# AOE 2024 State and Federal Investments

## Comparative Summary of AOE Competitive Grants Available to Support Afterschool and Summer Programs in 2024

	Act 78 Program Grant Option	Act 78 Center Grant Option	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers
<b>Readiness/ Capacity Level and Design Approach</b>	For immediate implementation of new or expanded programs	For building capacity and readiness to start <i>one</i> comprehensive center within one year	For higher levels of capacity and readiness to start and sustain a comprehensive center or centers
<b>Planning and Application completion time (range in hours and RFA open period)</b>	Up to 10 hours 1-2 months	Up to 20 hours 1-2 months	50+ hours 4 months
<b>Letter of Intent</b>	No	No	Yes - required to apply
<b>Grant Period</b>	3.5 years with annual performance reviews	3 years with annual performance reviews	5 years with annual performance reviews
<b>Annual Grant Amounts</b>	\$15,000- \$60,000 (annual)	\$50,000-\$150,000 (annual)	\$50,000-\$600,000+ (annual)

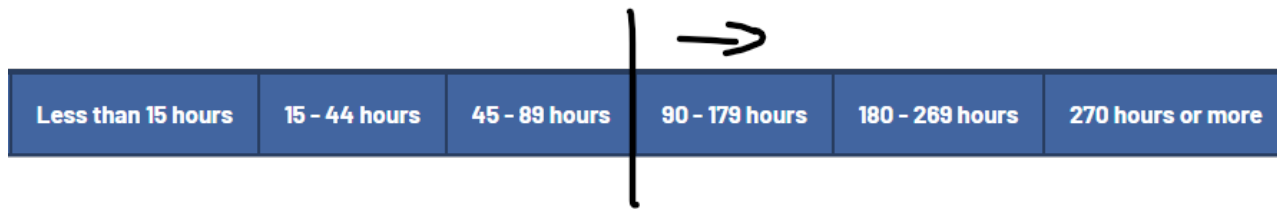
# What is a Full Comprehensive Center: 21C Data

**90 centers**

**10,942 youth served**

**5119 research-based (regular) attendees**

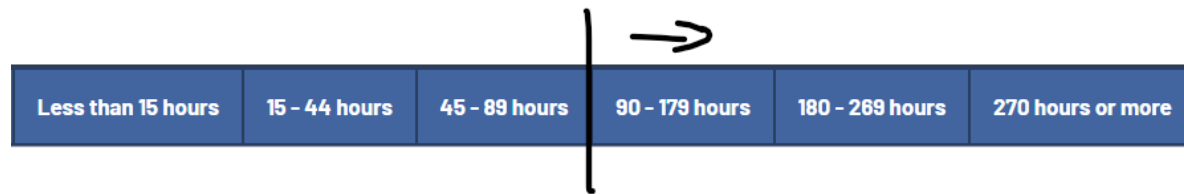
- Average center days open 185 days
- Average 571 center hours open
- Average 15,000 total annual youth hours of service
- Average 25 days of Summer program service
- Average 12 program choices offered at any one time
- Average 55%-60% low income for attendees
- Average 20% attendees on IEP/504 plan
- Average 47% attendees in research-based hour bands
- Average 3 partners, 268 statewide
- Professional level director and diverse staffing from the communities and schools



# Current Center Cost in Vermont

## A 25 -year view

- Our sustainability definition is: “Building and maintaining high quality programming.”
- Average annual center cost: \$150,000
- Average annual costs: \$9 per student hour total cost, \$4 per student hour 21C investment cost~\$1250 per attendee, ~\$3000 per research-based attendee cost(does not include transportation or food costs or facility costs as school buildings and systems are leveraged)
- To serve or grow 1000 research-based attendees the minimal annual cost is: ~\$3,000,000 under the 21C Center model
- For any new growth, costs above are much higher (2x?) in the first decade based on the 21C model which is sustaining at 54%-60% in other cash sources and Act 78 currently has no sustainability mechanism ( This was the case for 21C in 2004 as well)



# A Large Afterschool Funding Framework: a 20 year experience

- 1998-2004 3 years of grantee funding at 100% level funded
- 2004-present 3-5 years state options could create alternate system
- New Grantees and/or New Centers (5-year investments)
  - Years 1-3 with 100% funding
  - Year 4 funded at 75% of year 1 award with sustainability met
  - Year 5 funded at 65% of year 1 award with sustainability met
  - Returning Grantees and Centers (after a 5-year investment)
  - Level-funded for 5 years at up to 50% of total program budget
  - “50%” is a competitive target, it is NOT a required match
- Big \$ Buckets: school budgets, licensing, fees, partnerships, other federal funds.
- AOE-21C maintains detailed historical afterschool expenditure and results spreadsheets that can and is being used to inform Act 78 strategy

# 2024 recent 21C Competition Info

21 new centers funded last year: 18 from 21C with 1.25 million allocated annually, (5 from Act 78 with 675k allocated annually)

People representing up to 15-20 centers have contacted AOE in the last month about 21C and attended training #1 or requested a recording for 2024-25. 25% returning, 75% new.

Several other requests that may be a better fit for Act 78-great to have options!

Letters of Intent due Nov 22, Applications due Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Revised [Readiness Self- Assessment](#) and other joint supports in play