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FAQ for Prospective State Afterschool Grant Applicants

I am trying to access GMS; the Application or Central data and I don't know where to start?

Before an organization can access or submit for any of the State Afterschool Grants, they must have a GMS account with a completed Central Data collection. For a detailed guide on how to complete these pieces, please refer to this guide on enrolling in the [AOE Grants Management System](#).

I want to do XYZ for a program, is that okay?

There are a wide range of programs which are allowable under the constraints of the State Afterschool Grant. To best tailor advice and answers to questions about a specific program proposal, please reach out to Johannes.Haensch@vermont.gov or Asah.Whalen@vermont.gov.

Should I apply to the Center Track or Program Track application?

The Program Track and Center track applications, while both pursuing increases in afterschool opportunities, go about it in slightly different ways. Centers are self-contained hubs, often offering multiple programs over 100+ days whereas a program is typically housed within the administrative structure of another entity and is often tasked with the delivery of a specific activity without a prescribed time limit. We would suggest that someone within your organization complete the [Readiness Self-Assessment](#) and read the [Grant Opportunities Overview](#) which can help inform your thinking around the application and can help point you toward which grant will be most suitable to you and your organization's purposes.

What aspects of partnership are important in the application?

Partnerships between organizations in the afterschool space are an essential part of creating opportunities which are effective and relevant for Vermont's students. The partnership section of the application asks for the applicant to share partnerships between their organization and others. Please make sure that it is explained how the partner organizations are adding to the delivery of programming within the proposal.



I am a current grantee, am I allowed to apply for this year's round of grants?

Yes. Current grantees can apply and compete for this year's round of State Afterschool Grants. Please note that your current funding will be considered in the overall need of the community relative to other applicants.