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BOSTON AFTER SCHOOL & BEYOND AWARDS \$2 MILLION TO SIXTY-EIGHT AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE ENRICHMENT

BOSTON, Thursday, February 23, 2023— Sixty-eight Boston after-school programs will share nearly \$2 million in new funding from Boston After School & Beyond projected to support 7,178 students in quality enrichment and social emotional learning efforts.

Superintendent Mary Skipper joined Boston Beyond leaders and other award grantees at The Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center today to announce the grants totalling \$1.973 million to programs in every neighborhood of the city. Grants ranged from approximately \$16,000 to \$34,000 and are aimed at supporting enrichment and social-emotional learning through funding from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) After School/Out-of-School Time Rebound (ASOST-R) program.

Funding for the programs was awarded at the end of November 2022 through the \$4.5 million state grant to Boston Beyond, and will have a significant positive impact in helping Boston school children at a critical time. Through this same grant fund, Boston Beyond awarded over \$1.4 million to support 74 programs from January through August of 2022.

"We are so grateful for partners like Boston After School and Beyond that support our students and allow them to pursue their passions outside of the classroom," **said Mayor Michelle Wu**. "This funding will allow us to support students and families from every neighborhood to ensure that they are receiving enrichment and connection after the school day ends."

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Boston Beyond to provide young people with engaging after-school activities that will help them build trusting relationships with adults and strengthen their connection to their communities," **said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper**. "By offering access to this diverse network of programs in each of the City's 23 neighborhoods, we ensure that young people have access to positive and productive activities close to home. This type of investment in our youth is exactly what we need at this moment in time."

"Through these state grants, Boston After School & Beyond is doing critical work to ensure that Boston students and families have safe, affordable, and high quality after-school programs available to them," **Massachusetts Education Secretary Patrick Tutwiler**. "I am excited to see the diverse array of programs in the Boston Beyond network who are working together to provide our students with the social emotional support and enrichment they deserve."

“The after-school hours are crucial to the development of young people because that time gives them the opportunity to broaden their horizons through rewarding experiences,” said **Boston Public Schools Committee Chairperson Jeri Robinson**. “We thank Boston Beyond for bolstering the number and quality of programs around the City and look forward to young people reaping the benefits of participating in them.”

“As we come out of the worst of the pandemic, students and families are struggling – not only to have safe, affordable after school programs but to have the vital enrichment and social emotional support that research shows they badly need,” said **Boston Beyond Executive Director Chris Smith**. “We are excited to be able to support so many students this year and to contribute to this statewide approach that continues to lead the nation.”

Boston Beyond is one of seven regional or statewide non-profit organizations selected to award funds to community based organizations that run after-school and summer programs. During this round of funding, 91 organizations submitted applications to Boston Beyond, requesting \$3.84 million dollars in funding to support nearly 150 unique programs and 8,000 students.

Programs who were awarded grants span from those focused on athletics like rowing, lacrosse, and tennis, to programs focused on the arts such as music, film, and writing, and everything in between. Though many programs who were granted an award are located in Dorchester, every neighborhood in Boston has at least one program which received funding.

Funds can be used to support a variety of program needs, including staffing, scholarships, transportation, supplies and materials, meals for participants, mental health services and enrichment.

In its role, Boston Beyond will provide support, training, technical assistance, coaching, professional development, evaluation, fiscal management and oversight to subgrantees offering programs with at least half of participating students attending a school located in the City of Boston.

ASOST programs operating outside the City of Boston can contact [DESE](#) or the following awardees for more information based on organization type and region:

- [Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs](#) (Statewide — YMCAs only)
- [Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership](#) (Southeast/Western-Regions 1/5)
- [Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs](#) (Statewide — Boys & Girls Clubs only)
- [Springfield Empowerment Zone](#) (Springfield)
- [United Way of Central MA](#) (Central-Region 2)
- [United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley](#) (Northeast/Metro West/Greater Boston-Regions 3/4/6, excluding Boston)

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Organization Name	Neighborhood
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ACEDONE	Roxbury, Jamaica Plain
After School Arts Program	Roxbury
All Dorchester Sports & Leadership	Dorchester
Asian Community Development Corporation	Chinatown - Leather District
Beantown Panthers	Roxbury
Beat the Odds	South End
Beat the Streets New England	Cambridge*
Bikes Not Bombs	Jamaica Plain
Boston's Higher Ground	Roxbury
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center	Quincy*
Boston Lions Track Club	Roxbury
Boston Police Activities League	Roxbury
Boston Scores	South End, North End, Roslindale, Dorchester
Boston String Academy	Chinatown - Leather District, Allston
Boston Youth Sanctuary	Dorchester
Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras	Fenway-Kenmore
Boxing Power and Fitness	Dorchester
Bryce's Journey	Brookline*
Catholic Charities of Boston	Dorchester
Center for Arabic Culture	Somerville*
Children's Services of Roxbury	Roxbury
Community Rowing, Inc.	Brighton
CVC-UNIDO	Dorchester
Digital Ready	Cambridge*
Dorchester Eagles Pop Warner	Dorchester
Dreamcatcher Initiative	Roxbury
East Boston Social Centers	East Boston
Edison K-8 School	Brighton
Freedom House	Dorchester
Fresh Films	Dorchester, Charlestown
Friends of BINcA	Dorchester
Friends of the Rafael Hernández	Roxbury
GEM Music Academy	Dorchester, Brighton
Girls' LEAP	Dorchester
Greatest MINDS	Roxbury
Haitian Health Institute	Mattapan
Harlem Lacrosse	East Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan
Health Resources in Action	Back Bay

HMS MEDscience	Fenway-Kenmore
Home for Little Wanderers	Roslindale
Immigrant Family Services Institute (IFSI-USA)	Mattapan
Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción	South End
Level Ground Mixed Martial Arts	Dorchester
Limitless Athletics	Dorchester
Little Voices Early Care	Hyde Park
Nxt Era Panthers	Mattapan
OneLove Sports Academy	Dorchester
Piers Park Sailing Center	East Boston
Shaloh House	Brighton
Sociedad Latina	Roxbury
South Boston Neighborhood House	South Boston
Sportsmen's Tennis and Enrichment Center	Dorchester
SquashBusters	Mission Hill
St. Stephen's Youth Programs	South End
Talk2Em	Roxbury
Taylor Made Mentoring	Roxbury
Team New England Youth Academy	Dorchester
Tenacity	Dorchester, Jamaica Plain
The 3 Point Foundation	Dorchester, Hyde Park
The Boston Project Ministries, Inc.	Dorchester
The Dream Program, Inc.	Allston
The HYPPE	Mattapan
The PIM Project	Dorchester
UMass Boston - Gastón Institute	Dorchester
Veronica Robles Cultural Center	East Boston
WriteBoston Teens in Print	Downtown
Young Man with a Plan	Hyde Park
Zoo New England	Dorchester