



**OFFICE OF OUT OF SCHOOL TIME GRANTS & YOUTH OUTCOMES (OST OFFICE)  
FY27 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**NEED TO KNOW:**

**Purpose of OST Office Grants:** Fund nonprofits offering high-quality Out of School Time (OST) programs to school-aged youth in grades K-12 residing in the District. Programming must take place during the school year and/or summer, when class is not in session and may include before/after-school, weekends and/or during school closures, and where applicable at designated “priority schools” (MOST-DC grants only). Organizations must serve youth with a positive youth development approach.

**Coordinating Entity Grant:** is a type of funding award where a single organization (the "coordinating entity") receives funds to manage, distribute, and oversee a program or set of services on behalf of one or more other organizations or stakeholders. For OST Coordinating Entities, a minimum of 40% of grant funds must be distributed to subcontractors.

**Name of Competition: Out of School Time Program Grant**

**SCHOOL YEAR OST GRANTS:** Funds nonprofit organizations offering Out of School Time (OST) programs to school-aged youth (grades K-12) who reside in the District and/or who are eligible to attend public school within the District. Programming must take place when classes are not in session, e.g., before/after school, weekends, and/or during school closures.

**Program Period:** (Between August 24, 2026 – June 17, 2027)

**School Year Grant Application Options:**

- **Out of School Time (OST)-** Funds nonprofit organizations offering OST programs to school-aged youth (grades K-12) who reside in the District and/or who are eligible to attend public school within the District. Programming must take place when classes are not in session, e.g., before/after school, weekends, and/or during school closures. Max award that can be applied for: **\$250,000**
- **My Out of School Time DC (MOST-DC) / Special Competition** - Funds nonprofit organizations partnering with identified priority DCPS and DC Public Charter Schools (list of priority schools captured in RFA) to offer OST programs to school-aged youth attending the partnering priority school(s). Programming must take place afterschool when classes are not in session. Max award that can be applied for: **\$250,000**
- **OST Small Nonprofit (SNP)-** please refer to RFA for what constitutes a small nonprofit. Max award that can be applied for: **\$70,000**

**YEAR-ROUND OST GRANTS:** Funds nonprofit organizations offering Out of School Time (OST) programs to school-aged youth (grades K-12) who reside in the District and/or who are eligible to attend public school within the District. Programming must take place during the school year when classes are not in session, e.g., before/after school, weekends and/or during school closures, **AND** during the summer break.

**Program Period:** School Year **AND** Summer (Between August 24, 2026 – August 24, 2027)

**Year-Round Grant Application Options:**

- **Out of School Time (OST)** - Funds nonprofit organizations offering Out of School Time (OST) programs to school-aged youth (grades K-12) who reside in the District and/or who are eligible to attend public school within the District. Programming must take place when classes are not in session, e.g., before/after school, weekends, and/or during school closures. Max award that can be applied for: **\$350,000**
- **My Out of School Time DC (MOST-DC) / Special Competition** - Funds nonprofit organizations partnering with identified priority DCPS and DC Public Charter Schools (list of priority schools captured in RFA) to offer OST programs to school-aged youth attending the partnering priority school(s). Programming must take place

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afterschool when classes are not in session **AND** during the summer onsite at the priority school. Max award that can be applied for: **\$350,000**

- **OST Small Nonprofit (SNP)**- please refer to RFA for what constitutes a small nonprofit. Max award that can be applied for: **\$160,000**
- **OST Community Specific Coordinating Entity**- Funds nonprofits partnering with select DC Housing Authority (DCHA) properties, DC Department of Human Services (DHS) short term family housing sites, and/or CFSA Family Success Centers to offer year-round, OST programs to school-aged youth residing within DCHA or DHS housing sites, and/or communities served by CFSA Family Success Centers. Max Award that can be applied for: **\$350,000** (max award exception- the OST Youth Scholarship and SCDC Coordinating Entity Grants)
- **OST College and Career Prep / Special Competition** - Funds nonprofits offering year-round, college and career preparation programs to middle school and high school-aged youth (grades 6-12) residing in the District. Max Award that can be applied for: **\$350,000**
- **Students in the Care of DC Thrives Coordinating Entity / Special Competition** - Funds nonprofits offering year-round, enrichment and career pathway opportunities to youth who are court involved and/or incarcerated and currently in the care of the DC juvenile justice system. Max Award that can be applied for: **\$500,000**
- **OST Youth Scholarships Coordinating Entity Grant / Special Competition** - Funds one nonprofit organization that will administer OST scholarships to serve school-aged youth (grades K-12) residing in the District, with a minimum of 1/3 of scholarship awards to be offered to youth with disabilities. Max Award that can be applied for: **\$850,000**

### Name of Competition: Summer Strong Program Grant

**Summer Strong OST Grants:** Funds nonprofit organizations offering Out of School Time (OST) programs to school-aged youth (grades K-12) who reside in the District and/or who are eligible to attend public school within the District. Programming must take place during the summer break for a minimum of 5 consecutive weeks, 5 days per week with 5 hours per day.

**Program Period:** Summer (Between June 21 to August 24, 2027)

### Summer Strong Grant Application Options:

- **Summer Strong;**  
**Max Award that can be applied for:**
  - \$100,000 for 5-week, 125+ total program hours
  - \$105,000 for 6-week, 150+ total program hours
  - \$110,000 for 6+ week, 240+ total program hours
- **Summer Strong Small Nonprofit**  
**Max Award that can be applied for:**
  - \$90,000 for 5-weeks, 125+ total program hours
  - \$93,750 for 6-weeks, 150+ total program hours
  - \$97,500 for 6+ weeks, 240+ total program hours

**Questions about OST Office Grants? Contact: [Mark.Weinberger@dc.gov](mailto:Mark.Weinberger@dc.gov)**

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