Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

The findings of a recent study showed that there is a significant benefit to students who participate in out-of-school-time (OST) programs. In fact, the Return on Investment of Summer school Programs in Pennsylvania study determined that for every dollar invested in summer school programming for students there was a return of $6.69 in potential benefits to students, including reduced rates for drop-outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, crime and delinquency (Link PSAYDN.org).

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately $50,000,000 or one percent (1%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to support school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) in the development and implementation of comprehensive after-school programs to address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three- part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer programming, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

1) A description of each program and activity

2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity

3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit.

Section 1 - Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in a summer school program. Include a brief description of the indicators used in the decision-making process.

The Roberto Clemente Charter School (RCCS) summer school program serves students who displayed struggling academic performance throughout the school year. Since the pandemic, the summer school program has become more instrumental in remediating learning loss and

ensuring students are prepared for the next grade level. Students will be identified through a variety of data points including but not limited to benchmarking testing, report card review, standardized test performance, progress towards IEP goals and/or WIDA scores. Additionally, students may be recommended for participation based on teacher and parent input.

Section: Narratives - Summer School Program Questions

Summer School Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide summer school programming for their students.

2. Identify the target student-group for the summer school program. Will the focus be on academic growth, social and emotional wellness, or some other factor to support student growth? For each group, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Focus	Number of Students Served	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Academic Growth	175	data analysis, surveys, promotion rates
English Learners	Academic Growth	40	data analysis, surveys, promotion rates
Children with Disabilities	Academic Growth	20	data analysis, surveys, promotion rates

3. Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the summer school program.

The RCCS summer school program will use a variety of evidence-based resources such as standards-aligned curriculum materials and resources, online platforms and subscriptions, project-based learning, and hands-on activities. The program will also utilize technology to reinforce standards and skills and promote alignment with the regular school day. Students will also practice cooperative learning and community service to reinforce positive behavior.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the summer school program (i.e,. internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
20	Internal Provider	Summer School Teachers
8	Internal Provider	Summer School Teacher's Aides
2	Internal Provider	Site coordinators

☑ **a. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to offer the work to its internal employees prior to engaging outside entities.**

☑ **b. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to ensure that all summer school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.**

5. How will the LEA assess the success of the summer school program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Benchmark assessments	2x times (beginning of summer school, end of summer school)	Students participating in the summer school program will show growth in core content areas.
Parent surveys	1x (end of summer school)	Parents will provide feedback regarding the impact of the summer school program on their child's performance.
Teacher surveys	1x (end of summer school)	Teachers will provide feedback regarding the impact of the summer school program on their student's academic and social-emotional performance.
		Students will provide feedback

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Student surveys	1x (end of summer school)	regarding the impact of the summer school program on their school performance.

6. How will the LEA engage families in the summer school program?

RCCS will engage families in the summer school program in several ways. Families will be invited to participate in the summer school recruitment process each Spring. Families will be provided access to the school information system which may contain summer school grades and assignment information. Teachers and staff will regularly communicate with parents regarding their child's progress in the summer school program. Additionally, families will also be encouraged to provide feedback related to after-school programming.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

$34,973.00

Allocation

$34,973.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	100 - Salaries	$27,500.00	Summer program instructors' wages.
1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	200 - Benefits	$6,250.00	Summer program instructors' FICA/SUI/WC/Retirement
1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	600 - Supplies	$1,223.00	Summer program classroom materials.
		$34,973.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

$34,973.00

Allocation

$34,973.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
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		$0.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	$27,500.00	$6,250.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,223.00	$0.00	$34,973.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1700 Higher Education Programs	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1800 Pre-K	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2200 Staff Support	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

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Services								
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3100 Food Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3200 Student Activities	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3300 Community Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
	$27,500.00	$6,250.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,223.00	$0.00	$34,973.00
				Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000				$0.00
							Final	$34,973.00