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FY25-26 Statewide Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST)

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About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the FY25-26 Statewide Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST) funding announcement and application process, which opened on December 10th, 2025. Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through Friday, January 23rd, 2026.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at ra-cd-vipgrants@pa.gov with 'Statewide BOOST' in the subject line.

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1. Eligible Applicants

a) *My organization is only eligible under the BOOST eligible activity area. Would we submit under the VIP and BOOST solicitation or the Statewide BOOST solicitation?*

Answer: As stated in the funding announcement, this solicitation is **only** open to statewide youth-serving nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(4) status. All other organizations should review the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST solicitation for eligibility. Please note community organizations with 501(c)(3) status, school districts or career and technical centers, and libraries are eligible to apply under the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST solicitation under the BOOST eligible activity area.

b) *Can an existing subgrantee apply for additional funding? If so, do they need to submit a new project or can they expand their existing program (i.e., adding new clubs, schools, or site locations).*

Answer: Yes. Prior funding does not preclude an eligible applicant from applying nor does it preclude a subrecipient from applying. However, if a local organization is included as a subrecipient in a FY 25-26 statewide application, that local organization cannot apply separately under the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST funding solicitation. PCCD strongly encourages organizations meeting this criteria to carefully review both funding announcements, coordinate applications, and not submit duplicative funding requests as these are competitive solicitations. Applicants are asked to provide information in the Project Implementation section, on page 8, on whether the proposed project or program is new, an expansion or an enhancement, a continuation, or a restart.

c) *My organization is a local affiliate of a statewide youth serving nonprofit organization. Can I apply for funding under the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST funding announcement **and** be included under the FY25-26 statewide BOOST solicitation?*

Answer: No. Nonprofit organizations, which are affiliated with a statewide youth serving organization, may only apply under the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST solicitation if they are not included as a proposed subrecipient within the FY25-26 Statewide BOOST application. In other words, the affiliate can either apply directly under this solicitation OR be included a proposed subrecipient within a Statewide BOOST application for FY25-26, not both.

d) *Is this grant limited to statewide organizations?*

Answer: Yes. As stated in the funding announcement, this solicitation is **only** open to statewide youth-serving nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(4) status. All other organizations should review the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST solicitation for eligibility. Please note community organizations with 501(c)(3) status, school districts or career and technical centers, and libraries are eligible to apply under the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST solicitation under the BOOST eligible activity area.

e) *My organization is a local affiliate of a statewide youth serving nonprofit organization. If my organization is currently a subrecipient under the FY24-25 statewide grant, can we apply under the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST solicitation? If my organization is a current VIP grantee, can we be included in the statewide BOOST application as a subrecipient?*

Answer: Yes. Nothing precludes eligible organizations that previously received funding - either through a direct VIP or local BOOST award or as a subrecipient under a Statewide BOOST grant - from applying for VIP + BOOST funding in FY25-26.

Similarly, nothing precludes a local affiliate of a statewide organization that was previously awarded VIP or BOOST funding from being included as a subrecipient for a statewide application in the FY25-26 Statewide BOOST funding opportunity.

In any case, all prior VIP or BOOST related funding received - either directly or indirectly - must be disclosed and explained as part of the FY25-26 application.

Please note, a local affiliate of a statewide youth serving organization can either apply for FY25-26 funds as a subrecipient under the statewide BOOST solicitation OR apply directly under the FY25-26 VIP + BOOST funding solicitation, but not both. As stated in the funding announcements, PCCD strongly encourages organizations meeting this criteria to carefully review both funding announcements, coordinate applications, and not submit duplicative funding requests as these are competitive solicitations.

2. Budget/Allowable Expenses

a) *Is it correct that statewide organizations' maximum grant amount for distribution is $900,000 over 3 years.*

Answer: Yes. As stated on page 4 of the funding announcement, the maximum budget an eligible applicant can request is $900,000 over the 3-year project period.

b) *Can a statewide organization request reimbursement, via administrative fees, for a third party to manage the BOOST grant?*

Answer: Please see page 6 of the funding announcement under section 5. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses, "*Other activities and expenses necessary to meet the needs of programs and participants, including costs associated with grant award management and capacity building.*" Footnote 5 states: *"PCCD staff recommend budgeting approximately 10 hours of staff time for orientation and onboarding activities in Year 1, as well as for staff time commensurate with involvement in grants administration (e.g., program reporting, evaluation and technical assistance activities, fiscal reporting and oversight, etc.). PCCD staff also encourage budgeting for staff or consultants with accounting and/or fiscal experience to properly manage grant expenditures."*

3. Project Period

a) Can a statewide organization limit subgrantees to a grant period of two years?

Answer: The project must fall within the March 1, 2026 to April 30, 2029 project period, but projects do not have to be implemented over the full 36-month period and may have a shorter duration.