



Lights On Afterschool Partnership Minigrant

Questions from the Afterschool Alliance webinar on August 6, 2014

1. Does the *Lights On Afterschool* event have to be only one day?

Science center applicants are encouraged to be imaginative about how they propose to engage afterschool partners and showcase the power and impact of afterschool STEM programs. There is no restriction that this be a single event as long as whatever you come up with is billed as a *Lights On Afterschool* event and addresses the other requirements of the application. Reviewers will be considering the intent and depth of the partnership when looking at the proposals.

2. Can the *Lights On Afterschool* event be in the form of professional development?

Lights On Afterschool events are intended to be public events where the community and media are invited. Science center applicants are encouraged to reach out to their statewide afterschool network or to local afterschool partners to determine local professional development needs and to how it might fit within the format of a *Lights On Afterschool* event.

3. If the afterschool partner has visited the science center previously, does it count as a “new partnership”?

A prior or upcoming group visit does not qualify as a partnership. You may absolutely reach out to a group you have previously had interactions with, using this opportunity to deepen that relationship.

4. Would partnering with 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) afterschool programs qualify for the requirement of "multi-site"?

Yes, a partnership with 21st CCLC programs meets the requirement.

5. What about afterschool programs that have only one site? Doesn't this grant leave them out?

This grant is being offered to help science centers get to know afterschool programs and providers in their region. The eligibility requirement that the afterschool partner must have multiple sites is intended to encourage a broader and deeper reach. It may be appropriate for a single larger site to be included in the application along with a smaller multi-site afterschool program. If you are thinking about a partnership arrangement that includes a single site, you should first discuss this with ASTC before applying (provdef@astc.org). We encourage science center applicants to reach out to their statewide afterschool network to learn more about providers in the region and how they could engage more than one site.

If you have further questions about eligibility requirements, we encourage you to contact the Association of Science-Technology Centers to discuss your plans. Email profdev@astc.org.

Applications are due Friday August 22, 2014 by 11:00 PM ET.