

# Afterschool Alliance

The Alliance works to ensure that all youth have access to affordable, quality afterschool and summer learning programs by engaging public will to increase public and private investment in afterschool and summer learning program initiatives at the national, state, and local levels

- National Partners
- More than 25,000 program providers
- Work with 50 statewide afterschool networks
- 200 Afterschool Ambassadors at the local level
- VISTAs embedded to build state and local infrastructure



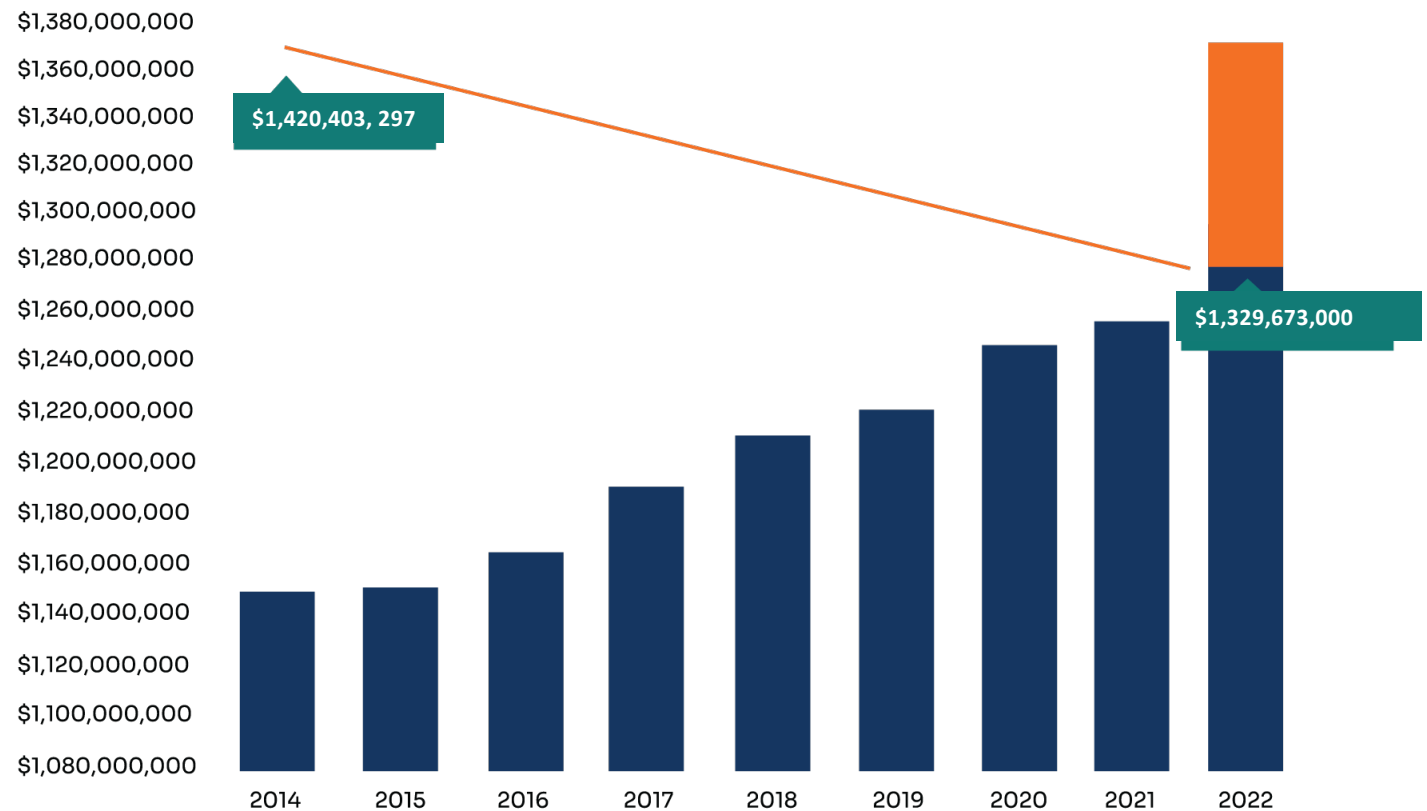
# Federal Funding, Policy, and Afterschool

- The vast majority of funding for afterschool and summer programs comes from parent fees, which contributes to a growing opportunity gap
- Federal and state investment provide the second largest amount of funding for afterschool, after parent fees
- Historically, federal afterschool support through 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC accounts for a large portion of low-income students who participate in afterschool
- Afterschool and summer program funding is needed more than ever due to increased student needs, growing demand, increased costs, and the pending ARP funding cliff

# Afterschool funding has not kept up with the rate of inflation

The decline comes as public investments in 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC have largely stalled and not kept up with growing demand and costs. Adjusted for inflation, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding in 2022 is \$91M below the 2014 level.

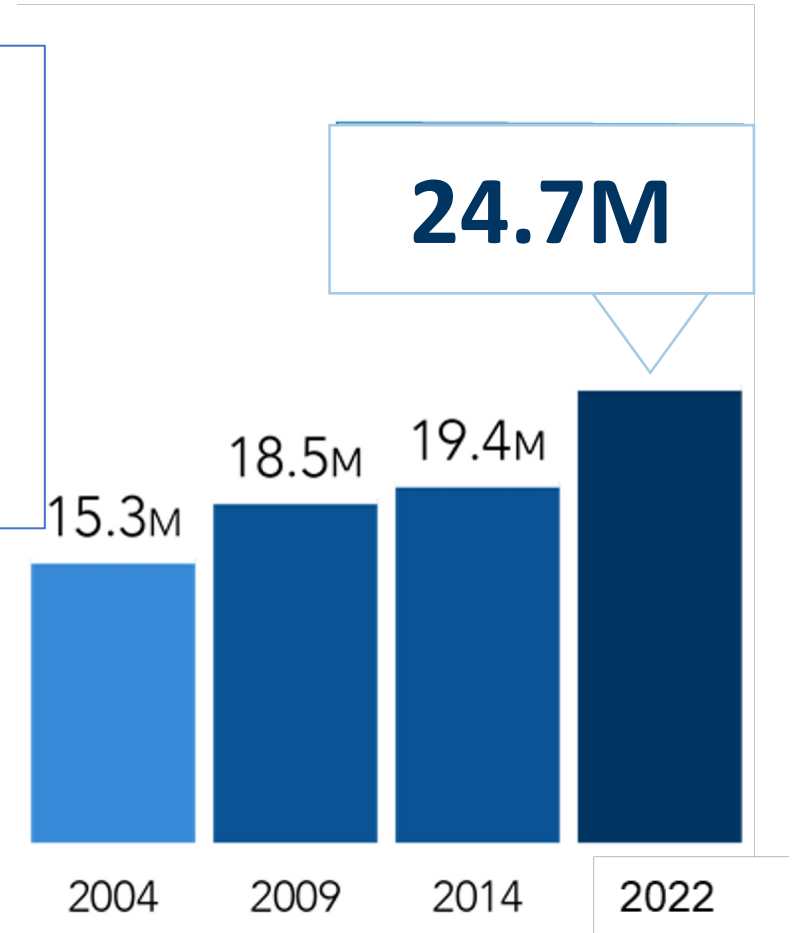
Funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers



# Unmet Demand for Afterschool Skyrockets

Nearly 25 million children would enroll in an afterschool program, if one were available. This is the highest demand in the history of America After 3PM, and marks an increase of 9 million children since 2004, a growth of 60%.

Unmet demand for programs has grown **60%** since 2004

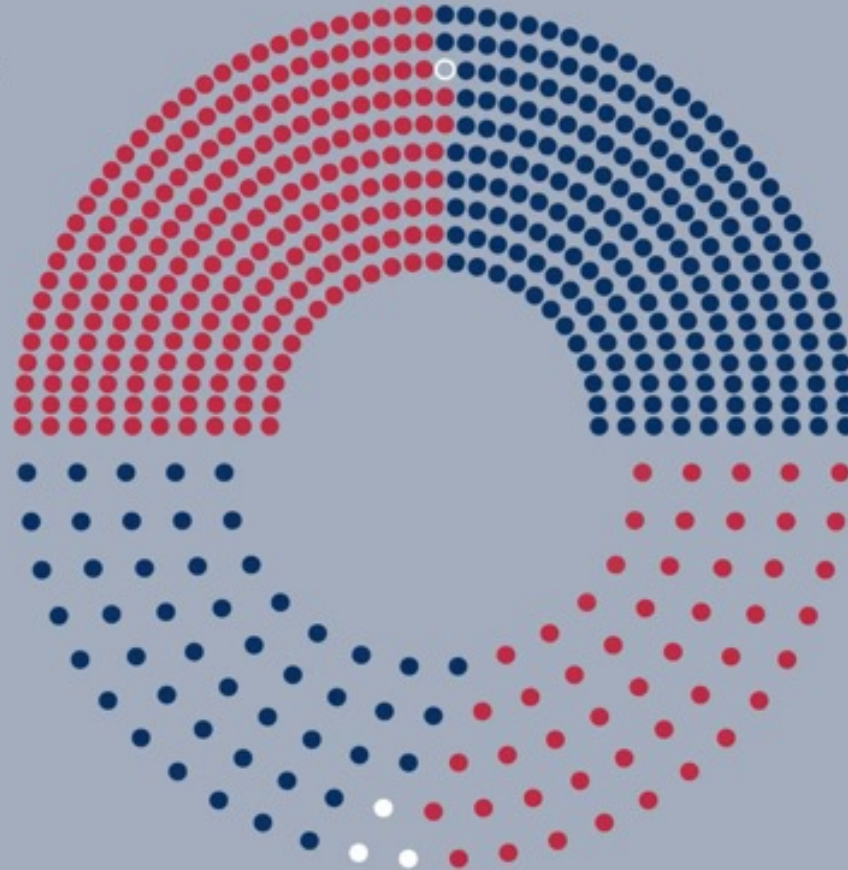


# Challenges and the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Divided government with slim margins of control
- Divisions within parties – 15 votes to select a House Speaker
- Toxic partisanship – has been growing – divides over education at local and state level also present in US House
- Deficit projections, debt ceiling, possible spending cuts
  - House Republican proposal to cut discretionary funding to fiscal year (FY) 2022 levels - a cut of about \$142 billion (12%) – Would mean \$40 million cut to 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC
  - FY 2023 Deficit: CBO numbers came out 2/15/23 - this year's deficit is projected to be \$1.4 trillion, making it the fourth highest figure in American history. The FY 2023 deficit is equivalent to 5.4 percent of GDP, well above the 50-year average of 3.6 percent

# 118TH CONGRESS BY POLITICAL PARTY

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent
- Vacant



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Republican: **222**

Democrat: **212**

Vacant: **1**

## SENATE

Republican: **49**

Democrat: **48**

Independent: **3\***

*\*Caucus with Democrats*

# Congress and Afterschool Funding – The Road Ahead

**February/March 2023:** President’s budget proposal, and congressional budget resolution for FY 2024

**April/May/June 2023:** Appropriations subcommittees and full committees – hearings followed by bill mark up

**June 2023?:** Debt limit issue needs to be resolved

- Country has already hit its debt limit
- Republicans insisting on “spending cuts” – including cutting to FY2022 levels
- Discussion, debate, posturing between now and then

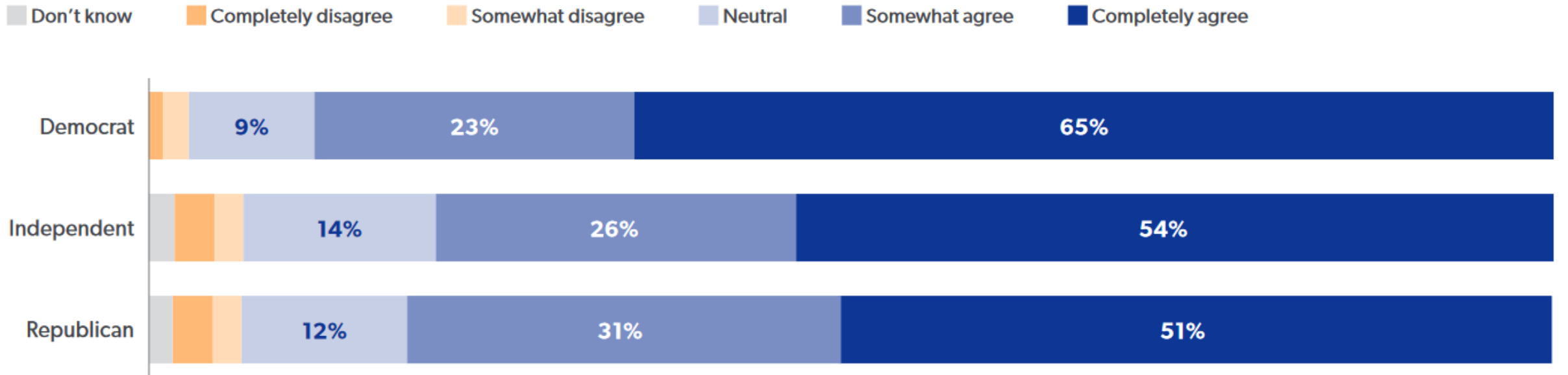
**September 30, 2023:** End of current fiscal year - individual spending bills, omnibus spending bill, short-term or full-year continuing resolution, or shutdown.

**Ongoing:** New bills introduced and work begins on authorizing legislation. Possibly Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act? Higher Education? Farm Bill? Child Care? Summer Learning?

**Awareness Building is Critical:** Important that all supporters of OST make their voices heard by lifting up the value of afterschool and summer.

# The Good News is Out of School Time Supports are a Bipartisan Issue...

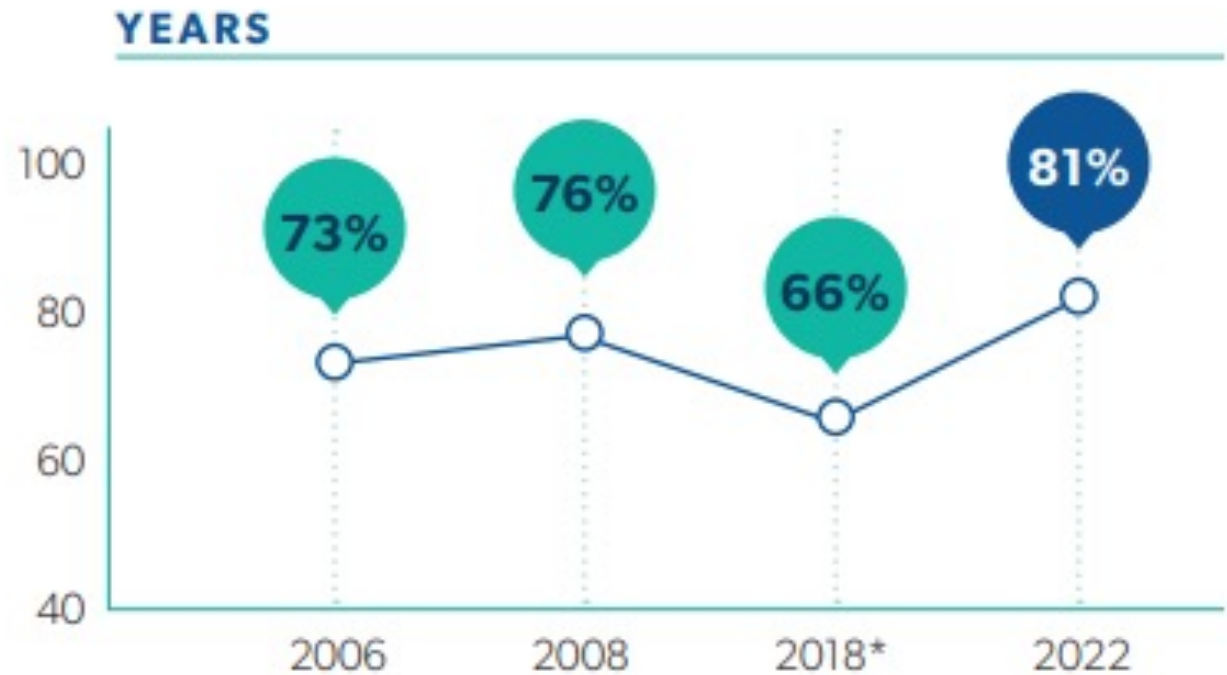
Overwhelming majorities of Democrat, Independent, and Republican parents *somewhat* or *completely agree* that all young people deserve access to quality afterschool and summer programs.





# ...Out of School Time Enjoys Wide Public Support:

8 in 10 voters want more funding for afterschool



*\*2018 is of likely voters asked about afterschool and summer learning programs*



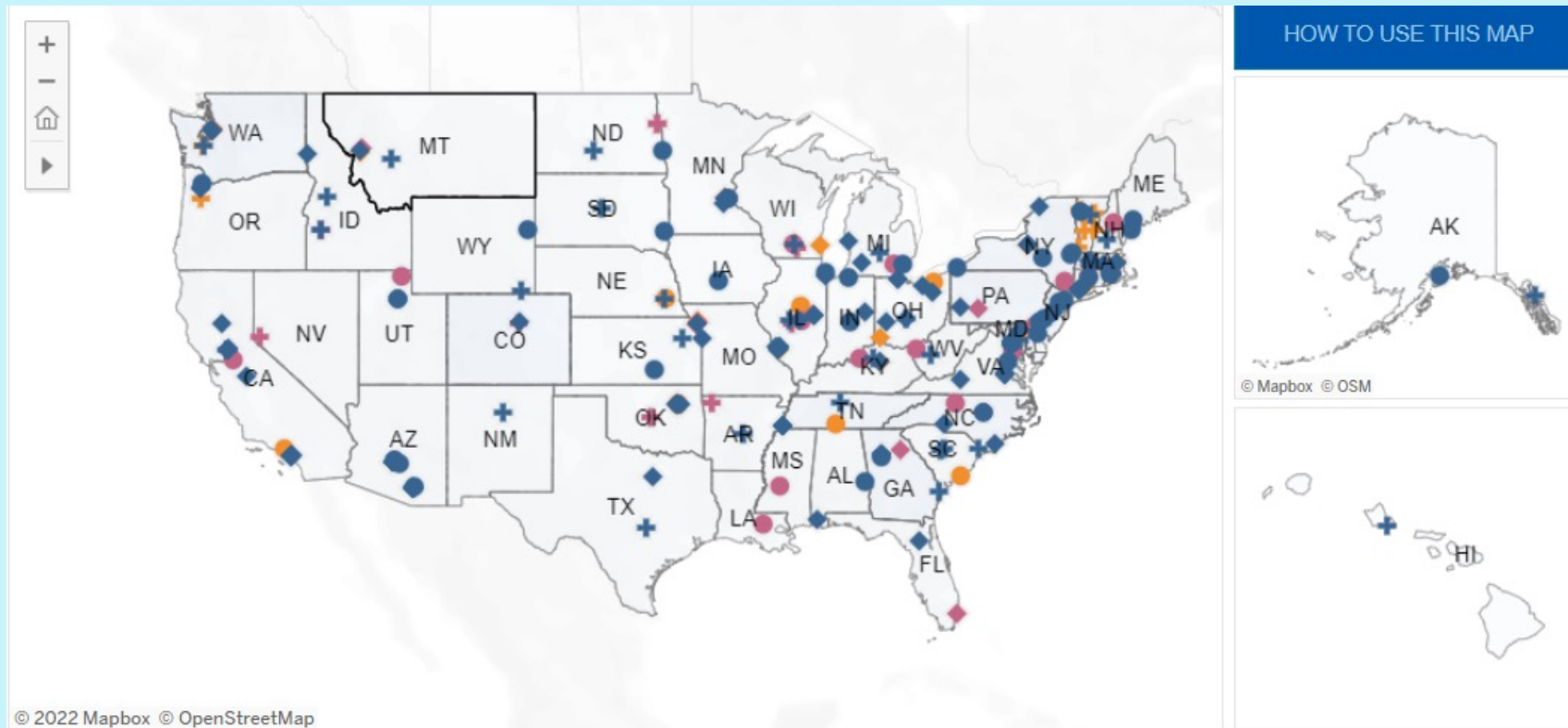
Scan this code to see more results from our new survey of over 1,400 voters

# ARP is Making a Difference

- \$122 billion in ARP ESSER III funds for K-12 schools, 90% direct to districts
- Approximately 60% of those funds have been spent as of last month
  - This varies with some state/districts yet to spend the majority of their funds
- Of \$8.4 billion ARP ESSER III available through state level set asides for afterschool, summer, and learning recovery; about **\$3 billion** has been spent through grant competitions to local afterschool & summer programs – for comparison 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC is \$1.3 billion per year
- While some estimate \$6.5 billion in district ARP ESSER III funds have been spent so far on afterschool and summer, the Afterschool Alliance is conducting an analysis to determine how many of those programs are comprehensive, evidence-based programs providing academic, social and emotional supports, **with early estimates of at least \$1 billion**
- At least **\$1 billion in ARP Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (Treasury) has supported city-funded afterschool and summer programs – based on National League of Cities estimate
- The ARP funding cliff we need to fill is estimated to be at least **\$5 billion** right now, subject to grow

# City, State, and School District Investments in Afterschool and Summer Learning

A partnership between



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## KEYS

ARP – American Rescue Plan – COVID relief bill, March 2021  
CARES – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, March 2020  
CRRSA – Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, Dec. 2020  
ESSER – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief  
GEER – Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

## HIGHLIGHT

Program Type  
Afterschool & Summer P...  
Afterschool Program  
Summer Program

Funding Level  
City  
State  
School District

## FILTER

Funding Source  
(All)

State  
(All)

<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/covid/partnerships.cfm>



# How will we close the gap?

- Will take local, state, and federal funding as well as private philanthropy
- Make the case with success stories, data, and evaluations
- 18 states currently have state funding streams providing \$4.3 billion for afterschool and summer – the number of states and funding amount will need to grow
- 19 states have legislation pending, budget proposals, or momentum around afterschool and summer funding so far this year, representing \$1.14 billion in new funds
- Possible funding sources include: tax revenue (on cannabis, sports betting, ammunition, tobacco and e-cigarettes, sugar sweetened beverages); state surpluses; unclaimed lottery ticket revenue; opioid lawsuit settlements; violence prevention funds; and school finance formulas

# Federal Funding to Sustain Programs

About 100 federal funding streams that can be used for afterschool/summer: including 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC, Title I, CCDBG, TANF, AmeriCorps, IDEA, HEA, WIOA, OJJDP & more

Federal funding database:

<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/fundingData.cfm>

Quick resource:

<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/fundingAtAGlance.cfm>

Wallace Foundation/EdCounsel Guide:

<https://educationcounsel.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/OST-federal-funding-publication.pdf>

## Building, Sustaining, & Improving

Using federal funds for summer learning and afterschool:  
A guide for providers, school districts, and intermediaries



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