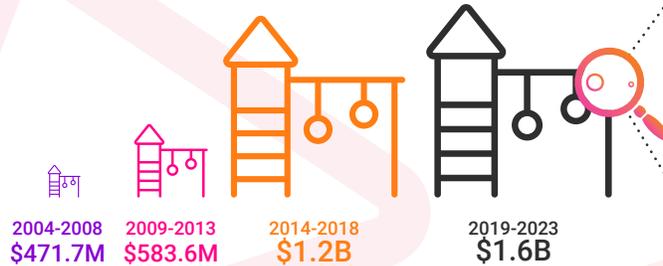# FOCUS ON OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME AND EXTENDED LEARNING

RESEARCH BRIEF SERIES: TWENTY YEARS OF EDUCATION FUNDING IN THE U.S.

Grantmakers for Education engaged in several projects in the past two years to understand philanthropic priorities, approaches and investments in education, historical and current. By collecting and analyzing new data as well as analyzing data available through a licensed database, we conducted a comprehensive scan. This research brief is produced as part of this scan and is one of a series that shares information on giving patterns in education over the past twenty years among foundations and other grantmakers, from 2003 to 2023. Giving data was sourced from Candid's Foundation Directory. The analysis presented in this brief was conducted over a six-month period in 2024 and 2025.

Over the past two decades, funding for out-of-school time (OST) and extended learning has steadily increased, from $93.3 million in the 2004–2008 period to $338.4 million in the 2019–2023 period. Notably, funding doubled between the 2009–2013 and 2014–2018 periods. In the past five years (2019–2023), funding has remained relatively stable, dipping slightly between 2019 and 2021. It is important to note that many OST and extended learning programs pivoted to virtual programming during the acute periods of the COVID-19 pandemic. By 2023, funding had nearly returned to 2019 levels, reaching $345.1 million.

20 Years of Funding in Out-of-School Time

Period	Amount
2004-2008	$471.7M
2009-2013	$583.6M
2014-2018	$1.2B
2019-2023	$1.6B

Out-of-Shool Time Funding Over the Last Five Years (2019-2023)

Year	Amount
2019	$355.3M
2020	$279.9M
2021	$303.6M
2022	$359.9M
2023	$345.1M

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