

## **2019-2020 Boston After-School Eats Site Mini-Grants Request for Application**

The mission of the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Food Access (OFA) is to improve equitable access to nutritious food with respect to affordability, physical accessibility, and cultural appropriateness. To fulfill this mission, OFA has partnered with the Greater Boston YMCA and Boston Children's Hospital to increase the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) through after-school programs in the City of Boston.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program administered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in Massachusetts. CACFP ensures that eligible children who are enrolled in after school care programs have access to nutritious meals and snacks. CACFP contributes to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children and adults in the United States.

Boston After School Eats meals program, led by the Mayor's Office of Food Access and the Greater Boston YMCA is an innovative program to increase non-traditional after school meal sites in Boston, making these meals more available to those who qualify for CACFP while engaging the community to be part of the solution.

We know that many families rely on school meals, and struggle after-school providing healthy and nutritious food to their children. Through Boston After-School Eats, the Office of Food Access, and the Greater Boston YMCA engage in a joint effort to make sure that we are closing the food gap, by providing meals to kids and supporting families and communities during this time.

Funding for this mini-grant is made possible by Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health grant.

**All applications are due by September 27, 2019, at 5:00 PM. (LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)**

### **Background:**

Within Greater Boston, 1 in 11 people struggles with hunger, and 1 in 9 children, many of them attending Boston Public Schools. 78% of BPS pupils qualify for free meals, which makes BPS eligible to offer Universal free meals. All kids at BPS are eligible to have free breakfast and lunch, without the need for registration or payment.

Afterschool, all these kids that rely on school meals don't have the certainty of having food during the time they are not attending a class.

**The total amount of award depends on site type.**

**Estimated Number of Awards:** Approximately up to 25 sites

**Performance Period:** School Year (September/October 2019 - June 2020)

**Application Deadline: September 27, 2019 at 5:00 PM (no extensions)**

**Eligibility Criteria (REQUIRED):**

1. An organization that operates in the City of Boston;
2. Committed to administer and do community outreach for the Boston After-School Eats in their respective neighborhoods;
3. Pledge to provide meals to all kids and teens ages 18 and under. Recipients shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.
4. This funding will not be used for reimbursable food costs

**2019-2020 After-School Eats Mini-Grants Focus Areas:**

1. Increase access to healthy food for kids and teens in households facing food insecurity and struggling with inadequate food access.
2. Increase community organization capacity to host open meal sites to create equitable access for all kids and teens 18 and under. No registration is required to gain access to free meals.
3. Expand and enhance the Boston After-School Eats program across the community, making sure that difficult to reach populations are aware of, and use the program. Eliminate the barriers that limit access to this program.

**Requirements Include**

As a grantee you must:

- Attend YMCA Site Supervisor training
- Develop and implement an action plan for outreach and promotion in partnership with OFA and YMCA
- Execute outreach and engagement activities
- Complete weekly reports
- Collaborate with OFA on the evaluation process such as data collection, surveys, events, etc.
- Commit to serving the meals that the YMCA will provide to community partners **free of cost** throughout the entirety of the program
- Complete the final report in partnership with OFA & YMCA
- Other requirements may be required as needed

**Application Information:**

You must apply electronically for this grant via this [form](#). If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Voltaire at [stephanie.voltaire@boston.gov](mailto:stephanie.voltaire@boston.gov).