

After-School Programming

Notice of Funding Availability

Virtual Information Session

July 15, 2025



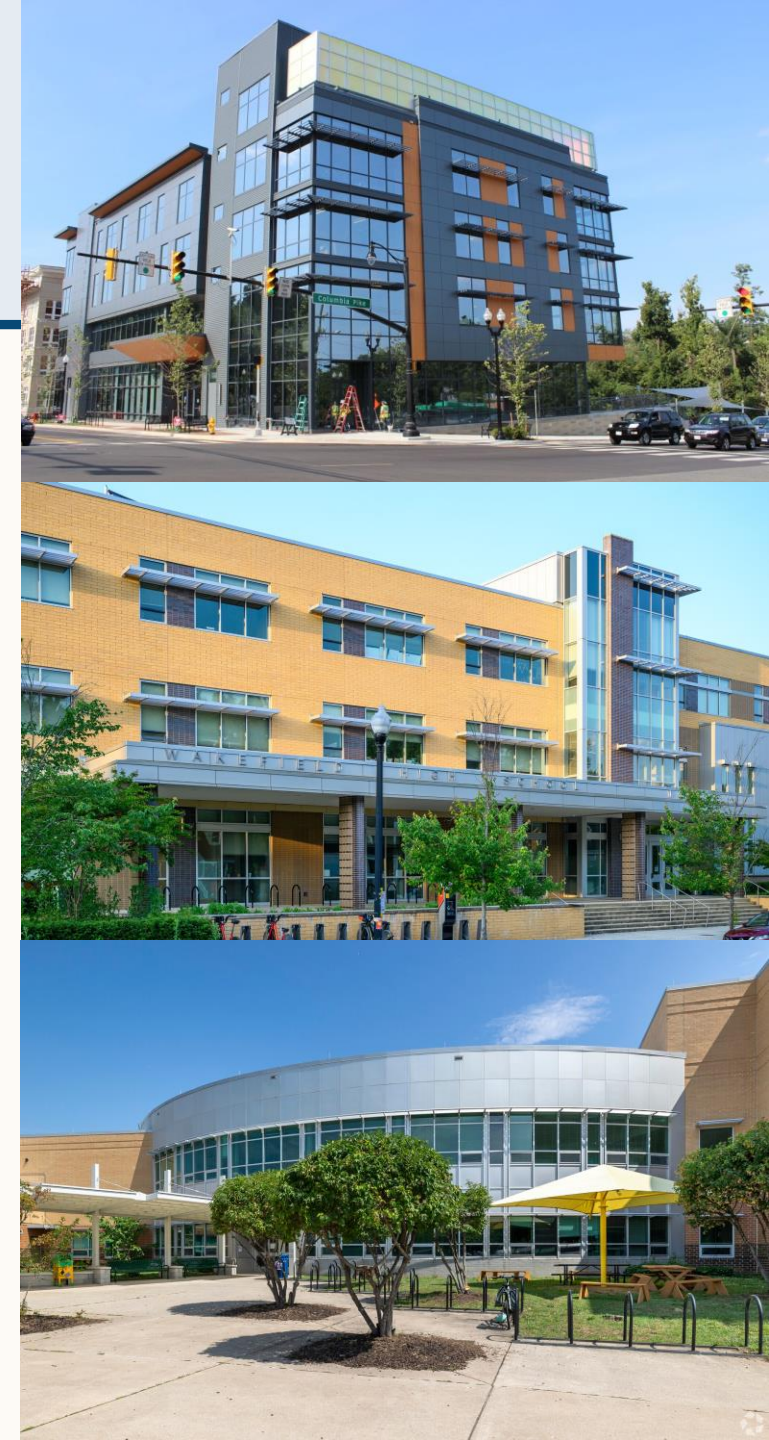
Introduction

- Background: The County Board allocated \$2.0 million in one-time funding in FY 2025 to support multiyear pilots of after-school programs both at schools and in the community.
- NOFA Purpose: To support middle and/or high school youth by implementing a two-year pilot offering after-school programming at one or more sites.
- Funding: \$550,000 in one-time funding from Arlington County Government

[Application](#) can be found on the [county website](#)

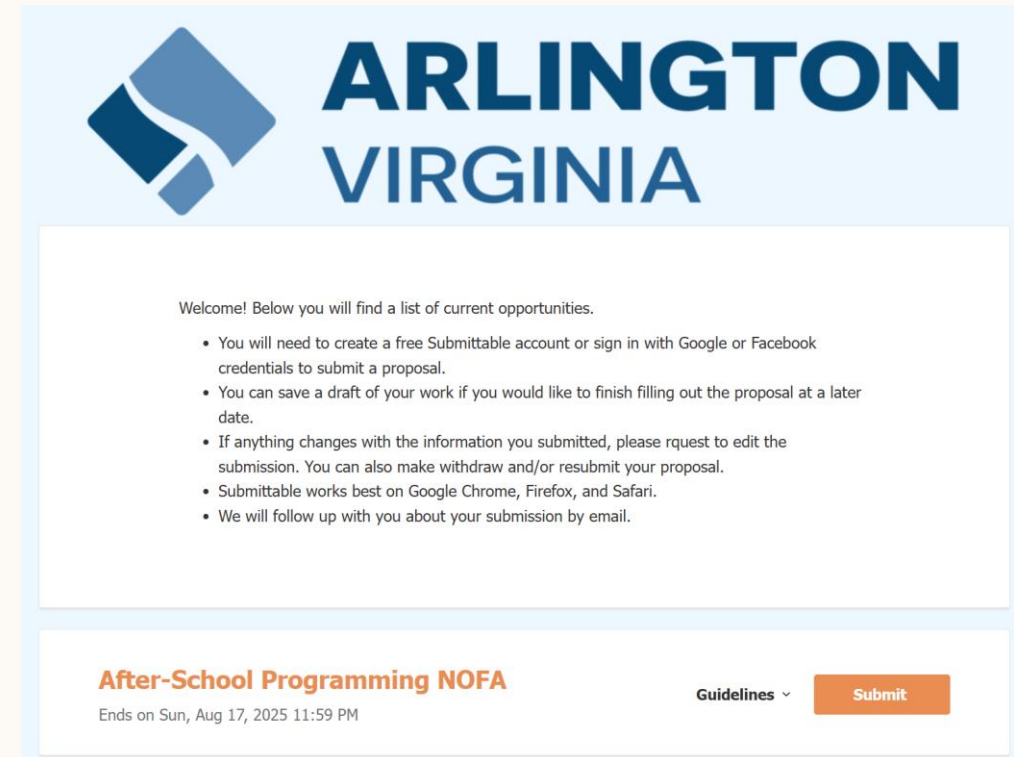
Location

- Arlington Mill Community Center
 - 2 classrooms with the capacity for 25 youth in each
- Secondary school meeting the community eligibility standard for free and reduced lunch (e.g., Kenmore Middle School, Wakefield High School)
 - County and APS staff will work with grantee to secure space designated for the program. Grantee is required to sign any facility use agreement between grantee and appropriate party.
- **Proposals should consider the capacity and limitations of the space being proposed**



Timeline

- FAQs posted soon after this meeting and as they come in
- NOFA proposals due: Sunday, August 17, at 11:59 p.m. through the County's [Submittable portal](#)
- Award approval: October 2025 (tentative)
- Grant period will be two years, covering the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years



Application – in Submittable



Program Description

- Program and its physical space and needs
- Anticipated youth population and how they will be recruited
- Needs and inequities being addressed, including barriers being minimized
- Sample monthly schedule



Readiness

- Implementation timeline
- Organizational experience
- Partnerships
- Budget



Impact

- Definition of success
- Description of data collection and use

Evaluation Process

- Proposals will be evaluated by a review panel consisting of representatives from various Arlington County Government departments and Arlington Public Schools
- Reviewers will independently rate each proposal using the rubric included at the end of the application
- Independent scores will be used as the basis for discussion and award recommendations from the review panel

Evaluation Process

Rubric

Category	Question	1	2	3	4	5
Program Description	Describe your proposed program.	Program activities are unclear, vague, or disconnected from the needs.	Activities are listed but lack detail or alignment with the identified needs.	Program activities are adequately described and tied to the need.	Activities are clearly defined and logically address the needs.	Program design is cohesive and strategic. Activities are tailored to the need.
Program Space Description	Describe your physical space needs for the program	Program space description is unclear, vague, or disconnected from the needs.	Program space needs are listed but lack detail or alignment with the available space.	Program space is adequately described.	Program space description is clearly defined and logically address the objectives of program.	Program space description is clearly defined and logically address the objectives of program. Staff and administrative needs are clearly described.
Program Description	How many youths do you anticipate serving, and how will they be recruited?	Number of youths served is vaguely defined, and there is no clear plan for recruitment.	The number of youths projected to be served is defined but may not be reasonable based on scope of program description; the recruitment strategy may be vague.	The number of youths projected to be served is reasonable based on the scope of program description; the recruitment strategy is clear and likely effective.	The number of youths projected to be served align with the scope and goals of the project; the recruitment strategy is clear and effective.	Number of youths served is defined, attainable, and reasonable based on the budget, and the recruitment strategy thoughtfully addresses youth with the greatest needs.
Program Description	What needs, gaps, or inequities are you addressing with your proposed program?	No clear description of need; lacks data or stories. No clear link to target population.	Minimal description of need with limited data. Population affected is vaguely defined.	Adequate need description with at least one data point or anecdotal example. Population is reasonably described.	Strong, well-documented need with multiple relevant data sources and stories. Clear connection to population served.	Excellent and compelling case for need using strong, current, local data and qualitative examples. Seamlessly links need, data, and population.

If awarded...

- Documented safety/security procedures, insurance, and space use agreement required
- Must sign grant agreement
- Must sign space use agreement
- Must be up to date on County business license taxes, if applicable
- Anticipated start in late fall/winter of 2025
- Funding disbursed upfront on a semester basis
- Regular programmatic and financial reporting, including a site visit each semester

Questions?

