

FACT SHEET

The Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund (EEOST)

The Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund (EEOST) supports major renovation and construction projects in early education and out-of-school time facilities in order to improve the quality of learning environments for children in Massachusetts.

The re-authorization of \$45M for EEOST over five years (FY19-FY23) is included in the housing bond bill filed in 2017 (H675) and up to \$9M can be allocated for FY18.

IMPACT

To date, EEOST has funded 16 projects throughout Massachusetts,

- Increasing capacity by adding **365 slots** to the early education and care system
- Improving the quality of learning environments for over **1,700 children**
- Creating over **20** full-time educator jobs and over **340** construction jobs
- Leveraging over **\$30M** in additional investment from foundations, banks, and other sources

EEOST was designed to support the learning and healthy development of young children, many of whom spend over 40 hours a week in early learning and afterschool settings. More than 88% of the children in EEOST-funded programs are from low-income families. The programs in which they spend a significant amount of time are often in church basements, old storefronts, and other substandard spaces. EEOST transforms these learning environments so that children have access to safe, developmentally-appropriate space.



Because of EEOST, children are benefiting from facility improvements such as larger classrooms with access to sinks and bathrooms, indoor gyms, more natural light, and better heating, cooling, and ventilation.

GRANTEES

An investment of \$11.05M from FY14 to FY16 has funded 16 projects across the state:

Organization Name	Community	EEOST Round	EEOST Award	Total Project Cost
Beverly Children's Learning Center	Beverly	FY14/FY15	\$1,000,000	\$4,220,000
Catholic Charitable Bureau of the Archdiocese of Boston, Inc.	Lynn	FY14/FY15	\$750,000	\$2,081,000
Community Teamwork, Inc.	Lowell	FY14/FY15	\$500,000	\$2,360,645
For Kids Only Afterschool, Inc.	Revere	FY14/FY15	\$400,000	\$2,872,937
Robbins Children's Programs, Inc.	Attleboro	FY14/FY15	\$1,000,000	\$1,768,012
Tri-Community YMCA of Southbridge	Southbridge	FY14/FY15	\$800,000	\$2,483,000
Ellis Memorial & Eldredge House, Inc.	Boston	FY14/FY15	\$800,000	\$3,462,000
The United Teen Equality Center, Inc.	Lowell	FY14/FY15	\$400,000	\$3,128,400
Merrimack Valley YMCA	Lawrence	FY14/FY15	\$800,000	\$1,500,000
Valley Opportunity Council	Chicopee	FY14/FY15	\$1,000,000	\$1,925,805
Aspire Developmental Services	Lynn	FY16	\$1,000,000	\$4,194,573
Brookview House, Inc.	Boston	FY16	\$450,000	\$773,794

Community Art Center, Inc.	Cambridge	FY16	\$750,000	\$1,491,750
Epiphany School	Boston	FY16	\$500,000	\$6,121,653
Guild of St. Agnes of Worcester, Inc.	Webster	FY16	\$700,000	\$2,200,000
Rainbow Child Development Center	Worcester	FY16	\$200,000	\$534,500
			<i>\$11,050,000</i>	<i>\$41,118,069</i>

DEMAND

From FY14 to FY17, EEOST requests from applicants totaled \$37.8M but only \$14.65M was available for funding.

Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund Applicants FY14-17					
Fiscal Year	Funding Available	Number of Pre-Applications*	Amount Requested in Pre-Applications	Number of Full Applications	Amount Requested in Full Applications
FY14/FY15	\$7,450,000	N/A	N/A	19	\$16,700,000
FY16	\$3,600,000	23	\$15,800,000	16	\$12,200,000
FY17**	\$3,600,000	15	\$12,400,000	10	\$8,943,740
<i>Totals</i>			<i>\$28,200,000</i>		<i>\$37,843,740</i>

**Please note that there was no pre-application phase for the first round, FY14/FY15*
***FY17 applications are currently under review*
Please note that some programs have applied in multiple fiscal years

Source: Children's Investment Fund

There is strong demand for additional capital, with new projects emerging every year. Nearly 30 organizations across Massachusetts applied to EEOST since 2014 but were not funded. They collectively serve over 3,000 low-income children and are located in communities such as:

Adams (1)	Braintree (1)	Chicopee (1)	New Bedford (1)
Belchertown (1)	Brockton (1)	Fall River (2)	North Adams (1)
Beverly (1)	Cambridge (1)	Lawrence (2)	Webster (1)
Boston (10)	Canton (1)	Lynn (3)	West Barnstable (1)

BACKGROUND

The Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund (EEOST) is a competitive grant program that funds facility improvement projects for licensed, non-profit centers serving children from low-income families. EEOST was included in the state's 2013 housing bond bill that authorized \$45M over five years in bond financing for capital improvements to early learning centers and out-of-school time programs (S.L. 2013, Ch. 129, §2) from FY14 to FY18.

In 2011, Children's Investment Fund released the report, "Building an Infrastructure for Quality," which detailed conditions in early learning and out-of-school time facilities across the state. The immense challenges facing these facilities demonstrated the need for the creation of a funding source like EEOST.

EEOST funding flows through the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), which has designated Children's Investment Fund to administer the program in partnership with EEC.

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EXAMPLES – Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund projects

1. Classroom Before

(no natural light; in basement of storefront building)



and After

(new construction; lots of natural light)



“This project has been transformational for our organization and for the kids we serve, who are healthier and happier. The EOST funds from the state were crucial to our success.”

–Director of the program pictured above

2. Classroom Before

(water leakage, exposed radiator, and old carpet)



and After

(new construction)



“Without this opportunity, our agency may never have realized the completion of our facility....Staff are smiling....Families comment on the beautiful new space.”

–Director of the program pictured above