**Call for Expressions of Interest**

**Advert and Application Form for Schools**

**Interested in becoming a site for the YearBeyond Primary School Academic Programme**

**EXTENDED CLOSING DATE WITH FAQS ADDED**

**Closing: 11th October 2019**

The Western Cape Government is committed to expanding learners’ access to holistic education and future life opportunities through their involvement in quality After School Programmes (ASPs).

In 2020, the YearBeyond After School Programme will be expanding its current footprint. The programme offers grade 2 – 4 learners literacy and numeracy support after school while providing youth volunteer tutors a structured 10-month youth-in-service programme. The youth are available to assist in-school in the classroom with paired reading, shared reading and group work in addition to running the after school programme.

Note: While this call is for the YearBeyond academic programme only, in the attached application form you will be asked rank your interest in hosting volunteers to run different types of after school programmes. Once budgets have been confirmed, other pillars of programming may be included and could target different grade cohorts. These programmes could include: Sport and Recreation; Arts and Culture; and Life Skills.

**YearBeyond Academic Support Programme**

As part of the Western Cape Youth-in-Service Programme, the After School Programme Office, in partnership with Community Chest, is calling on schools to apply as a new site for the YearBeyond Primary school academic support programme.

The YearBeyond programme:

1. provides academic support to learners in Grade 2-4, which strengthens and improves learners’ academic abilities and performance in numeracy and literacy; and
2. provides unemployed matriculants and graduates, aged between 18-25 years old, with a self-development programme and valuable work experience.

In order to support the youth volunteers, the programme works in geographic clusters. Expansion is therefore limited to towns where there are 3 or more interested primary schools in close geographic proximity (25 km radius).

**Who should apply?**

* Interested primary schools with fees of less than R100 per month/ R1200 annual and low grade 3 or 6 Systemics
* Schools committed to providing After School Programmes to learners until 16h30/17h00 daily (Friday optional)
* Schools with sufficient educator(s) who are willing to supervise an after school programme until 16h30, Monday to Thursday (Friday optional)
* Schools who are able to manage youth volunteers in the classroom from first break until school ends, Monday to Thursday
* Schools willing to assist with the recruitment and management of the youth-volunteers
* Schools in geographic proximity to other primary schools interested in the programme
* Schools with learners whose home language is not the language of learning and teaching (LOLT) in grade 4
* Schools willing to share learner data to measure the impact of the programme.

**Who should not apply:**

* Isolated rural schools that offer multi-grade classes and do not have schools closer than 25 km from where they are
* Schools not willing to have an educator supervise an after school programme
* Schools with fees of over R100 per month/ R1200 annual
* Schools not willing to accommodate youth volunteers in the classroom
* Schools already offering academic support after school programmes to grades 2-4
* Schools where over 50% of learners are commuters

**Application Process:**

To apply, please submit the following, by **11th October 2019**, to Afterschool@westerncape.gov.za

**Please detail the following in the application form below:**

Section A: Expression of Interest

* **Expression of interest letter** detailing why you are interested in the opportunity and any after school programmes you currently offer
* Detail of **existing academic support interventions** for grades 2 – 4
* **Partners:** Details of any existing partners who are supporting literacy or numeracy in grades 2 – 4 either in school or after school and if you would like them to be considered a partner on this programme
* **Sister schools:** Details of any surrounding schools you work with who might be interested in the initiative in your cluster

Section B: School Details

* **Administrative information** as per the attached application form

For any queries, please call 021 483 9844 or e-mail Afterschool@westerncape.gov.za

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. ***How many educators per school are needed to champion the programme? Will they get paid?***

All teachers who agree to hosting a volunteer in their classroom need to be at the briefing session. Thereafter the school only needs one champion per school to act as the contact person and bridge between the volunteers and the school. These roles are not paid.

1. ***What are defined as “low systemics”?***

*Less than a 50% pass rate in grade 6 maths or language*

1. ***What learner data are schools required to share and how often should this happen?***

In order to show impact on learner performance, schools are required to share their record sheets including learner marks for the grades that the programme is running in. This happens at the start of the programme (prior year end mark), in June and in December.

1. ***Which academic partners will be offering Maths and English?***

The programme draws on the work of academic partners Shine, Wordworks, Sinomandla and Number Sense. However the programme offered is a blended programme with paired and shared reading and phonics as the language offering, and basic number sense covering adding, subtracting, multiplication and division.

1. ***How are volunteers required to assist during school?***

The volunteers arrive at first break and assist with paired reading, shared reading and group work support during the school day. After school they run their after school programme. Volunteers may not be left alone in a classroom with learners during the day.

**APPLICATION FORM: Complete sections A and B**

**Section A: Expression of Interest**

Please respond to the following questions in the space below:

1. **Expression of interest detailing** why you are interested in the opportunity and any after school programmes you currently offer
2. **Details of any existing academic support** interventions for grades 2 – 4
3. **Partners:** Details of any existing partners who are supporting literacy or numeracy in grades 2 – 4 either in school or after school and if you would like them to be considered a partner on this programme
4. **Partner schools:** Details of any surrounding schools you work with who might be interested in the initiative in your cluster.

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**Section B: School Details**

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| School EMIS number: |  |
| School Area |  |
| School Name: |  |
| Principal Name andSurname: |  |
| School Language of Learning and Teaching (Lolt) (grade 4 – 7)? |  |
| % of learners whose home language is the same as theschool Lolt? |  |
| What % of your learners1. leave school using organised transport directly after school finishes for the day?
2. are able to stay for after

school programmes |  |
| What was the Grade 3 systemic pass rate in 2018 for:1. language
2. mathematics
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| What was the Grade 6 systemic pass rate in 2018 for1. language
2. mathematics
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| Number of learners at theschool? |  |
| Number of classes per gradein grades 2-4? |  |
| Average number of learnersper class in grades 2-4? |  |
| Do you currently have any additional literacy or numeracy support programmes running in your school for grade 2, 3 or 4learners? |  |
| Why do you want the YearBeyond academic support after school programme at your school? |  |
| Which After School Programme is most needed in your school? (Please rank from most needed1. to least needed (4))
	* Academic ASP
	* Sport ASP
	* Arts ASP
	* Life skills ASP
 | Rank from 1 – 4 with 1 being the most needed ASP. |
| Which one of your staff members will be the coordinator of the YearBeyond programmeat your school? |  |
| Please describe how you will support the team to recruit unemployed youth (18 – 25) with matric as tutors? |  |
| How will you support the tutors once they are placed in your school? |  |

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