



Dear Grantee:

So much to celebrate this month. Enjoy your long weekend coming up!

1. CDE UPDATE

A. **Deadline Reminder:** None at this time

B. **Other Useful Information**

1. Are you receiving the California Department of Education Expanded Learning Monthly? If not, then you need to update the information in ASSIST for your organization so that you receive this on a monthly basis. We also post these on our website at: <http://aspire.lacoe.edu/resources/category/4/state-resources>, then go to the Expanded Learning Division Emails 2018-19 tab.
2. **Reminder:** The paperwork for submitting a Voluntary Reduction Form this year was eliminated UNLESS you are closing a school next year or do not want to accept the grant for next year. If you have one of these situations, please contact your Fiscal Analyst immediately.



2. ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXPANDED LEARNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT

A. CHANGES TO QSAT AND OTHER CQI MATERIALS

I did not allow for enough time at our January Advisory Meeting for participants to give input into these important documents. So we have arranged for CAN to come and do a work session for Grant Managers; Program Directors/QACs/Regional Managers/TPS and Site Coordinators as your input is critical to the development of these tools. Sign up at: <http://aspire.lacoe.edu/event-type-groups/special-events>

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD; QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND CQI STATE PLANNING TOOLS

Date: 2-27-19 LUNCH AND NETWORKING: 12:30-1 INPUT SESSION: 1-4:30 pm

B. **If you have not signed up for the March 15, 2019 LA County Expanded Learning Advisory Committee meeting,**

[It is a webinar meeting] please do so today at: <http://aspire.lacoe.edu/event-type-groups/county-advisory-committee-meetings>. We will be sharing some great new FREE resources for your program.

C. NEW STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

<http://aspire.lacoe.edu/event-type-groups/staff-development-training-events>

1. Grant Manager/Program Director/Site Coordinator CQI Training

This training is for new staff (GM/PD and Site Coordinators) who may have joined you this year and need to get a jump start on CQI. It is a 4-hour face to face, and staff leave with the feeling of being ready to tackle the CQI process.

2. Quality Standards Webinars

This is a chance for you and your staff to connect with others in the county who are working on the same Quality Standard(s) as your organization and/or sites. These are one-hour chances to share and learn.

3. LEGISLATION

A. ASES Rate Increase: A push at the CalSAC Advocacy Day Coming Up

You heard about the work being done to get a rate increase. All impacted should be taking action. Here is a note from Eric Gurna about the bus:

Dear Colleagues,

Hopefully, you have already received an invitation to join us on an bus ride to Sacramento on March 12, to advocate for afterschool funds. If not, please see the original message below this one. Here is our update. The bus still has several open seats! We want be sure to make the most of this opportunity, so please encourage your colleagues to sign up. We will keep registration open until we are at capacity. Please see registration links below.

[Register here](#). If you sign up, you will receive advocacy training in advance of your meetings in Sacramento. And . . . there is no cost to participate! I am riding on the bus myself, and I really hope you can join me. This is so important. More than that, it will be an exciting learning experience for all of us. And you will know you did your part to ensure that the State invests in kids. Please, get on the bus!!!

Gratefully,
Eric

4. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

A. [EducationFIRST Grant Awards](#) Social Emotional Learning Innovation Fund

NoVo Foundation, in partnership with Education First and supported by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, aims to seed teacher-led projects and district-wide projects that foster social and emotional (SEL) skills in students in grades PK-12. This funding is for both new initiatives and expansion/continuation of existing projects. NoVo Foundation are offering up to \$5,000 grant awards for teacher-led SEL projects for the 2018-19 school year, as well as up to \$25,000 grant awards for district projects that span multiple schools in the 2018-19 school year. [Read more](#)

B. National and Community Service: \$532 Million in AmeriCorps Funding

Deadline: Varies



The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) recently announced [\\$532 million](#) in AmeriCorps funding to help national and local organizations, faith-based groups, and educational institutions respond to the most critical issues facing communities in the U.S. This funding will engage Americans in service across all 50 states, including the District of Columbia. To learn more, [click here](#).

C. US Department of Education's Carol M. White Physical Education Program

Deadline: Ongoing

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program provides grants to local educational agencies and community-based organizations to initiate, expand, or enhance physical education programs, including after-school programs, for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress toward meeting state standards. Projects must be designed to help students meet its state's physical education standards by undertaking instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition and at least one of the authorized physical fitness activities. [Learn more here.](#)

5. NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED STATEWIDE

A. SHARE WITH YOUR SITE COORDINATORS: [Apply for the Site Coordinator Network Today!](#)

[The Site Coordinator Network \(SCN\)](#) is dedicated to assist in the capacity building and empowerment of California's Site Coordinators and the various communities they serve. Review the SCN Brochure for details on participation and commitment to the network, and share with your peers today.  [SCN Brochure](#)

B. The Workforce Strategy Committee of the Expanded Learning Division is recruiting members!

The California Department of Education (CDE) Expanded Learning Division (EXLD) is excited to launch the new Workforce Strategy Committee. The purpose of the Workforce Strategy Committee is to identify data collection needs, strategies, and target audiences to better understand the Expanded Learning workforce and will be comprised of 18-22 members representing the diversity of Expanded Learning, K-12, higher education, and workforce development fields. The Committee will advance the goals and activities set forth in the CDE EXLD Strategic Plan 2.0, located at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ba/cp/documents/strategicplan2.pdf>, and expand upon the work of the former California Expanded Learning Workforce Advisory Group.

More information about the Workforce Strategy Committee and application can be found on the California Expanded Learning web page, located at <https://www.caexpandedlearning.com/workforce-strategy-committee.html>.

Applications are due: February 28, 2019 by 5:00 pm (PST) – A resume is also required upon submittal of the application. Please allow 20 minutes to complete the application.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact EXLDworkforce@foundationccc.org or call 916-325-1856.

6. RESOURCES

A. Do Your Safety Plans Address Expanded Learning Programs?

Check out the new Safety Plan Checklist at:

<http://aspire.lacoe.edu/resources/category/20/program-resources>

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