

Act 78 - State Afterschool Grant

Vermont Agency of Education

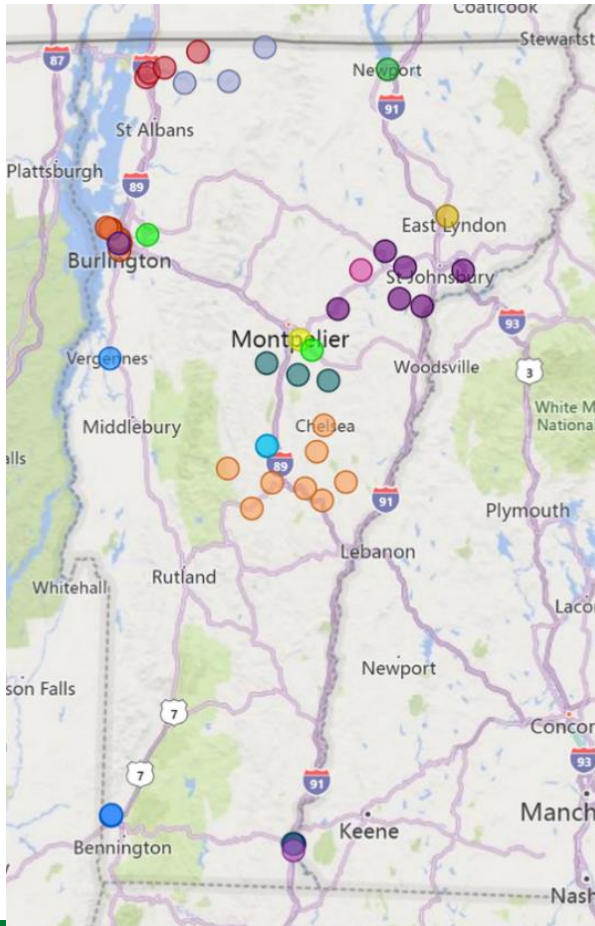
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State Afterschool Grant FY24

- Designed in alignment with state 21C competition
- Allowed funding for new programs and expanded programs
- Established three competitive priorities:
 1. Utilizing partnerships
 2. Serving historically underserved communities
 3. Improving access for students from historically marginalized groups
- Single application stream for Program and Center

	Program	Center
Scope	Supports evidence-based expansions and smaller pilot program	Supports single-site, multi-program centers in the start-up phase
Eligible entities	public, private, and non-profit organizations	
Award Size	\$15k-60k	\$50k-150k
Leadership requirement	Identified on-site leader	Director-level leader, 30+ hours
Day minimum	None	100 days in year one

Act 78 – First Award Cohort



- 17 awards to 16 unique entities
 - 9 Schools and 7 Community-Based Orgs
- \$3.7 Million committed for three-year awards
- Sites located in 11 counties
- 73 named partner organizations across all awards
- New or expanded services for ~4,000 young Vermonters

First Cohort Impact



Kingdom East SD summer camp



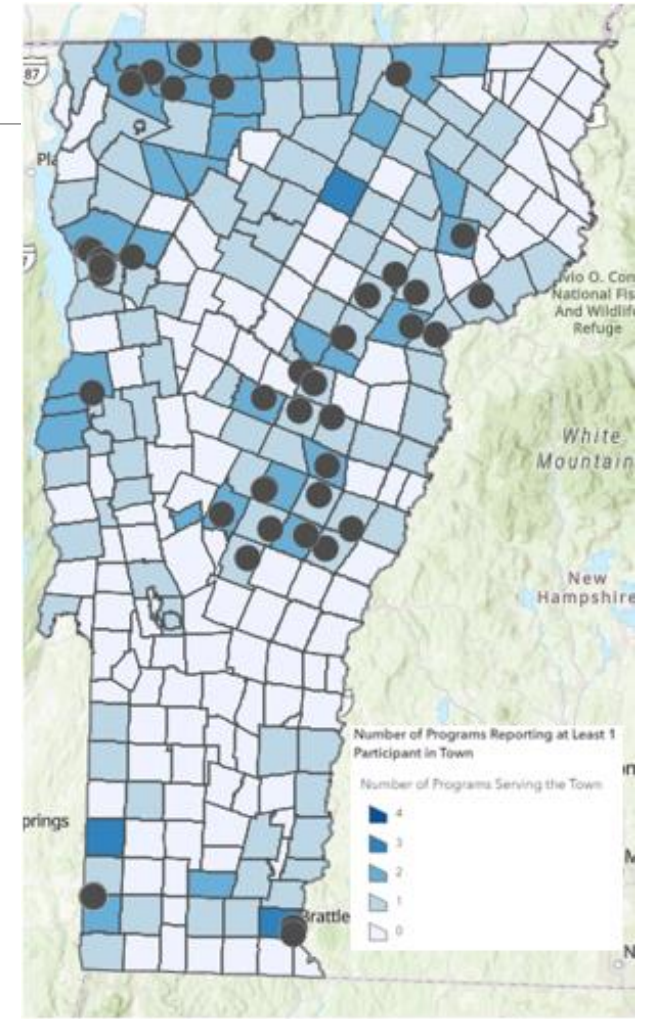
Robotics at Orange Southwest SU

We helped design it, I like how close it is to school.

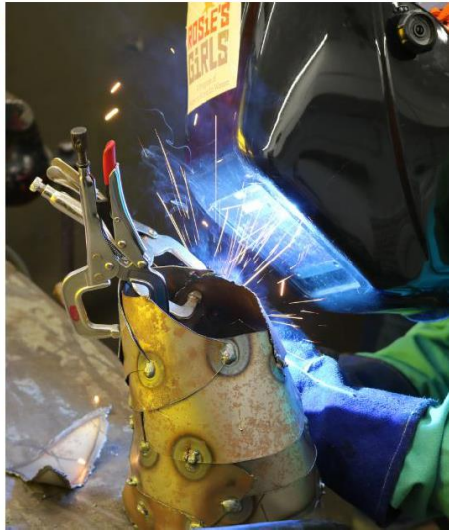
NEKCA Hive participant

We are able to see what our core values are and then push for them in school and the community.

Nicole Draper, MVSD Youth Council Leader



Partnerships



Vermont Works for Women



Montshire Museum

I don't think I would have been able to get through it without all these amazing people here; I can build amazing things if I set my mind on one thing I really truly want to build.

Rosie's Girls participant

Students wouldn't have access to these kinds of science activities otherwise.

Sarah Wood, Green Street School

Capacity Building & Design Changes

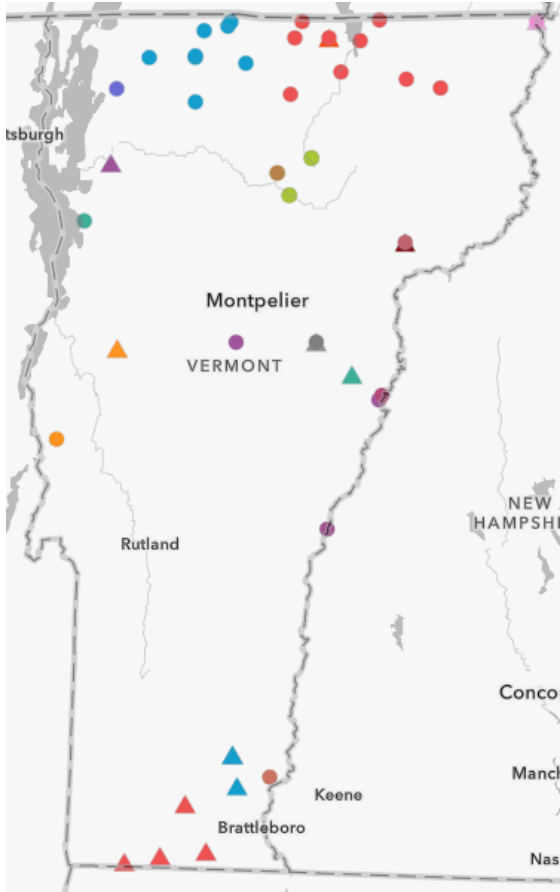
Two additional classified employees were hired at AOE

- One to support additional grant monitoring and oversight
- One to support additional data collection and analysis

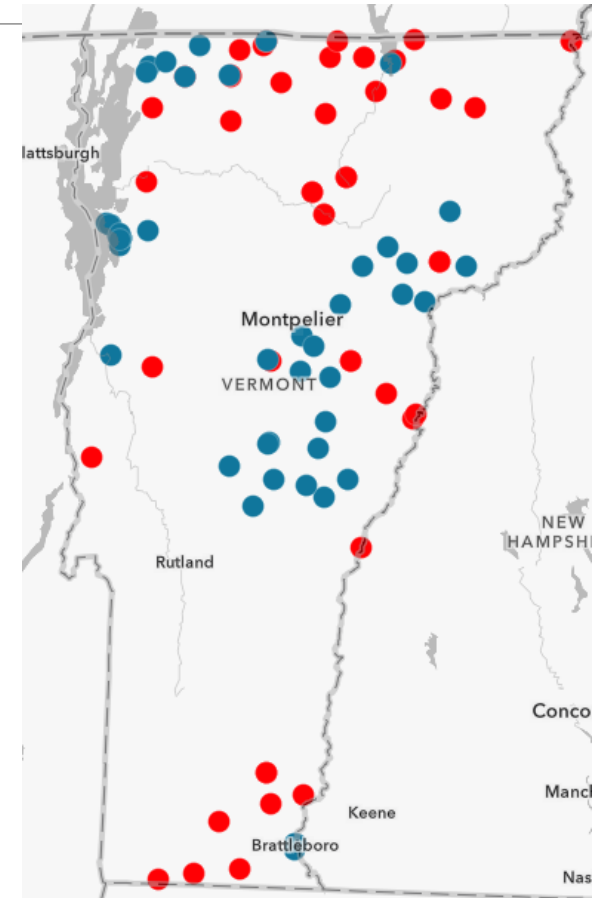
For second competition round, changes were made to the grant design

- Program and Center tracks were split into separate applications
- Program award cap was increased to \$75k
- Program award start was pushed up to January to support immediate implementation
- Center award duration was increased to five years

Act 78 – Second Award Cohort



- 26 awards to 21 unique entities
 - 14 Schools and 7 Community-Based Orgs
- \$13 Million committed for three- and five-year awards
- \$1.7 Million dedicated to bringing first cohort awardees into spec with new competition standards
- Sites located in 11 counties
- 147 named partner organizations across all awards
- New or expanded services for ~7,000 young Vermonters



Plans for the Next Six Months

Two additional classified employees will be hired at AOE

- One to support regulatory compliance for Community-Based Organizations
- One to support monitoring and oversight of new grant programs

Technical Support Grant

- Identifying potential providers in afterschool deserts and building networks
- Supporting enhanced community of practice
- Improving professional training opportunities to afterschool providers

Program and Center Track Grants

- Continued expansion into underserved areas

Regional Provider Grant

- Build a network of entities with specialized content expertise
- Facilitate connections between content experts and multiple service delivery sites
- Enhancing quality and variety of afterschool programming

