

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF OKLAHOMA**

COVID Recovery Plan for Kids: ARPA Funding Requests Discussion



Agenda

- Impact of COVID-19 on Oklahoma's Kids
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma Overview
- Oklahoma Boys & Girls Clubs' ***"COVID Recovery Plan for Kids"***
- ***"COVID Recovery Plan for Kids"*** Funding Request
- The Difference Oklahoma Boys & Girls Clubs Can Make
- Questions



Impact of COVID-19 on Oklahoma's Youth

- Academic Deficiencies and Learning Loss
- Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being
- Behavioral Challenges
- Social Skill Development
- Economic Impacts



Impact of COVID-19 on Oklahoma's Youth

A small sampling of reference articles on the impact COVID has had on our youth include:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/american-students-test-scores-plunge-to-levels-unseen-for-decades/ar-AA11l4cY?li=BBnb7Kz>

['I don't understand anything': Thanks to pandemic schooling, college students fail math \(msn.com\)](#)

[Pandemic Set Students' Reading Levels Back Two Decades—Here's Where It Dropped The Most \(msn.com\)](#)

[The kids are not all right: Oklahoma ranks near the bottom in terms of child well-being | KOKH \(okcfox.com\)](#)

<https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2022kidscountdatabook-2022.pdf>



Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma Overview:

Not Just an After-School Program

Our Mission: *"To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."*

What A Boys & Girls Club Experience Looks Like:





Who We Are | *Stronger Together*

21 Oklahoma Boys & Girls
Club organizations

82 Cities Served

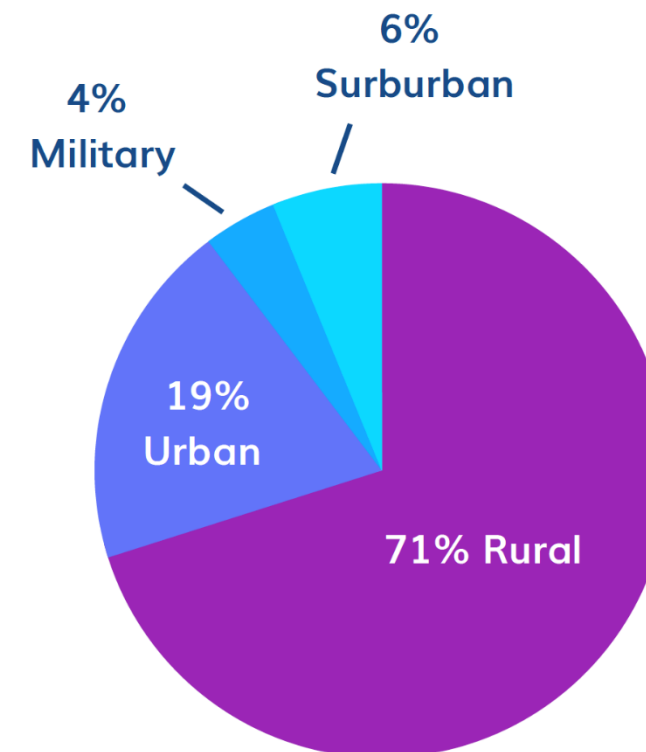
96 Club locations

25,566 Youth Served

1M+ Meals Served

Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma Overview

Where We're Located:



Where Oklahoma Clubs are
Located

Boys & Girls Clubs of Oklahoma Overview

- 3 Priority Outcomes
 - Academic Success
 - Healthy Lifestyles
 - Strong Character and Leadership
- Who We Serve
 - Youth Ages 5 – 18
 - 85% Minorities
 - 82% Low Income Families
 - 42% Have No WiFi in Their Homes
 - 34% Live in a Single Parent Household



Oklahoma Boys & Girls Clubs' *"COVID Recovery Plan for Kids"*

- Enhanced Programs and Services to Address Learning Loss and Academic Deficiencies
 - Project Learn and Other Evidence-Based Programs
 - Reading Recovery Programs
 - Tutors
 - Lower Staff:Child Ratio
 - Additional Staff Training
 - Expanded STEM Programming
- Mental Wellness Support
 - Professional Mental Health/Social Worker Support
 - Additional Staff Training
 - *Ready, Set, Action* and Other Evidence-Based Programs
 - Mindfulness and Yoga
 - Additional Staff Training
 - Expanded Mentoring Programs



Oklahoma Boys & Girls Clubs' *"COVID Recovery Plan for Kids"* (Contd.)

- Safe Facilities That Are Welcoming to Youth
- Expand Footprint to Reach More Oklahoma Youth Disproportionately Impacted by COVID
- Wide Variety of Fun Enrichment Activities
- Greater Involvement in Team-Oriented Activities and Leadership Clubs
- Additional Workforce Development/College & Career Planning
- Increased Transportation Capability
- Hire Additional Staff With More Experience/More Credentials
- Increase Wrap-Around Services for Families



***“COVID Recovery Plan for Kids”* Program Goals**

- Academic Recovery
 - Develop effective, engaged learners who are academically at or above grade level
 - Increase access to technology that supports academic success
- Mental Health
 - Build and strengthen foundational social-emotional and mental wellness skills
 - Improve resiliency, self-esteem and coping skills
 - Address behavioral challenges through mindfulness, de-escalation, self-regulation and other techniques
- Reach
 - Expand footprint and outreach efforts to serve more underserved and disproportionately impacted populations
 - Ensure at-risk youth have access to the services and support systems needed to have a successful future and become who they were meant to be
- Minimal to No Sustainability Funding Required

“COVID Recovery Plan for Kids”: Proposal #YY00598

- \$30.1M requested to provide safe places and expand our footprint in order to increase the number of disproportionately impacted youth served and help more them overcome the setbacks they are experiencing due to COVID
- Allows Clubs to serve 28,000 Oklahoma youth annually in safe spaces with evidence-based programs and adequate room for activities
- Capital expenditures would allow us to serve more Oklahoma youth disproportionately impacted by COVID, with an additional 17,000 – 42,000 youth served through investments in expansion sites, transportation and programs
- Allows youth in communities without a Boys & Girls Club to have a Club experience, receive academic and socio-emotional support, workforce development and STEM programs, sports, and much more through the Club-on-the-Go program.

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Club-on-the-Go Video

<https://youtu.be/SXLM7EvLmHI>



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Funds would be used for:

- \$ 5.8M Club-on-the-Go
 - 7 Mobile Clubhouses (RVs and Trucks)
 - 25 Vans
 - 15 Buses
 - 5 Bus Remodels
- \$24.3M Capital Improvement/Expansion Projects
 - Adding classrooms
 - Adding a Teen Center
 - Completion of new Club sites
 - Addition Gyms
 - Adding and repairing kitchens
 - Renovations and repairs at numerous sites
 - Additions and repairs to outdoor learning and recreation areas
 - Expanded Curriculum
 - Technology additions and improvements
 - Misc. safety and equipment items

The Difference Oklahoma Boys & Girls Clubs Can Make

- Club members missed 87% fewer days of school than their peers
- June 2022 Club summer school program at one district showed a 3.2 month grade-level reading improvement
- Club youth use drugs 52% less and alcohol 74% less than their peers
- Club youth are 36% less likely to have behavioral problems or get into a fight
- Club members increased their reading and math scores 20% - 45% more than their peers at the same school
- ***54% of Club alumni said the Club saved their life!***





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THANK YOU!

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QUESTIONS?