



**PLAYWORKS**  
**Playworks New England**  
**Funding “Easy Sheet”**

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Dear Prospective Partner School/District,

Playworks qualifies for multiple streams of federal and state funding to support your students. Moreover, the recent stimulus bills passed in 2020 and 2021 that created the [ESSER Funds](#) can be used to bring Playworks to your school. This includes funding from CARES (ESSER I Fund), CRRSA (ESSER II Fund) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ESSER III Fund). We hope that this list and explanation will provide guidance and resources to help identify funding for programs like Playworks!

### **Title Grants**

*Playworks has been found to be **evidence based under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** making Title I, II and IV valid funding streams. [Here is a link to our evidence based research.](#)*

- **Title I** - Awarded based on number of students and poverty level, the purpose of Title I is to “provide a continuum of services and resources to Title I districts and charter schools that enrich curriculum and instruction, promote interaction and coordination of supplementary services and resources, and result in excellence and high expectations for educators and students.” This is the most common funding stream used by Playworks partner schools.
- **Title II** - Awarded based on number of students and poverty level, the purpose of Title II is to “increase the academic achievement of all students by helping schools and districts improve teacher and principal quality and effectiveness.” All playworks program models include intentional professional development making Title II a viable funding stream.
- **Title IV Part A** - Awarded based on formula for the 21-22 school year, this funding is intended to support “well-rounded educational opportunities, social and emotional supports, and effective technology use and integration.” Click [here](#) for the most recent Title IV Resource Guide including allowable interventions (Playworks qualifies under section 4108).
- **Title IV Innovation Grant** - The grant is intended to directly increase students’ social and emotional wellness through innovative programming. This funding will support well-rounded educational opportunities, the implementation of new programming, and/or expand existing programming with demonstrated success. Through this grant, DESE is encouraging applicants to explore innovative programming and embracing SEL competencies, while aligning with the content areas.
- **Title IV Part B - 21st Century Community Learning Centers** - Competitively awarded to youth service organizations, schools & districts, 21st CCLC funding seeks to provide at-risk students a safe environment during non-school hours. Ideal because Playworks services bridge the in-school and out-of-school time.

## Other Grants

[Safe and Supportive Schools \(SaSS\) State Educational Grants](#) - State of Massachusetts funding to provide funding to school districts (and their selected schools) to organize, integrate, and sustain school and district-wide efforts to create safe and supportive school environments.

[Charter Schools Program \(CSP\) State Educational Grants \(Charter Schools only\)](#) - These 3-5 year grants are large and support the planning, program design, and initial implementation of new charter schools.

[Fuel Up to Play 60](#) - (up to \$4,000) This grant supports physical activity and healthy eating.

[America Walks](#) - Focused on creating places where all community members have safe, accessible, equitable, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active. Up to \$1,500.

[Let's Move. Active Schools](#) - Several grant opportunities focused on physical activity ranging from \$1,000-\$10,000.

[Education First](#) - SEL in Action Awards. These awards aim to seed projects that foster SEL competencies in grades K-12. For new initiatives or expanding existing projects. Educator applications funded up to \$7,000. District applications funded up to \$25,000.

[Playworks Grant Suggestions](#) and [Grant Writing Assistance](#) - These links will take you to the Playworks website and include ideas for where to find additional grants and narratives helpful for grant writing.

## Additional Funding Sources

PTO or Parent Organization  
Corporate donors / partners  
Donors Choose (equipment)

Annual School Fundraiser  
District Foundation (if applicable)

## Ready to talk through how you can bring Playworks to your school?

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