

Catalyst Funding Sample Budget #1: Supporting Goals 1, 3, & 4

Category	Description	Amount
Goal 1: Quality		
Professional Development and Coaching	Staff wages to attend on site, fees and travel associated with PD conferences or events, paying for guest speakers, and travel or wages associated with coaching aligned with frameworks like NAQCIS and Whole Child, Whole Life.	\$6000
Youth Voice and Advisory Activities	Meals, stipends, outreach, and supplies for Youth Advisory group meetings and Parent/Caregiver advisory groups	\$1500
Site visits	Travel and meals associated with program staff visiting other Afterschool programs in the region	\$1500
Goal 3: Advocacy & Policy		
Lights On Afterschool Event	Staff time, supplies, and/or food associated with a Lights on Afterschool event, to raise awareness and build local visibility	\$4500
Advocacy Travel	Travel to BSB hosted advocacy day in Lincoln	\$500
Goal 4: Innovation		
Innovative clubs and programming	Supplies and staff time for youth-led clubs in STEM, Literacy, and service learning	\$7000
Youth Leadership	Supplies, wages, or stipends for youth councils, peer mentoring, and youth designed activities.	\$3000
Purpose-Driven field trips	Admission, travel costs, and staff time for STEM and career exploration field trips	\$3000
Family Engagement through STEM (STEM FE)	Wages, food, and supplies for hands-on, multigenerational STEM events for co-learning with families and PD using the STEM FE Toolkit to engage families and enhance programming.	\$3000
TOTAL		\$30,000

Catalyst Funding Sample Budget #2: Supporting Goals 2 & 3

Category	Description	Amount
Goal 2: Sustainability		
Partnership Development	Staff time, meals, and supplies associated with community partner meetings, partnership advisory teams, and events to build and sustain local investment and support.	\$3000
Innovative Student Staffing Models	Wages or stipends for youth employment or leadership roles that meet program needs and cultivate future workforce talent (e.g., high school student staff, CTSO partnerships).	\$10,000
Youth Staff Professional Development	Professional development materials, travel, meals connected to providing training for young professionals.	\$1000
Sustainability Planning and Tools	Support for staff time spent participating in coaching/learning on diversifying funding, strategies to strengthen program longevity, and sustainability plans.	\$2000
Goal 3: Advocacy & Policy		
Lights On Afterschool Event	Staff time, supplies, and/or food associated with a Lights on Afterschool event, in an effort to raise awareness and build local visibility	\$4000
Marketing and outreach	Costs associated with the development of communications materials, co-branded outreach, social media, videos, and print materials.	\$1000
Youth-Led Storytelling and Awareness Campaigns	Wages, stipends, or supplies associated with youth-created media (videos, podcasts, displays) and events that engage local leaders and elevate youth voice in advocacy.	\$2000
Advocacy Travel	Travel to BSB hosted advocacy day in Lincoln	\$500
Policymaker Engagement	Food, supplies, and outreach materials to host site visits for local and state policymakers.	\$1000
Local Advocacy Planning & Communication	Wages, supplies, and other costs related to the development of an annual advocacy plan, creation of communication tools, and one-pagers	\$3,500
TOTAL		\$28,000

Catalyst Funding Sample Budget #3: Supporting Goal 3

Category	Description	Amount
Goal 3: Advocacy & Policy		
Lights On Afterschool Event (Fall)	Staff time, supplies, and/or food associated with a Lights on Afterschool event, to raise awareness and build local visibility	\$3000
Community outreach event (Spring)	Staff time, supplies, and/or food associated with a Lights on Afterschool event, to raise awareness and build local visibility	\$2000
Marketing and outreach	Costs associated with the development of communications materials, co-branded outreach, social media, videos, and print materials.	\$1500
Youth-Led Storytelling and Awareness Campaigns	Wages, stipends, or supplies associated with youth-created media (videos, podcasts, displays) and events that engage local leaders and elevate youth voice in advocacy.	\$3000
Advocacy Travel	Travel to BSB hosted advocacy day in Lincoln	\$500
Policymaker Engagement	Food, supplies, and outreach materials to host site visits for local and state policymakers.	\$2000
Local Advocacy Planning & Communication	Wages, supplies, and other costs related to the development of an annual advocacy plan, creation of communication tools, and one-pagers	\$4000
TOTAL		\$16,000

Catalyst Funding Sample Budget #4: Supporting all 4 goals

Category	Description	Amount
Goal 1: Quality		
Staff Development	Staff wages to attend on site, fees and travel associated with PD conferences or events, paying for guest speakers, and travel or wages associated with coaching aligned with frameworks like NAQCIS and Whole Child, Whole Life.	\$3000
Parent-Caregiver, Community, and Youth Advisory groups	Support for outreach, recruitment, maintenance, and meals for advisory group meeting sessions.	\$1000
Goal 2: Sustainability		
Partnership Development	Staff time, meals, and supplies associated with community partner meetings, partnership advisory teams, and events to build and sustain local investment and support.	\$2000
Innovative Student Staffing Models	Wages or stipends for youth employment or leadership roles that meet program needs and cultivate future workforce talent (e.g., high school student staff, CTSO partnerships).	\$10,000
Sustainability Planning and Tools	Support for staff time spent participating in coaching/learning on diversifying funding, strategies to strengthen program longevity, and sustainability plans.	\$500
Goal 3: Advocacy & Policy		
Event and Lights On Afterschool Expenses	Staff time, supplies, and/or food associated with community engagement events that raise awareness and build local visibility, such as LOA and family nights.	\$2500
Marketing and outreach	Costs associated with the development of communications materials, co-branded outreach, social media, videos, and print materials.	\$500
Youth-Led Storytelling and Awareness Campaigns	Wages, stipends, or supplies associated with youth-created media (videos, podcasts, displays) and events that engage local leaders and elevate youth voice in advocacy.	\$500
Goal 4: Innovation		
Youth Voice and Mentoring	Supplies, meals, or stipends related to Youth councils, peer mentoring, Youth Brainstorming sheet activities, advisory groups, and programming co-designed with students.	\$2000
Supplies for Innovative Programming	Quality supplies to enhance experiential programming, increase access, and support active learning environments.	\$3000
Innovative Clubs	Wages, incentives, field trips, and supplies for project-based clubs aligned to strategic themes (e.g., STEM, service learning, entrepreneurship).	\$2000
Family Engagement through STEM (STEM FE)	Wages, food, and supplies for hands-on, multigenerational STEM events for co-learning with families and PD using the STEM FE Toolkit to engage families and enhance programming.	\$3000
TOTAL		\$30,000