



Georgia Shape School Grant Application

Background

[Georgia Shape](#) is a statewide, multiagency and multidimensional initiative that brings together governmental, philanthropic, academic and business communities to address childhood (0-18) obesity in Georgia. Efforts focus on schools, communities, early care sites, government and policy agencies, businesses, hospitals and medical practices. Georgia Shape and the grants program is coordinated by the Georgia Department of Public Health.

Purpose

Georgia Shape will award grants to public elementary, middle, and high schools to expand and enhance their physical activity and nutrition efforts to improve outcome measures associated with the [Georgia School Health and Physical Education \(S.H.A.P.E.\) Act](#) and nutritional guidelines outlined by the [USDA's Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act \(HHFKA\)](#) and other related federal laws.

Schools may apply for funding to address the nutrition requirements or the nutrition and physical activity requirements of these acts. By addressing FITNESSGRAM® results and HHFKA requirements, schools will also be building a solid foundation to apply for recognition from programs such as the [Alliance for a Healthier Generation program](#), [Governor's Shape Honor Roll](#), and the [Golden Radish Award](#). As such, grantees are strongly encouraged to learn more about these recognition programs and identify the steps necessary to apply for these awards.

Funding Opportunity Overview

Georgia Shape will provide grants to schools to implement evidenced-based strategies and activities that advance policies and improve environments that support the adoption of healthy behaviors. At no cost to the grantee, the [Georgia Health Policy Center](#) will lead the technical assistance, support and training for all funded schools. Examples of technical assistance include helping grantees conduct health assessments, providing reference tools, assisting with implementation of actions/activities, conducting peer learning and trainings, and assisting with evaluation.

Schools may apply for funding option 1 or funding option 2 below:

- Core Grant: Receive \$3,200 to implement **2 nutrition** priority activities* during the 2019-20 school year

- Enhanced Grant: Receive \$5,200 to implement **2 nutrition AND 1 physical activity** priority activities* during the 2019-20 school year

*There is an approved nutrition and physical activity priority activities list available within the application – ***please choose from this list.***

If funded, all Shape School grantees are required to:

- Identify a Shape Grant school champion
- Establish or enhance an existing health or wellness council
- Attend a two-day Shape grantees summit **October 15-16, 2019**; *NOTE: \$200 has been added to the each grant type to help pay for substitute reimbursements, hotel and travel expenses incurred as a result of attending the summit. Grantees are permitted to pay for summit expenses from their grant funds.*
- Implement nutrition/physical activity priority activities during the 2019-20 school year
- Participate in training and technical assistance
- Submit a final report of activities and outcomes to the Georgia Department of Public Health and Georgia Health Policy Center

Eligibility

Schools must:

- Be a Georgia public school (elementary, middle or high)
- Participate in the National School Lunch program
- Have collected and reported FitnessGram data to the Georgia Department of Education for the 2018-19 school year
- A school is ***not eligible*** if they received a \$4,000 or \$5,000 Shape grant in the 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 or 2018-19 school year.

Award Information

Funding Agency: Funding for this project is provided by the Georgia Department of Public Health under the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. Documents and other materials published by schools created with Shape grants must reference award number 1NB01OT009291.

Matching Funds: Matching funds are not required for this grant.

Funding: Grant funding will be provided to selected schools upon receipt of all DPH required financial forms. These forms include a State of Georgia Vendor Management form as well as other documentation required by the DPH Financial Services. Grantees are required to participate in an initial technical assistance call along with their school's district financial representative if awarded. Schools must agree to be the primary fiscal agent for funds awarded through this grant opportunity.

Capital purchases and improvements: Capital purchases and improvements will not be permitted without prior approval of the grantor.

Number of Awards: The exact number of awardees will depend upon the number and type of grants submitted.

Anticipated Funding Opportunity Release: Friday, August 30, 2019

Applicant grant orientation webinars: Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 4:00 pm EST and Monday, September 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm EST

Application Due: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:59 am EST

Anticipated Award Notification: Monday, September 30, 2019

Performance Period: October 2019 to June 2020

How to Apply

1. Review PDF version of [grant application](#) in order to gather appropriate information needed to apply.
2. Interested applicants are encouraged to participate in the Shape applicant grant orientation webinars on:
 - a. Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 4:00 pm. [Click here for webinar.](#)
 - b. Monday, September 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm. [Click here for webinar.](#)
3. Complete the online application between Friday, August 30, 2019 and Monday, September 23, 2019 11:59 am EST. [Click here to begin the online application.](#)
 - c. Mailed, emailed, handwritten, and/or faxed applications will not be accepted.
 - d. Only one application per school is permitted.
 - e. Applications will be scored based on the total possible points listed for each element of the application. Click to access the [scoring rubric.](#)