



2021 Legislative Agenda

Boys & Girls Clubs Need Support More than Ever

- ☞ Minnesota Boys & Girls Clubs serve school-age kids who need us the most. Clubs are there for kids when they need a safe place to go afterschool, help with school, caring mentors and tutors, food, recreation, and a place for their voice to be heard and amplified.
- ☞ Now, more than ever, support for Boys & Girls Clubs in our state is crucial to the success of our youth. Clubs face a decrease in funding, just when costs, staffing and the need for Clubs to help kids has been greatest. Public financial support for Clubs, and out-of-school time programs like ours, help kids have equal access to opportunity and resources, and prepare for their great future.

Youth Workforce Readiness

- ☞ HF 1105 & SF 1078 provide \$1.25 million in the next biennium to fund youth job skills and career development at Boys & Girls Clubs in 30+ communities throughout Minnesota.
- ☞ Clubs and DEED partnered for more than a decade to bring youth workforce programming to more than 5,000 kids per year.
- ☞ In 2019, that funding was included in the House and Senate budgets, but was cut out in the special session negotiations
- ☞ Clubs have continued to serve teens with programming to prepare for their college and/or career, but with less frequency, and smaller numbers since the funding cut.
- ☞ A return to funding the Clubs in the DEED budget would allow us to resume full capacity and prepare youth for their future.
- ☞ Clubs' workforce programming provides equitable opportunities for teens to explore careers and training, learn money management and other necessary skills to prepare them for the workforce, and helps provide necessary work experience

Please voice your support for Boys & Girls Club workforce readiness funding to workforce committee chairs Representative Noor and Senator Pratt

Afterschool and Summer Learning

- ☞ Clubs help kids keep up with their schoolwork, and provide enrichment opportunities in STEAM, literacy and healthy living
- ☞ Funding directly to afterschool organizations will help Minnesota youth, especially underserved kids, get back on track in their learning
- ☞ Clubs' support the Afterschool Learning Grant (HF786/SF821), the Youth Intervention Grant (HF742/SF723), as well other budget line items that provide grants directly to afterschool and summer learning programs.

Please support legislation that will provide direct funding to community afterschool and summer learning organizations.

Every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs **returns \$9.60** in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities.