



SJ Learns
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SAN JOSÉ LEARNS GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Summer 2023 and Academic Year 2023-2024

Informational Meeting and Q&A

December 9 and 12, 2022
Office Hours: January 3 12:30 – 1:30

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BACKGROUND



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- SJ Learns aims to bolster academic achievement by funding promising and innovative **expanded learning programs** that serve San José public school students in transitional kindergarten (TK) through 3rd grade.
- Launched in 2015 by Mayor Sam Liccardo and shaped by the SJ Learns Working Group and SJ Learns Committee.
- Administered by the San José Public Library Foundation, with support from the San José Public Library's Education and Digital Literacy Team.
- Historically, SJ Learns has awarded between \$62,000 and \$376,000 per year to **Local Education Agencies** (LEAs) to support summer and academic year expanded learning programs.

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- SJ Learns aims to provide LEAs with resources that leverage their own expanded learning program budget, as well as that of any provider(s) it selects, to increase the number of at-risk students who attend high-quality expanded learning programs.
- A Community of Practice facilitates dialogue among participating LEAs, school sites, program providers, and the broader learning community to inform understanding around best practices and shape policy.
- Priorities:
 - Whole Child Learning
 - Collaboration
 - Family Engagement
 - Continuous Quality Improvement



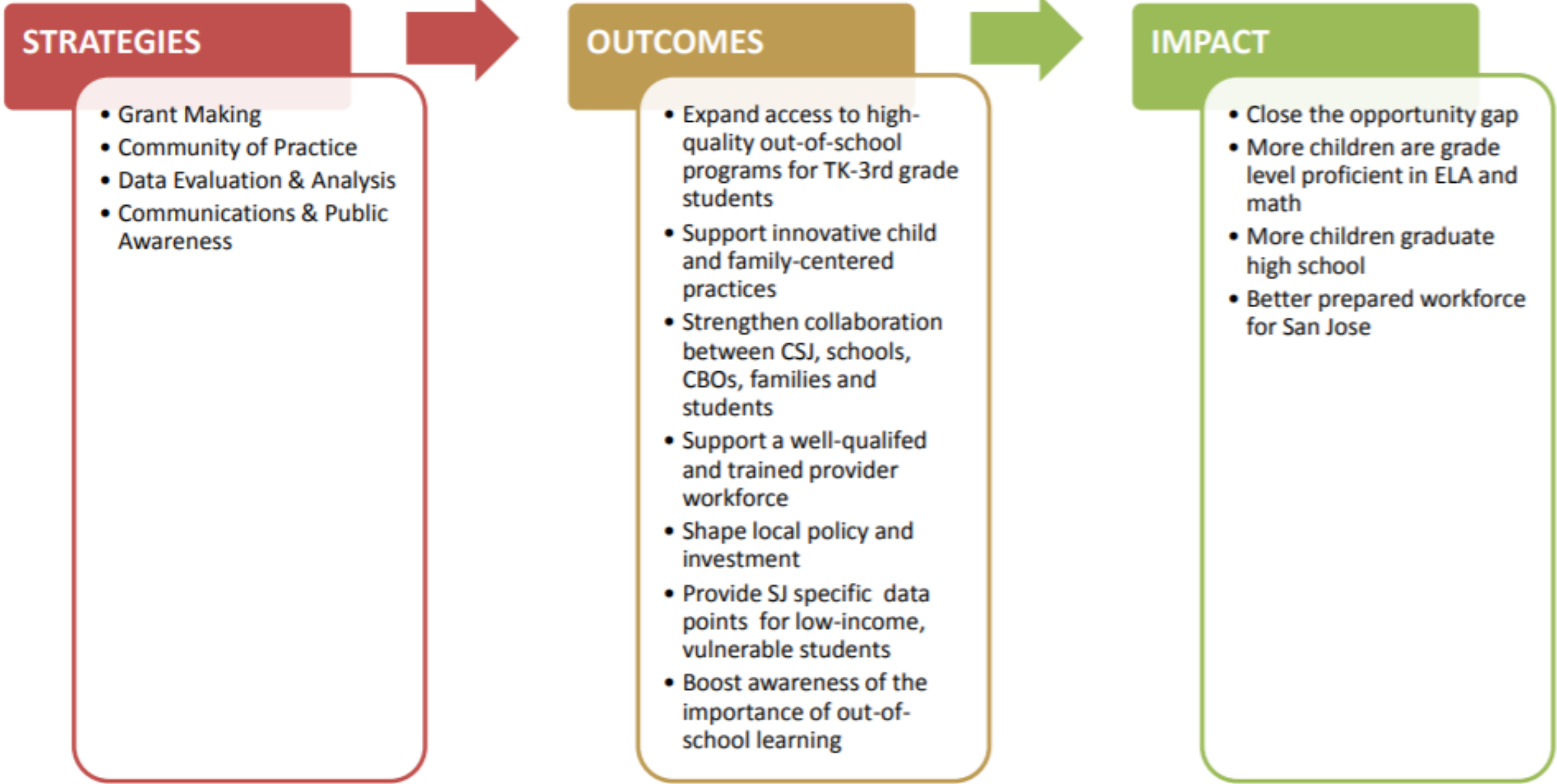
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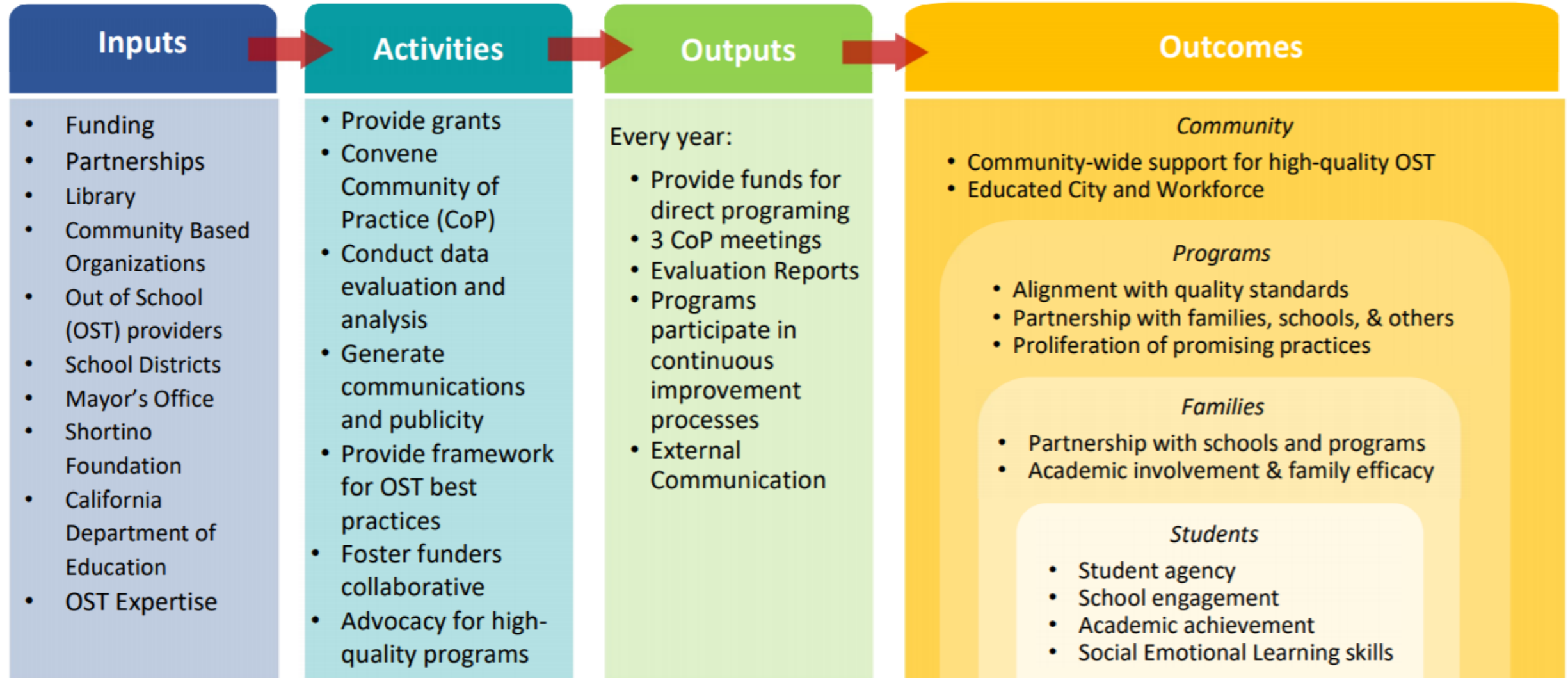
All students in San José are college, career, and life ready.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

There is a substantial opportunity gap for low-income students in San José: approximately 39 percentage point difference in ELA; and approximately 43 percentage point difference in math in comparison to their wealthier peers.¹ SJ Learns will support low-income families of San José by developing innovative and ongoing opportunities that strengthen pathways beyond the school day for young students to thrive.

¹ Santa Clara County Office of Education, News Release. "Annual CAASPP results show steady performance for Santa Clara County students; SCCOE working toward closing the achievement gap." (9/27/2017).





WHO CAN APPLY?



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- Local Education Agencies (LEAs; public school districts, charter schools, and charter networks/management organizations) serving San José students in TK-3rd grade are eligible to apply as the lead applicant.
- Community-based organizations (CBOs) are considered sub-grantees of the lead applicant. CBOs are encouraged to collaborate with eligible LEAs throughout the application process.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE



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- LEAs are invited to submit a proposal through the grant management system.
- [Create an account](#) if you do not already have one.
- The proposal/application is due by 11:59pm on Thursday, January 5, 2023.
- The proposals will be reviewed by the SJ Learns Committee in late January and meetings to confirm grant award decisions will be held in March.
- SJ Learns staff will reach out with any follow up in February and decisions will be shared with applicants in March.
- All details are available on the [Grant Opportunity Webpage](#).

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



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Expanded Learning Programs must:

- Be administered at (or by) a school site (or school sites)* with a minimum of 40% of students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals
- Serve TK- 3rd grade students who are residents of the City of San José and attend public schools
- Demonstrate a clear strategy for recruitment or referral that uses available data, including valid and reliable assessments, to ensure the program enrolls students who are both low-income and performing below (or at-risk of performing below) grade-level standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts
- Demonstrate alignment with the LEAs in-person or distance learning programs, as well as the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California

**On-site instruction will only be required if allowable under current public health orders at the time.*

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LEAs must:

- Demonstrate alignment with SJ Learns strategies and priorities through the Local Control Accountability Plan (or Local Continuity and Attendance Plan; LCAP).
- Identify a funding source to provide a 1:1 match in LEA funding for every dollar of grant funding. Funding may be from any source other than the City.
- Use SJ Learns funds to ensure students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals are not charged program fees.
- Use the Santa Clara County Office of Education's DataZone tool to collect program data. *This is important for the SJ Learns evaluation strategy and is an eligible expense of SJ Learns grant funds.*
- Commit to participate in the Expanded Learning Community of Practice.

PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDS



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The grant review committee will give preference to proposals that:

- Prioritize schools that serve a higher percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- Identify a clear plan to recruit students who do not meet (or are at risk of not meeting) grade-level standards.
- Demonstrate an enhanced commitment/innovative approach to implementing SJ Learns strategies and priorities.
- Include both summer and academic year expanded learning programs.
- Focus on student achievement in both Mathematics and English Language Arts.
- Include a clear financial narrative or strategy that shows diversified funding sources other than ASES or 21 Century funds

QUESTIONS?



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