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**THE AFTER-SCHOOL CORPORATION AND THE PARTNERSHIP FOR AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATION
LAUNCH NEW YOUTH FUNDERS DATABASE
New, Innovative, Online Tool Will Help Identify Funding Opportunities**

Lucy Friedman, President of The After-School Corporation (TASC) and Janet Kelley, Executive Director of The Partnership for Education (PASE) today announced the launch of a new Youth Funders Database which will provide the youth services community with the latest public and private funding information for youth-focused programs.

The database includes details about ongoing and one-time funding opportunities as well as details regarding time sensitive requests for proposal (RFP's). The database can be accessed by logging on to either the TASC website at www.tascorp.org or the PASE website at www.pasesetter.org. The database was created through collaboration between TASC and PASE with additional generous funding from the Blue Ridge Capitol Foundation New York, Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation, Stella and Charles Guttman Foundation and the New York Community Trust.

“Our experience at TASC over the past six years has shown that if you let community-based organizations know that funding for youth programs is available, they will apply in droves. The key is letting people know that funding exists and the deadlines involved,” said Friedman. “This new database will be a tremendous resource for the entire youth services, childcare and development community since it offers details on both private and public finding and will translate into more high-quality after-school programs for kids and families in New York.”

The database contains information about more than 120 funding sources and will be updated on a regular basis. The database webpage also lets users know if deadlines for RFP's are extended and updates regarding particular funding streams. Users are encouraged to provide feedback about the database by emailing YFDatabase@tascorp.org and can sign up for an email list that will send alerts regarding funding opportunities as soon as they are announced.

“Although the after-school community and many other youth-focused programs continue to face limited funding resources, there are many opportunities out there that can now more quickly make it into the hands of those who need them,” said Kelley. “The database will help us to be more creative in our approach to funding and programming. Since it has a detailed search function, it allows the user to be very specific in identifying sources that might fund a particular area of focus – for example fitness-based after-school programs. It will also allow us to document trends in funding, which will be helpful for strategic planning.”

The search function allows the user to find specific information about funding such as: if a funding stream is from a private or public source; who is eligible; the purpose of a funding stream; the target age group served by the funding; and if there are geographic requirements. Users can also search the database by keyword.

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TASC was established in 1998 to enhance the quality, availability and sustainability of after-school programs in New York State. Since then, TASC has leveraged more than \$375 million in public and private funds to support after-school programs. TASC partners with 130 community-based organizations (CBO) that run the programs and in addition to financial support, TASC offers the CBO's training and technical assistance to ensure quality of programs.

TASC supports a total of 279 school-based after-school programs statewide serving more than 53,000 students; 232 in NYC serving 46,000 students and 47 programs elsewhere in the state serving 7,300 students.

PASE was created in 1993 and fosters quality afterschool education for youth throughout New York City, particularly those from low-income communities, enabling them to identify and reach their full potential. PASE's network includes more than 1,200 participating youth-serving agencies with more than 1,600 sites in New York City. These agencies serve over 500,000 young people per year. Through its range of programs and initiatives, PASE supports the afterschool field as a leading broker and convener through training programs; demonstration programs; networking opportunities; and collecting, publishing and disseminating best practices from the field.