

Title IV, Part B

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)

Purpose:

This program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

How Funding is Distributed to Schools:

Formula grants are awarded to State educational agencies, which in turn manage statewide competitions and award grants to eligible entities. Local education agencies (LEAs) and nonprofit organizations may apply to states for subgrants.

For this program, eligible entity means a local educational agency, community-based organization, another public or private entity, or a consortium of two or more of such agencies, organizations, or entities. States must give priority to applications that are jointly submitted by a local educational agency and a community-based organization or other public or private entity. Consistent with this definition of eligible entities, faith-based organizations are eligible to participate in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.

How Funds May Be Spent:

Each eligible entity that receives an award from the state may use the funds to carry out a broad array of before- and after-school activities (including those held during summer recess periods) to advance student achievement. These activities include:

- Remedial education activities and academic enrichment learning programs, including those which provide additional assistance to students to allow the students to improve their academic achievement;
- Mathematics and science education activities;
- Arts and music education activities;
- Entrepreneurial education programs;
- Tutoring services, including those provided by senior citizen volunteers, and mentoring programs;
- Programs that provide after-school activities for limited English proficient (LEP) students and that emphasize language skills and academic achievement;
- Recreational activities;
- Telecommunications and technology education programs;
- Expanded library service hours;
- Programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy;
- Programs that provide assistance to students who have been truant, suspended, or expelled to allow them to improve their academic achievement;
- Drug and violence prevention programs;
- Counseling programs; and
- Character education programs.

Allocations:

The US Department of Education provides tables showing state allocations for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants at

<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/08stbystate.pdf>

and for the program nationwide at

<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/08stbyprogram.pdf>

US Department of Education Web site:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html>