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**Department of Education**

## **Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program Title IV, Part B**

### **Program Purpose**

The Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) program is a federal program funded under Title IV, Part B focused on out of school time programming for expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending high poverty schools. The goals of the program are to:

- Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects.
- Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students.
- Offer families of students served by community learning centers, opportunities for literacy education and related educational development.

### **Current Use of Funds in NH**

In 2023-2024, 22 grants have been awarded to 18 subgrantees – 15 LEAs and 3 community-based organizations, who are operating 59 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites, serving roughly 6,180 NH students.

### **Grant Competition**

- Awards are distributed annually on a competitive basis.
- Award amounts are based on the number of qualifying proposals received and funding availability.
- Subgrants are awarded for 5 consecutive fiscal years. The first 3 years are fully funded, years 4 and 5 are contingent on funding availability and demonstrated success of the program.
- Awards must amount to a minimum \$50,000 per fiscal year.

Beginning in the 2024-2025 award year, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grants will be applied for and awarded at the site-level in place of historical district-level awards.

### **Organizational Eligibility**

Any public or private organization is eligible to apply for a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant and is required to partner with an eligible school. Examples of organizations eligible under the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program include, non-profit agencies, city, or county government agencies, FBOs, and higher education institutions.

## **Student Population Eligibility**

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs populations must serve:

- Students who primarily attend schools eligible for schoolwide programs and the families of such students; or
- Students attending grades K-12 in New Hampshire schools that are identified as Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) or Additional Targeted Support (ATS); or
- Targeted assistance school providing services to eligible children identified as having the greatest need for special assistance; students not older than age 21 who are entitled to a free public education through grade 12; and children who are not yet at a grade level at which the local educational agency provides a free public education.

## **How is a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC different from other out-of-school-time care?**

- Community Partnerships – partner with local agencies/resources to deliver well-rounded and diverse programming through MOUs.
- Sustainability – supplement vs supplant funding with the goal of sustaining a program without federal funding.
- Program Income – fee set by the reduced lunch scale, can be spent on grant-allowable activities, unspent income must be returned at the end of the grant cycle.
- Data – GPRA measure reporting, data collection in Cayen, staff/student surveys, state-wide evaluation, Annual Performance Report (APR).
- Staffing - program director, site coordinator, certified teachers & paraprofessionals.
- Minimum school year operating hours – 15 hours per week (elementary) 10 hours per week (middle/high), 5 days per week, 32 weeks per year.
- Minimum summer operating hours – 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, 4 weeks per year.
- Activities – academic and enrichment, compliment and reinforce school programming, focused on increasing academic outcomes.

## **Common Expense Activity Types**

- Instructional Salaries and Benefits
- Administrative Salaries and Benefits
- Supplies and Materials
- Summer Program
- Contracted Services
- Professional Development Activities

## **Resources**

NHED Title IV, Part B website: <https://www.education.nh.gov/21cclc>

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