



Arizona Department of Education

21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Grant



“Teachers continuously ask for two things; more academic time with students who need it and additional resources for those students. The great thing about the 21st Century grant is that it provides both!”

Principal John Scudder, Burton Elementary, Glendale Elementary School District

Purpose

The purpose of this important after school, before school, Saturday and summer school program is to create **community learning centers** that provide high-quality, Arizona State Standards – based academic learning opportunities leading to increased achievement.

Funding

- Federal Funding from No Child Left Behind, Title IV, Part B with state level program administration.
- Minimum grant award: \$50,000 / year / school site
- Maximum grant award: \$120,000 / year / school site

Duration of Grant

- Five year discretionary grant with a 25% reduction in year four and 50% reduction in year five

Eligibility to Apply

- Entities eligible to apply for funding include: local education agencies (LEAs), cities, counties, community-based organizations (CBOs), non-profit organizations (NPOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), other public or private entities.
- Entities must partner with a school that serves students where at least 40% of the students qualify for free and/or reduced meals.

What are the general requirements when implementing a 21st CCLC?

- The after school, before school and summer school 21st CCLC program must complement the regular academic school day.
- After school program must be implemented according to the original awarded grant proposal.
- After school program staff should work in close collaboration with the regular school day staff and community partners.
- Partnerships and collaborations are required to provide services outlined in the grant and ensure long-term commitments of resources for sustainability.
- Reading, math and writing program activities are required to be based on scientifically-based practices that provide evidence that the program activity will help students meet achievement standards.
- All academic enrichment activities are obligated to be aligned to Arizona State Standards, using cross-curricular connections to meet multiple performance objectives.
- Services to the family members of participating students may include family literacy activities and other educational activities based on community needs.
- The program staff must consult school and district administration regarding safety, health and nutrition procedures, and policies.

Who is served?

- Students who attend schools where at least 40% of the students qualify for free and reduced meals
- Family members of participating students are offered adult educational opportunities as an essential element of this grant

Timeline

Grant Application Training in Tucson, Flagstaff and Phoenix	March
Grant Application Available on ADE Grant Manage Enterprise System*	March
Grant Application Due Date	May
Board Approval	August
*Grant Management Enterprise	

Please visit our website for more information and resources regarding the 21st CCLC Application
www.azed.gov/century-learning-centers/application-information/

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