



State of Arizona  
Department of Education  
Office of John Huppenthal  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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21st Century Community Learning Center Grant RFP for Cycle 12, 2014-2015

Dear Prospective Applicant:

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant funding is available for academic out-of-school time programs through the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). The purpose of the 21st Century Community-Learning Center (21stCCLC) Grant is to establish school site learning centers that provide students with standards-based academic enrichment classes and opportunities with focused assistance in math, reading and writing during out-of-school time. The 21st Century Community Learning Center offers a safe, engaging environment that complements the regular school day. Successful programs improve student outcomes and are integrated with the Arizona School Improvement Plan or the school's academic goals.

This grant provides funding for students to receive academic intervention opportunities in core academic subjects such as reading, writing and mathematics. Programs are required to utilize strategies proven to be effective based on scientifically-based research. Funding may also be used to provide standards-based enrichment programs, including but not limited to *STEM*: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, art, music, youth development, entrepreneurship, drug and violence prevention, and adult education that empowers families to boost their children's academic achievement.

Entities must serve students who attend schools where at least 40% of the students qualify for free/reduced meals. Any agency which is not a school must partner with the school serving the students targeted for assistance.

The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant will be available on March 11, 2014 in the **new GME System**. This is the new GME system that ADE will ultimately transition all grant programs and is accessible through ADEConnect rather than Common Logon. You may log in with your e-mail address and password at <https://home.azed.gov/Portal>. If you have not worked with ADEConnect in the past, or are not certain you have the proper credentials, please contact the ADE Support Desk at (602) 542-7378 or [adesupport@azed.gov](mailto:adesupport@azed.gov). Your log in information for the old Common Logon system will NOT work with ADEConnect. If you have used the new GME system but are unable to view the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant application or need technical assistance in completing the application, you may contact ADE Grants Management at (602) 542-3470 or [grants@azed.gov](mailto:grants@azed.gov).

There will be a specific training regarding the **NEW 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Cycle 12 Online Application Process** on March 18, 2014 in Phoenix. Register at <http://www.azed.gov/online/registration/calendar/RenderCalendar.asp>. Tools and a Word version of the application will be available on our website on March 11, 2014; however, all applications MUST be submitted on line on the new system. For support materials please visit our website: <http://www.azed.gov/century-learning-centers/application-information/>.

We are confident the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant will continue to make a positive difference in the learning experiences of Arizona's students. For questions, please contact our office at 602-364-2349 or [21stCCLC@azed.gov](mailto:21stCCLC@azed.gov)

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Trejo".

Cindy Trejo

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