



Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program

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For more information visit: <https://www.azed.gov/21stcclc/>

21st CCLC Overview

The 21st CCLC programs are dedicated to enhancing student achievement in math, reading, language arts, literacy, and science. These programs extend the learning experience beyond the traditional school day, providing enriched educational opportunities before school, after school, and during the summer.



We equip Arizona students to realize their potential

Focus of 21st CCLC Funding

21st CCLC programs provide diverse classes, project-based learning, and hands-on enrichment activities. Offerings include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), environmental literacy, arts, music, physical education, mentoring, coding and technology education, as well as nutrition and health education.

Target Populations

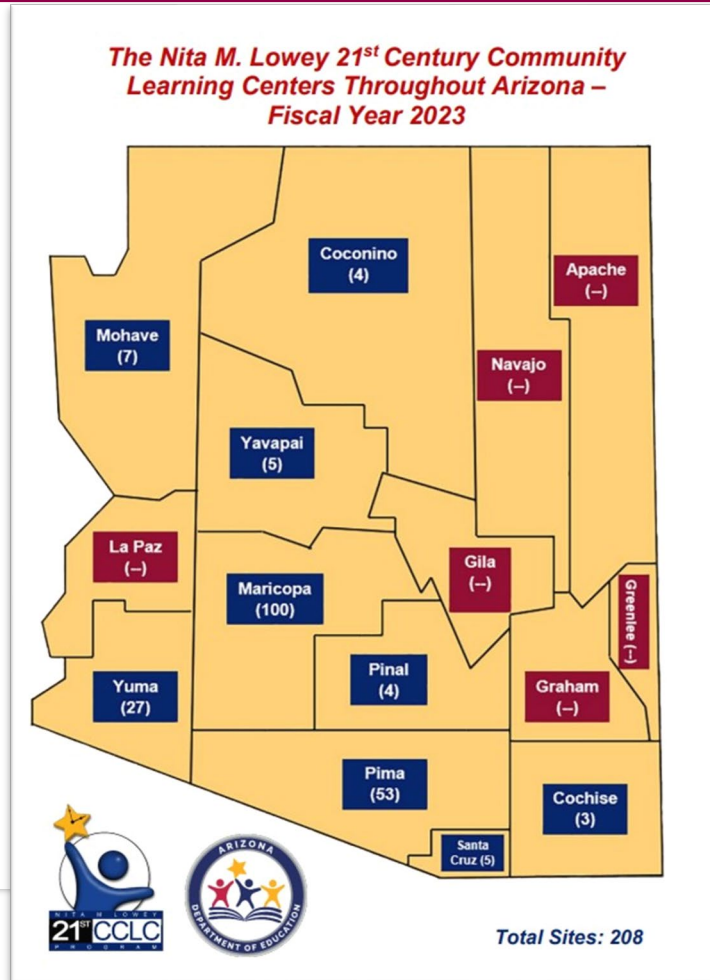
Students

At-risk students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade attending schools with high percentages of low-income families.

Adults and Families

Adult family members of 21st CCLC students are provided with opportunities for ongoing, active, and meaningful involvement in their children's education.

21st CCLC Programs in AZ



21st CCLC Application Timeline for FY26



Application Timeline (6-week application window) Cycle 21 – FY2026



21st CCLC New Application Timeline

Dec. 31, 2024	21st CCLC Grant Application (Word version), Guidance & Resources available on 21st CCLC website.
Jan. 10, 2025	Bidder's Conference
January 21	Grant Application Opens in Grants Management Enterprise (GME)
January 27	Peer Review Application Opens on Website
February 24	Peer Review Application Closes
March 3	Grant Application closes at 11:59 PM in GME (all grants will be read & pre-screened – Phase I)
March 3 - 7	Peer Review Hiring
March 26 - April 9	Phase II – Peer Review Reads
April 21 - May 2	Application Survey sent to ALL Applicants
April 21 – May 9	Phase III – Application/Budget Evaluation of sites being recommended to the State Board of Education (SBE)
June 23	SBE Board Meeting – Final Review and Approval of Recommended Sub-Grantee Sites presented the SBE for 21st CCLC Grant Award Approval.
June 23 - July 23	Appeals window for sites that are NOT receiving awards
July 1, 2025	Funding available for 21st CCLC Yr 1 – New Sub-grantees – Including Continuing Applications

Who Receives 21st CCLC Funding?

School districts, consortia, charter schools, and other eligible entities serve campuses with 40% or more low-income students.

What is the Minimum/Maximum Amount of Annual Award?

- Annual minimum is \$50,000 per site
- Annual maximum is \$120,000 per site
 - Grants are awarded for five years



Questions

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