



21st CCLC
Fiscal Year 2027 - Cohort 2
FAQs



Bidder's Conference Session 1 – July 30, 2026 and 21st CCLC Inbox 8/3/2026-8/7/2026

1. Will Cohort 2 still need to have 120 days (about 4 months) even though it is starting later in the year?
 - a. No, FY27-Cycle 22 (Cohort 2) will need to have a minimum of 65 days.
2. If awarded, when will funding start? And will sites be on the same cycle as 7/1 - 6/30?
 - a. Substantial approval date will be 12/7/2026 and the end of the cycle is 6/30/2026.
Program activities can begin as early as 12/7/2026.
3. Are applicants that submitted applications during the initial Cohort 1 competition eligible to apply for Cohort 2?
 - a. Yes, unawarded applications for sites within the same LEA are eligible to apply.
4. Is the Cohort 2 competition limited to specific geographic areas, school types, or applicant categories?
 - a. Cohort 2 is open to any **“eligible entity” not currently awarded**. Eligible entity means a local education agency (LEA), community-based organization, Indian tribe or tribal organization (as such terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act), another public or private entity, or consortium of 2 or more such agencies, organizations or entities.
5. What changes, if any, have been made between the Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 competitions?
 - a. Please attend our next Bidder's Conference on 8/11/26 at 10am to gather more information - [8/11/26 - Bidder's Conference](#)
6. What is the application due date for Cohort 2?
 - a. Application closes on 10/13/2026 at 11:59 PM
7. Is there a separate application guidance document, scoring rubric, or application package for Cohort 2? If so, would you please provide the link or forward those materials?
 - a. Those materials should be posted on our website. Please email our 21st CCLC Inbox if you do not find the Cohort 2 resources available.
8. What is the timeline for this grant after the submission deadline of October 13?
 - a. Please see the website for more details.
9. How many grants are slated to be awarded in this funding round?

- a. This is determined by the number of high-quality award applications and the amount of money that we receive, and the amount that is requested by the high-quality application submitted which can vary with each award cycle.

10. What is the hours requirement for the first year of the grant?

- a. The hour requirement is still 8 hours per week at a requirement of 65 days.

11. If our organization was previously awarded a grant (Cycle 22-FY27), does that limit how much we can apply for this round?

- a. You are still limited to 5 awards per LEA for this fiscal year regardless of cohort.

Example: 3 sites were awarded in the first grant cycle, you apply for 5 sites within cohort 2, you would only be eligible for a maximum of two sites to be successfully awarded. If more successful grants are present for your LEA that meet the cut score, only the top 2 would be awarded to stay within the 5 fully awarded site requirement.

12. Can students sell goods or services as part of an enrichment class or club?

- a. Generally, play money or tokens is what is recommended as you cannot use 21st CCLC funds and/or programming for profit without permission from the state and federal programs.

Bidder's Conference - Session 2 – 8/11/26

1. Will the questions on the application be the same as they were for the last competition?

- a. The questions are available in the cohort 2 guidance handbook pg. 12 that is available on our website.

2. Can you provide more information about the timeline for award notification if our application is selected for funding?

- a. The timeline for FY27 – Cycle 22 – Cohort 2 is available on our website under the 21st CCLC Competitive Grant Section.

Week of 8/10/2026-8/14/2026

1. Would our application have to reflect a budget plan for this special occasion (FY27)? Or what would we like to do on a normal year?

- a. The amount you could be awarded is a minimum of \$50,000 (42 regular attendees) and a maximum of \$120,000 (100 regular attendees) which is based on the following funding formula: **Oct 1-October 1 Enrollment x 30% = regular attendees - Regular Attendee # x 120 days open x \$10/per regular attendee = Total Annual Funding**

Week of 8/17/2026-8/21/2026

1. Let's say we can apply for \$120,000. Will we receive the full 120K in the first year? Or will it be prorated? And if so, is there a formula for that?

- a. In response to your question, all awarded sites will be fully funded utilizing the funding formula. **Funding Formula:** Regular Attendee # x 120 days x \$10 per regular attendee Please refer to page 1 in the [Cycle 22 FY27 Application Guidance \(Cohort 2\)](#).