



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 \(Cohort 2\)](#).

Week of 8/21/2026-9/3/2026

1. Will peer reviewers review each grant application in their entirety?

- a. In response to your question, each application question will be reviewed and scored independently based on the specific criteria identified for that question and not holistically across the application. Reviewers will award points only for information provided within the response to the question being scored and will not assign points based on information included elsewhere in the application. Applicants must provide complete, comprehensive, and self-contained responses that fully address all required criteria for each question to receive maximum points. Also, please refer to page 17 in the Cycle 22 FY27 Application Guidance (Cohort 2).

2. My question is, since we are applying for fully funded but only have a minimum of 65 days of program in Spring semester plus 16 days (64 hours in summer school), do we create a budget where the \$120,000 is used in those 81 days of program?
 - a. In response to your question, you plan for the spring and summer terms. You can always run programming for more than the required minimum days/hours of 65 days in the spring and 64 hours in the summer.
3. Will there be a Form A or equivalent provided to applicants to complete the NoIP and AOC requirement?
 - a. No, the required forms for consultation are the NoIP or AOC.

Week of 9/4/2026

4. Will peer reviewers review each grant application in their entirety?
 - a. In response to your question, each application question will be reviewed and scored independently based on the specific criteria identified for that question and not holistically across the application. Reviewers will award points only for information provided within the response to the question being scored and will not assign points based on information included elsewhere in the application. Applicants must provide complete, comprehensive, and self-contained responses that fully address all required criteria for each question to receive maximum points. Also, please refer to page 17 in the Cycle 22 FY27 Application Guidance (Cohort 2).

Week of 9/17/2026

1. I am an OEE and I do not have access to application, what do I need to do to be able to apply?
 - a. Please access the 21st CCLC New Entity Process for Other Eligible Entities (OEE) Applicants [here](#) and it is also available on our website under the 21st CCLC competitive grant section.
2. If a site requests 100, regular attendees in the formula, will the site be expected to have a minimum of 75 regular attendees in year 1?
 - a. Yes, the site will still be expected to have a minimum of 75 regular attendees.
3. Is the Planning Tool referred to in question 3 the 21st CCLC Planning Tool presented at the August kick-off?
 - a. Yes, the Planning Tool is in Grants Management under the designated LEA's planning section.
4. Is it possible to see a timeline for when Local Integrated Action Plans (LIAPs) and Schools Integrated Action Plans (SIAPs) are required to be submitted to ADE?
 - a. Please check with your district's administration to find out who is responsible for submitting the LIAP and SIAP in GME. These are part of the ESEA Consolidated grant submission.

Week of 10/2/2026

1. In the application packet, at the beginning of each section is the statement "Each text box field is limited to 10,000 characters including spaces, punctuation, tables, charts, etc." After that is Acknowledgments, which has the statement: "Applications that include pictures, photographs, screenshots, graphs, charts, or other graphical content within application response fields will

not be scored, as they do not meet Grants Management application specifications.” My questions are: Will the inclusion of a table, chart, or graph disqualify the presented answer in its entirety? Will the table, chart, etc. potentially reduce the total possible points for that answer?

2. While the application references tables and charts in relation to the 10,000-character limit, the Grants Management system specifications further clarify that pictures, photographs, screenshots, graphs, charts, or other graphical content included within narrative response fields will not be scored. To ensure that responses are fully reviewed and eligible for scoring, applicants should not include charts, graphs, screenshots, photographs, or other graphical elements within narrative response fields. Information that would otherwise be presented in a chart or graph should instead be incorporated into the response using a text-based format. Based on the application requirements and system specifications, the inclusion of prohibited graphical content may result in the affected response not being scored. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to provide all required information in narrative or text-only format. The application language will be updated in future grant cycles to ensure these instructions are clear and consistent.
3. Quick in-the-weeds question: for Program Need Q3, I wanted to confirm that the referenced "Local Instructional Action Plan" is synonymous with "LEA Integrated Action Plan" and that the "School Improvement Plan" is synonymous with "School Integrated Action Plan"?
 - a. Yes, the referenced "Local Instructional Action Plan" is synonymous with "LEA Integrated Action Plan" and that the "School Improvement Plan" is synonymous with "School Integrated Action Plan".
4. For the free and reduced lunch data, are we using the 10/1/25 final report information and is attendance based on 10/01/26 SIS information or the 2025 data?
 - a. FY26 data should be utilized for both the free and reduced lunch and attendance.