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## Cycle 22-FY2027

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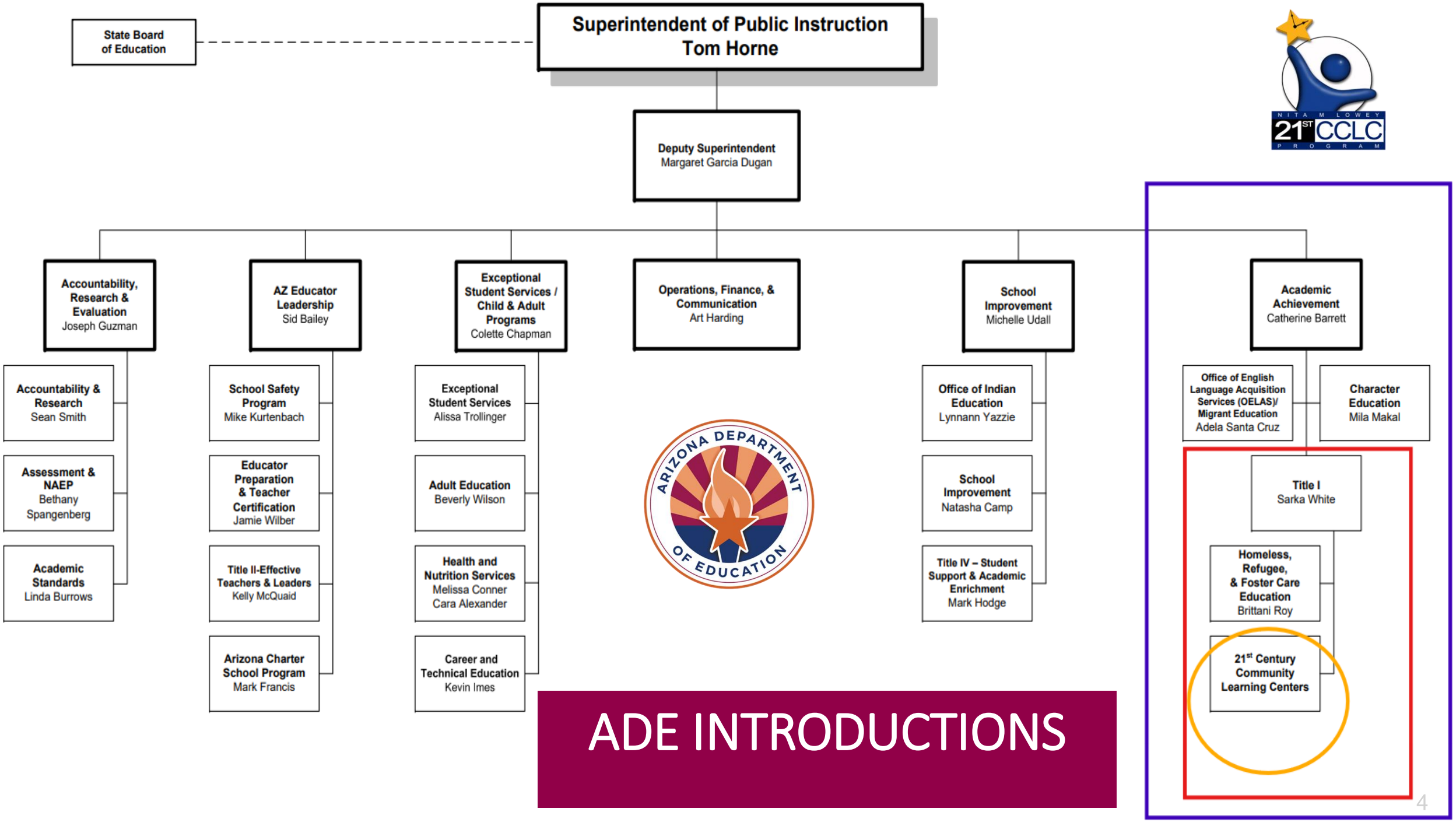


# ADE INTRODUCTIONS

# Bidders Conference Agenda

- 21st CCLC Grant Overview
  - Purpose of Funds
  - Eligible Applicants
  - Absolute Priority
- Priority Points
- Assurances
- How to Apply for 21st CCLC Funding
- 21st CCLC Grant Application Resources Website Tour
- Questions & Answers

# 21st CCLC GRANT OVERVIEW

**The 21st CCLC grant is the ONLY federally funded source dedicated exclusively to out-of-school-time programs.**

**PURPOSE OF 21ST CCLC FUNDS, Title IV-B**

**ACADEMICS**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

NITA M LOWEY 21ST CCLC PROGRAM

# PURPOSE OF
# 21ST CCLC FUNDS, Title IV-B

## ACADEMICS

**GOAL:** Offer students opportunities designed to raise student academic outcomes.

# PURPOSE OF
# 21ST CCLC FUNDS, Title IV-B

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**GOAL:** Offer students youth development opportunities designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic programs.

# PURPOSE OF
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## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

**GOAL:** Offer families of all 21st CCLC students opportunities designed to empower families in active and meaningful engagement to raise student academic outcomes and youth development skills.

**STATED PROCESS OBJECTIVE:** By the end of the program year, thirty percent (30%) of the regular attendee goal of 21st CCLC family members will participate in one or more literacy and/or related educational development opportunities as evidenced by attendance collection.

# PURPOSE OF
# 21ST CCLC FUNDS, Title IV-B

## Targeted Services

### STUDENTS

**At-risk students** from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade who attend schools with a high concentration of students from economically disadvantaged families.

### ADULTS & FAMILIES

Adult family members of students in the 21st CCLC program

*Programs offer families of students ongoing, active, and meaningful engagement in their children's education.*

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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The term **"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.

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Each 21st CCLC Grant Application must serve only **students of one qualifying school (Site),** & each 21st CCLC grant award under that application is **Site-specific**.

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

If the eligible entity applying, **IS** the school site's LEA, then they will select and use the:

***21st CCLC Yr1-New*** application

If the eligible entity applying **IS NOT** the school site's LEA, then the entity must apply as an **Other Eligible Entity (OEE)**. They will select and use the:

***21st CCLC Yr1-New OEE*** application

# ABSOLUTE PRIORITY

**Not less than 40% economically disadvantaged in total school population.**

# ABSOLUTE PRIORITY

- Will the site serve students where at minimum **40%** of the students are economically disadvantaged?

- Was the total enrollment at site on October 1, 2025, ***greater than 138 students*****?**

# ABSOLUTE PRIORITY: ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Eligibility Verification Worksheet

| Site Name | Absolute Priority | Funding Formula | | | | | Eligibility Verification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Enrollment | Regular Attendees | Days open | $ per student | Total Funds Requested | |
| * | * Yes No | * | * | 120 | 10 | 0 | * Yes No |

## Funding Formula:

**Oct1-October 1 Enrollment x 30% = regular attendees**

**Regular Attendee # *x* 120 days open *x* $10/per regular attendee = *Total Annual Funding***

# ELIGIBLILITY VERIFICATION

- **Maximum # of applications** per district/organization is 5 sites
- **Minimum funding** per year is $50,000 per site = 42 regular attendees
- **Maximum funding** per year is $120,000 per site = 100 regular attendees

**All funding is contingent upon ADE's receipt of federal funds.**

# PRIORITY POINTS

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**Priority Points**
**(+14 Points)**

All on time, complete, and successfully submitted 21st CCLC Grant Applications will be Pre-Screened by the ADE. Four priority areas have been identified by the ADE to award additional points if specific criteria have been met at **the site-level.**

**The ADE will be awarding up to an additional 14 Priority Points during the Pre-Screening process. Below lists the criteria of potential Priority Points, the maximum # of points possible, and the source the ADE will use to verify this information.**

No action is needed by applicant in this section.

| AZ Priority Areas | Points | Verified by: |
|---|---|---|
| **School Improvement CSI or TSI** | 2 | ADE Office of School Improvement |
| **Geographic Areas** | | National Center for Education Statistics |
| Town | 4 | |
| Rural | 6 | |
| City/Suburb | 0 | |
| **Counties not Represented in FY26** | | National Center for Education Statistics |
| Greenlee/Apache/La Paz | 4 | |
| **21st CCLC Grant has not been awarded to the site in the last five years** | 2 | GME 21st CCLC awards FY22-FY26 |

**Acknowledgement**

By signing this page, the applying eligible entity, and any partnering organization fully understands the priority points criteria and the verification process.

*** Signature of LEA Authorized Representative or LEA Entity Authorized Signer**

# 21ST CCLC ASSURANCES

# Federal & State Requirements

- Supplement **not** Supplant
  - If I did not have federal funds available to conduct this activity or service, would I still conduct it with state or local funds anyway?
  - Is the program required by federal, state or local law?
  - Were local funds used to pay for the program in prior years?

# Federal & State Requirements

- Community Notice of Intent
- Private School Consultation
- Federal and State reporting
  - Student level data to be collected and shared

# Program Operations & Implementation

## Funding Formula

Regular attendee # *x* 120 days open *x* $10 per regular attendee =

***Total Annual Funding***

## Direct Student Services Offered:

Minimum of 120 Days per Program Year

- **Academic Year**
  - Minimum of 8 Hours per Week
  - Minimum of 4 Days per Week
- **Summer Term**
  - Minimum of 64 hours

## Direct Family Services Offered:

- Academic Year and Summer Term (ongoing)

# HOW TO APPLY FOR 21ST CCLC

# Access the Application

- Grants Management Enterprise (GME) accessed via ADEConnect

  - ❖LEA applicants – ***21st CCLC Yr1-New***
  - ❖Other Eligible Entities – ***21st CCLC Yr1-New OEE***

# Complete the Application

- All applicants must have a CTDS and Entity ID.
- All applications must be submitted in GME.
- All text boxes must be complete.
- Related Documents may be utilized, but only the GME sections will be scored.

# Submit the Application

- All applications must be submitted in GME by 11:59pm on **March 4, 2026**!!!
  - Recommended to submit at least 3 business days early to allow for technical difficulties.
- Technical assistance will not be available after 5:00pm on March 4th.
- Applications must be in **LEA Authorized Approved** status before the deadline to be considered.

# 21st CCLC GRANT APPLICATION RESOURCES

# 21st CCLC Competitive Grant

- ❑ 21st CCLC Competitive Grant Information
- ❑ Cycle 22-FY27 Grant Application Timeline
- ❑ Cycle 22-FY27 Peer Review
- ❑ Cycle 22-FY27 FAQs

# 21st CCLC Competitive Grant Information

- ❑Grant Application, Guidance, & Grant Resources
- ❑Grant Application Bidder's Conference Information
- ❑Purpose of Title IV B Funding
- ❑Eligible applicants

# Grant Application, Guidance, & Grant Resources

- ❑Application Word Document
- ❑Application Guidance
- ❑Guidance Handbook
- ❑Measures of Effectiveness
- ❑Budget Narrative & Template

# QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding the application please email:
21stcclcinbox@azed.gov

**FAQs**
Check back weekly to stay up to date.

Q & A

# SAVE THE DATES!!

Cycle 22-FY27 21ST CCLC Application opens

January 21, 2026

due by

March 4, 2026!