

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Funding Availability

Fiscal Year 2014 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

Request for Application Release Date: Friday, June 28, 2013

Application Submission Deadline: Friday, September 6, 2013

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), will be soliciting grant proposals from District of Columbia community based organizations and local education agencies. The purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (21st CCLC) is to establish or expand community learning centers that provide students with academic enrichment opportunities along with activities designed to complement the students' regular academic program. 21st CCLCs offer the students' families literacy and related educational development. 21st CCLC programs, which can be located in elementary or secondary schools or other similarly accessible facilities, provide a range of high-quality services to support student learning and development. At the same time, centers help working parents by providing a safe environment for students during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session.

Authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended, the law's specific purposes are to:

- provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students (particularly students in high-poverty areas and those who attend low-performing schools) meet State and local student performance standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics;
- offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities; drug and violence prevention programs; counseling programs; art, music, and recreation programs; technology education programs; and character education programs that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and
- offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Program costs must be paid, not merely incurred, by the awardee to the payee prior to requesting reimbursement. All awards will be reviewed annually for consideration of continued funding. To receive more information or for a copy of this RFA, please contact:

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The RFA and applications will also be available on the www.osse.dc.gov.