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## **21<sup>st</sup> Century supplemental funds grants now being accepted**

**Cheyenne** – Competitive grant applications for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers for after-school programming are now being accepted. Approximately \$134,958 will be available to support after-school programming under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21 CCLC) federal grant program.

The purpose of the 21 CCLC program is to establish or expand community learning centers that provide enrichment opportunities along with activities designed to complement the regular academic program of students during those times when school is not in session (before and after school, holidays, weekends or summer recess).

Centers can be located in elementary or secondary schools or other similarly accessible community facilities and provide a range of high-quality services to support student learning and development.

Those services may include tutoring and mentoring, homework help, academic enrichment, music, arts, sports, cultural activities and community service opportunities. At the same time, centers help parents by providing a safe environment for students during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session.

Any current 21 CCLC grantee is eligible to apply for the 21 CCLC Supplemental Funds Grant.

Priority will be given to programs that have experienced funding cuts which have significantly decreased their ability to provide services. Additionally, priority will be given to programs that have significantly enhanced or expanded their services beyond their approved grant application to meet growing community demand.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application and Project Guidelines can be found on the WDE website at

[http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/safety/21st\\_century\\_cclc\\_program.aspx](http://edu.wyoming.gov/Programs/safety/21st_century_cclc_program.aspx).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amber Ash, 21 CCLC Program Manager, at 307.777.5332.

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