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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21 CCLC) Grant Competition
Timeline

INFORMATION TO SHARE --- PLEASE NOTE DEADLINES

Approximately \$1.2 million 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 and activities designed to complement the regular academic program of students during times when school is not in session. Centers (which can be located in elementary or secondary schools or other similarly accessible community facilities) provide a range of high-quality services to support student learning and development and 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.

As authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the specific purposes of the 21 CCLC program are to provide the following programmatic components:

1. Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low performing schools, to meet state and local academic achievement standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and mathematics.
2. 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, recreation, technology education programs, and character education programs) that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students.
3. Offer opportunities for literacy and related educational development to families of participating students.

Any public or private organization is eligible to apply for a 21 CCLC grant. Examples of

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agencies and organizations eligible under the 21 CCLC program include, but are not limited to: public schools/school districts, charter schools, private schools, non-profit agencies, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations (including religious private schools), institutions of higher education, and for-profit corporations. The statute requires eligible organizations applying for funds to collaborate with the schools participating children attend.

Grantees who currently receive 21 CCLC funds may apply for funding to significantly enhance services or for expansion to additional sites or a significant numbers of students. The application must clearly state how new funds will be used for new programming.

Consistent with federal legislation, the Wyoming Department of Education must give priority to those applications that primarily serve students who attend schools that are eligible as Title I schoolwide programs and/or 40% or more of the student population is eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch. Additionally, priority will be given to projects that will serve children in schools designated as in need of improvement under Title I and are submitted jointly by school districts receiving Title I funds and community-based organizations or public/private organizations. Please also note that the majority (51% or more) of schools to be served within an application **must** have a student population that has a free and reduced price lunch percentage at or above **25%** according to the SY 2007/2008 data submitted and verified by the Wyoming Department of Education. Other priorities will be outlined within the grant application and project guidelines.

21 CCLC funding is awarded on a calendar year basis and is contingent upon the availability of congressional appropriations.

Grant Competition Timeline

May 16, 2008	Announcement of upcoming grant competition
July 11, 2008	21 st Century Community Learning Centers grant application announcement and distribution
August 4, 2008	Letters of intent due to WDE
September 5, 2008 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Statewide WEN video meeting to answer questions
October 24, 2008	Applications due to WDE by 5:00 p.m.
December 12, 2008	Notices mailed to all applicants
January 2009	Projects begin
January 15, 2009	Award letters distributed to grant recipients

Please direct questions regarding the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant competition to Kimberly Prey at kprey@educ.state.wy.us or (307.777.5332).