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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #264-22**

DATE: November 4, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for 21st Century Community Learning Centers
Competitive Grant Program for Community-Based Organizations

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant funds to be awarded to community-based organizations partnering with school divisions to support after-school, before-school, and summer learning programs to provide additional instructional opportunities to combat learning loss for school-age children attending high-poverty, low-performing schools. Funding for this program was appropriated by the Virginia General Assembly from the federal State and Local Recovery Fund (SLRF) pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to supplement the 21st CCLC Program.

The Department will fund projects that provide significantly expanded learning opportunities for children and youth and will assist students in meeting or exceeding state and local standards in core academic subjects. Applicants eligible to submit a proposal for this competition are nonprofit agencies, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations, and institutions of higher education.

Per the statute Section 4204(i)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965, as amended, grantees must serve schools that meet the absolute priority of serving students who attend:

- schools implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities (the lowest five percent of Title I schools, plus any high school with a federal graduation rate below 67 percent);
- schools implementing targeted support and improvement or additional targeted support and improvement activities (Title I and non-Title I schools, with low-performing student groups);
- other schools determined by the local educational agency to be in need of intervention and support;
- schools enrolling students who may be at risk for academic failure, dropping out of school, involvement in criminal or delinquent activities, or who lack strong positive role models; and
- the families of such students.

Priority points will be given to those applicants that:

- propose to serve students in schools that either are a comprehensive support and improvement school, a targeted support and improvement school, additional targeted support and improvement school, and/or that are accredited with conditions;
- propose to serve students in middle or high schools; and/or
- propose to serve schools with a free and reduced price lunch eligibility of 75 percent or greater.

Applicants must consult extensively with parents, school division personnel, other community organizations, businesses, arts and cultural organizations, and other youth development agencies to develop 21st CCLC proposals.

A technical assistance workshop will be provided as outlined below.

Location	Date	Registration	Workshop
Workforce Development and Conference Center J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Richmond, Virginia 23228	Tuesday, November 15, 2022	8:30 a.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Applications for 21st CCLC competitive grant funds **must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023**. The application and Guidelines, Instructions, and Assurances documents are available upon request from 21stcclc@doe.virginia.gov.

The completed application and attachments must be emailed to 21stcclc@doe.virginia.gov.

For more information

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Marsha Granderson at Marsha.Granderson@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 786-1993.

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