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21st CCLC Application Deadline - Extended

In response to the current surge in COVID-19 cases that are impacting schools and communities across the state, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is extending the deadline for submitting applications for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant program by three business days (five days total). Applications are now due at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. We hope that the additional days will give applicants the time they need to finalize their applications.

The 21st CCLC grant is a federal grant that funds before-school, after-school, and summer programs across Wisconsin.

The purposes of the program are to:

- 1. Provide opportunities for academic enrichment to help students, particularly students attending low-performing schools, to meet challenging state academic standards;
- Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities
 designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of
 participating students; and
- 3. Offer the families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development

Public school districts, private schools, charter schools, and community-based organizations (including faith-based organizations) targeting students enrolled in schools eligible for Title I, schoolwide programs are invited to apply.

More information and application materials are available on the DPI's <u>21st CCLC</u> <u>Competition website</u>.

Please note this application is intended only for new applicants or current grantees in the final year of their grant cycles. Current WI 21st CCLC programs in years 1-4 of their grant cycles should not participate in this competitive grant process.

The DPI hosted a web-based workshop to assist writers in developing grant applications. A recording of the webinar can be accessed here.

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