



Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Request for Applications (RFA) for Renewability

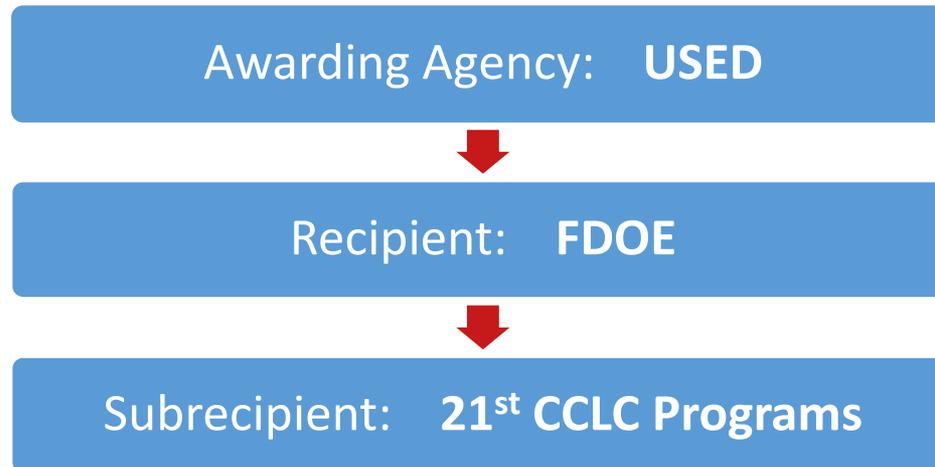
**Bureau of Family and Community Outreach
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21st CCLC Overview:

- Funded through the US Department of Education (USED)
 - Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA),
as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
 - Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 84.287C
- Managed by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE)
 - Bureau of Family and Community Outreach (BFCO)



21st CCLC Purpose

To establish or expand community learning centers that:

- provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, meet challenging state academic standards
- offer students a broad array of additional services, programs and activities that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and
- offer families of students served opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

21st CCLC-Competitive, Discretionary

- Competitive process
 - All proposals are peer reviewed and scored
 - Must score over 70 (out of 100)
 - Very competitive – we fund between 25 and 50% of the applications
- 2021-22 Restructure
 - Focus on student performance
 - Changes in federal reporting measures
 - Focus on objectives and accountability
- Resuming competition in 2022-23



ESSA Renewability

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Section 4204(j) of the ESEA authorizes state education agencies (SEAs) to *renew* subgrants awarded to eligible entities under ESSA, “based on the eligible entity’s performance during the preceding subgrant period.”

- Based on the plain meaning of the language of this provision, SEAs have discretion to renew subgrants that they award to eligible entities under ESSA, provided that the eligible entity’s performance under the preceding subgrant was satisfactory.
- Under section 312 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2016, the provisions of ESSA apply to 21st CCLC program subgrants awarded during the 2017-18 school year and later years. Therefore, SEAs may *renew* 21st CCLC program subgrants awarded on or after July 1, 2017.

Implementation of section 4204(j)

- Under the *orderly transition authority of ESSA*, ED authorizes SEAs to renew subgrants awarded under the ESEA, as amended by No Child Left Behind prior to July 1, 2017.
 - Limitation: Renew current subgrants one time for one to five years, consistent with the terms of the original subgrant's performance period.
 - Please note that each SEA reserves the right to set the renewability period.

Implementation of section 4204(j)

- This action –
 - Responds to SEAs' requests for renewability or extension of current subgrants.
 - Allows SEAs more time to prepare for new competitions under ESSA.
 - Minimizes the disruption to local projects if the program is not funded in the future.
 - Provides current subgrantees an opportunity to continue to provide services to students in the community for an additional period of time.
 - Does not preclude SEAs from conducting subgrant competitions in future years.



Florida's Renewability Policy

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Section 4204(j) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), authorizes State Education Agencies (SEAs) to renew projects awarded under the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program to eligible entities based on the eligible entity's performance during the preceding subgrant period.

Renewability projects are designed to decrease the likelihood of disruption of services to families and to give families time to transition to other out-of-school time programs as 21st CCLC funding ends. For the 2020-21 project year, this disruption would be magnified due to the impact of potentially exacerbated learning gaps. These projects are also awarded to extend projects during years in which the Florida Department of Education does not offer a 21st CCLC competition. 21st CCLC projects that renew funding will be eligible to renew once for up to two project years, as determined by the Department.

Subrecipients that receive a renewed grant period are required to submit an application for the extended funding period. The scope of work of the project should not change drastically during the extended funding period; grantees should continue to serve a substantially similar population and number of students and families served overall.

Renewal applications will be done through a Request for Applications (RFA). Projects that did not have satisfactory performance during the previous project period are not eligible for renewal. Program sites that are currently funded under another 21st CCLC project are not eligible for funding under renewability. Renewability is subject to the availability of funds from the United States Department of Education (ED).

21st CCLC Renewability Main Points

- 21st CCLC projects will be eligible to renew once for up to two project years.
- Renewals will be done through a Request For Applications.
- Approval is subject to satisfactory performance during the previous project period.
- Program sites that are currently funded under another 21st CCLC project are not eligible for funding under renewability.



Application Steps

Steps to Completion

- Submit an Intent-to-Apply to Kimberly Berry at kimberly.berry@fldoe.org that includes:
 - most recent project number,
 - sites to be served,
 - contact information for the person working on application,
 - site profile worksheet
- Submit Intent-to-Apply by **December 7, 2020.**
- Respond to the RFA once released
 - Budget
 - Continuing Improvement Form
- Application Tentative Due Date is **December 31, 2020.**

Continuing Improvement Form

Appendix A Continuing Improvement 2020-21

Agency Name: _____ Project Number: _____
Program Name: _____

Reason(s) for the change:
Shift in program operation days.

This change includes: Additions Deletions Both

Narrative Language:

2018-19 RFP Scope of Work/Narrative Addendum

Scope of Work Narrative (page 1)

- Revise to match the site profile worksheet (SPW) and 21st CCLC approved activities.

...The afterschool program will serve 75 students on ~~Monday-Thursday~~ Tuesday – Friday for 130 days at three hours per day...

Underline reflects additions to the 2018-19 narrative.
~~Cross-out~~ reflects deletion of language in the 2018-19 narrative.



Questions and Answers

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