

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
August 15, 2024

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

F. Approval to revise methodology to renew Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to subgrantee

Background and Purpose: Section 4204(j) of ESSA authorizes the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to renew grants awarded to eligible entities under ESSA, based on the eligible entity's performance during the preceding grant period, at the MDE's discretion. Under Section 312 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2016, the provisions of ESSA apply to 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program grants awarded during the 2017-2018 school year and later years.

The purpose of the 21st CCLC Program is to provide opportunities for academic enrichment activities during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session, such as before and after school or during summer recess, particularly for students who attend low-performing schools. The 21st CCLC Programs offer students a broad array of additional services, programs and activities that are designed to complement the regular academic program such as youth development activities, counseling programs, arts, music, physical fitness and wellness programs, financial literacy programs, environmental literacy programs, and career and technical programs. The 21st CCLC Programs also offer families opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their child's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Eligibility: Current grantee that meets all criteria is eligible to renew their Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Center Program.

- Submission of program evaluation indicating the grantee has met or exceeded identified measurable program objectives
- Complaint with all programmatic and fiscal monitoring indicators
- Completion of Year-end 21st CCLC Performance Report
- Verification of 21st CCLC Program sustainability
- Submission of renewal application

Funding Source: Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funding will be awarded for the same annual funding amount, and consistent with the terms of the previous year of the subgrant. The renewal period will not exceed the total grant period of the original award.

Renewability is subject to the availability of funds from the United States Department of Education.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None