

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
October 10, 2019

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

E. Approval of methodology for renewal of Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs

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 CCLC program grants awarded during the 2017-2018 school year and later years.

The purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (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. 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: A grantee must meet all criteria to be eligible to renew their current programs:

- Submission of program evaluation indicating the grantee has met or exceeded identified measurable program objectives
- Compliant 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

Funds will be awarded to grantees from competitions held beginning school year 2017-18 and later based on the following methodology:

Grantees with awards ending in the current year will be funded up to 60% of the original award, contingent upon available renewability funds.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None