

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**November 20, 2025**

**OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

06.A. Action: Award competitive grants for the Cohort 9 Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is designed 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs also offer families opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their child's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

Grants are awarded for a period of up to four (4) years to any public or private organization, including local educational agencies, non-profit agencies, city or county government agencies, community-based organizations, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, and for-profit corporations, or consortia of two or more of such agencies, organizations, or entities.

Awarding of the grant each year shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services, a performance evaluation, and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2029  
(with a liquidation period ending February 2030)
- Award Amount: \$ 23,924,035.88
- Method of Award: Competitive

Funding Source: Title IV, Part B, of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Needs Assessment
- B. Program Plan and Implementation
- C. Evaluation
- D. Budget

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program Grants (Cohort 9)**

| <b>Organization</b>   | <b>SY 2025/2026<br/>Year 1<br/>100% Funding<br/>Maximum<br/>Grant Award</b> | <b>SY 2026/2027<br/>Year 2<br/>100% Funding<br/>Maximum<br/>Grant Award</b> | <b>SY 2027/2028<br/>Year 3<br/>100% Funding<br/>Maximum<br/>Grant Award</b> | <b>SY 2028/2029<br/>Year 4<br/>100% Funding<br/>Maximum<br/>Grant Award</b> | <b>Total</b>           |
|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------|
| <b>Attala County School District</b><br>Greenlee Elementary School<br>Long Creek Elementary School<br>Ethel Attendance Center<br>McAdams Attendance Center  | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Boys &amp; Girls Club – Central MS</b><br>Blackburn Middle School<br>Cardoza Middle School<br>Crystal Springs Elementary School<br>Crystal Springs Middle School<br>Crystal Springs High School<br>Forest High School<br>Hazlehurst Elementary School<br>Hazlehurst High School<br>Hazlehurst Middle School<br>Jim Hill High School<br>Peeples Middle School<br>Provine High School<br>Wilkins Elementary School | \$400,000.00  | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Boys &amp; Girls Club – Gulf Coast</b><br>Pass Christian School District<br>Gulfport School District<br>Harrison County School District<br>Pass Christian Middle School<br>West Elementary School<br>Bel Aire Elementary School  | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | \$ 400,000.00   | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |

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| <b>Catalyst Learning</b><br>N. R. Burger Middle School<br>STEAM Academy  | \$ 394,464.00 | \$372,064.00  | \$ 372,064.00 | \$ 394,464.00 | <b>\$ 1,533,056.00</b> |
| <b>Corporation for Global Community Development</b><br>Little Ambassadors DLC<br>Van Winkle Elementary   | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Grenda School District</b><br>Grenada Elementary School PreK-2<br>Grenada Elementary School 3-5   | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Holmes County Consolidated School District</b><br>Durant Elementary<br>Goodman-Pickens Elementary School<br>S. V. Marshall Elementary School<br>William Dean Jr., Elementary School | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Instant Impact Global Prep</b><br>Instant Impact Global Prep<br>Susie B. West Elementary<br>McLaurin Elementary   | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Jackson Public Schools</b><br>Murrah High<br>Kirksey Middle<br>Casey Elementary<br>Shirley Elementary   | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Little Lambs Academy</b><br>Bates Elementary<br>Oak Forest Elementary<br>Hillcrest Christian School   | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Long Beach School District</b><br>W. J. Quarles Elementary<br>T. L. Reeves Elementary<br>Harper McCaughan Elementary<br>Long Beach Middle School                                    | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 400,000.00 | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |

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| Long Beach High School   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                        |
| <b>Natchez-Adams School District</b><br>West Elementary School<br>Natchez Middle School<br>Natchez High School<br>Instant Impact Global Prep | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Philadelphia Public School District</b><br>Philadelphia Elementary School<br>Philadelphia High School                                     | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District</b><br>Emerson Preschool<br>Overstreet Elementary School<br>Starkville High School      | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | \$ 400,000.00         | <b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b> |
| <b>UPCLASS, Inc.</b><br>Blackburn Middle School<br>Wilkins Elementary School   | \$ 399,751.97         | \$ 399,751.97         | \$395,737.97          | \$395,737.97          | <b>\$ 1,590,979.88</b> |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$5,994,215.97</b> | <b>\$5,971,815.97</b> | <b>\$5,967,801.97</b> | <b>\$5,990,201.97</b> | <b>\$23,924,035.88</b> |

*In accordance with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Non-Regulatory Guidance, in no event will grant funds be reduced to a level of less than \$50,000 pending congressional appropriations. The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts depending upon congressional appropriations. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.*