

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

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

06.B. Action: Award renewability grants for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

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 Nita M. Lowey 21st 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 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. Under ESSA, the 21st CCLC programs can renew up to additional five years or to the original terms of the grant.

Current 21st CCLC grantee that meets all criteria is eligible for renewability of award under the Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Center Program.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2029
(With a liquidation period ending February, 2030)
- Award Amount: \$ 4,576,023.92
- Method of Award: Requests for Renewability Application

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 discretionary selection process was utilized to award grants.

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program

Organization	Renewal Year 1 Maximum Grant Award	Renewal Year 2 Maximum Grant Award	Renewal Year 3 Maximum Grant Award	Renewal Year 4 Maximum Grant Award	Total
Columbus Housing Authority	\$180,170.00	\$180,170.00	\$180,170.00	\$180,170.00	\$729,680.00
Corinth School District	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$960,000.00
Kemper County School District	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$960,000.00
Midtown Partners, Inc.	\$87,192.98	\$87,192.98	\$87,192.98	\$87,192.98	\$348,771.92
Proverbs 3:6 Ministries	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$960,000.00
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	\$156,643.00	\$156,643.00	\$156,643.00	\$156,643.00	\$626,572.00
Total	\$1,144,005.98	\$1,144,005.98	\$1,144,005.98	\$1,144,005.98	\$4,576,023.92

In accordance with the 21st 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.