

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY

### South Dakota Department of Education Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Notice of Intent to Apply must be completed and submitted to apply for the Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) Grant for time period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029. A Notice of Intent to Apply must be submitted for *each* grant application and each proposed project must serve a separate student population. A Notice of Intent to Apply must be **received by January 31, 2024**.

The grant application will be completed and submitted entirely on the South Dakota Department of Education's Grant Management System. Upon completion of the Notice of Intent to Apply, information on how to access the application system will be communicated to the contacts provided. Completion of the Notice of Intent to Apply is required to apply for funding but does not obligate an organization to complete the application.

#### BACKGROUND

The Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. 21CCLC grants are awarded in the amount of \$50,000 to \$300,000 each year for five years. Programs must establish or expand community learning centers by addressing the following goals.

1. Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet the challenging state academic standards.
2. Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, service learning, nutrition and health education, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, arts, music, physical fitness and wellness programs, technology education programs, financial literacy programs, environmental literacy programs, mathematics, science, career and technical programs, internship or apprenticeship programs, and other ties to an in-demand industry sector or occupation for high school students that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students.
3. Offer families of students served opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

#### GUIDELINES

Up to date 21CCLC grant guidelines can be found on the South Dakota Department of Education 21 Century Community Learning Centers website at <https://doe.sd.gov/21CCLC/>. The GY2025 Application Guidelines outline the parameters, regulations, and requirements of awarded agencies under this program.

## ELIGIBILITY

Subgrant applications must show they are serving students that attend public schools eligible for Title I Schoolwide Program status and/or with a poverty level of 40 percent or higher, as determined by the percent of students served Free and Reduced Lunches. To reiterate, eligible grantees must serve students attending schools in one of the below, bulleted categories.

- Title I Schoolwide programs under section 1114 of the ESEA
- Title I public schools receiving a waiver from SD DOE to operate a schoolwide program
- Schools with a poverty level of 40 percent or higher, as determined by the percent of students served Free and Reduced lunches. Applicants may utilize any month's free and reduced lunch count back to and including the 2022-2023 school year.

School districts, community-based organizations, non-profit entities, for-profit entities, local governments, institutions of higher education, public or private organizations, BIE/tribal schools, and religious organizations are eligible to apply. However, an eligible entity must show that its application is proposing to serve public schools in one of the above, bulleted categories. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact the district your program would serve, or the South Dakota Department of Education.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To submit an application through the South Dakota Department of Education's online Grants Management System (GMS) applicants must obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number, sometimes referred to as a SAM number, and have a current registration in the Federal System for Award Management (SAM) to receive a SAM expiration date. These are not required in this letter but will be required prior to submission of the application. These may take up to 30 days to obtain. Please make sure both are up to date.

- The SAM number can be obtained on the System for Award Management site, [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov).
- Once the UEI number has been assigned you will be prompted to complete the registration to receive your SAM expiration date.

If your entity has an indirect cost rate agreement approved by a cognizant agency of the Federal Government, please submit a copy with the Notice of Intent to Apply. South Dakota public school districts already have an approved rate with the South Dakota Department of Education and do not need to provide a copy of their indirect cost agreement.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY SUBMISSION

The Notice of Intent to Apply is due to the South Dakota Department of Education by **January 31, 2024**.

Email notifications will be sent on approximately February 1, 2024, with informational webinar details.

### Notice of Intent to Apply form can be mailed or emailed to:

South Dakota Department of Education  
Attn: Alan Haarstad or Stephanie Cronin  
800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501



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For more information on the grant please visit the 21CCLC website: <https://doe.sd.gov/21CCLC/>

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Legal name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) to be served: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of organization (check one):**

- Local Education Agency (LEA)     Public or Private Organization     Non-profit agency  
 City or county government     Faith Based Organization (FBO)     Institution of higher learning  
 For-profit corporation     BIE/Tribal School

**Contact person:** This is the person we will contact if we have questions regarding the application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized representative:** This is the person legally authorized to apply on behalf of the organization.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fiscal Representative/Business Official:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Entities intending to apply for more than one grant must submit a Notice of Intent for each application.*

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