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## **Seven afterschool programs funded through grant**

PIERRE, S.D. – A total of seven 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grants have been awarded to provide funding for academic enrichment opportunities for students. This year's grant recipients join 36 grant recipients already serving 65 sites across South Dakota.

Grants range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 a year. These grants support out of school time activities. School districts, along with community-based organizations and faith-based organizations, are eligible to apply. Projects are funded for a period of five years based upon successful implementation and annual reviews. A total of 27 organizations applied for funding this year.

This year's recipients include:

- Black Hills Special Services Cooperative – Horace Mann Elementary, Rapid City
- Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud
- Health Education and Promotion Council, Rapid City
- Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge
- Volunteers of America, Dakotas – STARS, Sioux Falls
- YMCA of Rapid City – Canyon Lake and Robbinsdale elementary schools
- Youth & Family Services, Rapid City

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers provide a range of high quality services that support student learning and development. Academic enrichment, tutoring, mentoring, homework help, music, arts, sports and cultural activities are key components of the grants. The learning centers also offer literacy and other educational services to families of participating children.

“These agencies provide afterschool and summer programming that enriches the lives of the students they serve in such meaningful ways,” said Sue Burgard, who oversees the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center program in South Dakota. “We commend them for their efforts, and wish this year's grant recipients nothing but success.”

The program is authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.