Notice of Intent to Apply
South Dakota Department of Education
Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
A Notice of Intent to Apply must be completed and submitted in order to apply for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) Grant for time period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027. 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 via email or postmarked by *January 14, 2022*.

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 contact 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 21st 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 $250,000 each year for five years. Programs should 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 [www.doe.sd.gov/21CCLC](http://www.doe.sd.gov/21CCLC). The GY2023 Application Guidelines outline the parameters, regulations, and requirements of awarded agencies under this program.
ELIGIBILITY

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. Programs must be located in public school facilities or in facilities that are at least as available and accessible to the students served as if the program were located in the public elementary, middle, or high school.

Subgrant applications must show they are serving students that attend schools that are in one of the below categories.

- Comprehensive, Targeted or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Schools.
- 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 2019-2020 school year.**

Questions on eligibility should be directed to the school district(s) the program intends to serve or SDDOE.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To submit an application through the Department of Education’s online Grants Management System (GMS) applicants must obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and have a current registration in the Federal System for Award Management (SAM) to receive a SAM expiration date. DUNS and SAM are not required in this letter but will be required to submit the application. These may take up to two weeks to obtain. Please make sure both are up to date.

- Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) provides a D-U-N-S number which is a unique nine-digit identification number for each physical location of your business. To learn more visit [http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform](http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform).
- For Instructions on the SAMS Expiration date, please visit [https://sam.gov/content/home](https://sam.gov/content/home).

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 following form is the Notice of Intent to apply and is a perquisite for the application of grant funds but does not obligate the organization to apply for the 21st CCLC grant. The Notice of Intent to Apply is due to the South Dakota Department of Education by **January 14, 2022.**

Email notifications will be sent on approximately January 22, 2022 with information of the application availability.

**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

**For more information on the grant please visit the 21CCLC website:** [https://doe.sd.gov/21CCLC/](https://doe.sd.gov/21CCLC/)
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Legal name of organization: _____________________________________________________________

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Program Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Schools 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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