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### **21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant applications now available**

PIERRE, S.D. – Applications for the next round of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, or 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC, grants are [now available online](#). The centers provide students with academic enrichment opportunities and activities designed to complement regular school instruction.

Grant award amounts range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per year, and the length of a grant is five years. While funds are often awarded to schools, other organizations are also eligible to apply. The grants must specifically support programs offered outside of regular school hours.

The learning centers are intended to assist students from high-poverty and low-performing schools in need of additional support. Funding comes from the federal government in the form of formula grants to the states.

“Across our state, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grantees provide enriching programming for students in safe, supportive environments. Grant funds help make sure young people have valuable and engaging learning opportunities even after the school day ends,” said Sue Burgard, who oversees the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant program for the South Dakota Department of Education.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** The grant application is online, and applicants must first submit a Notice of Intent to Apply to the South Dakota Department of Education by Jan. 15. Applicants will then receive the information needed to access the online system. The deadline to apply is Feb. 29. No paper applications will be accepted.

The Notice of Intent to Apply and guidelines for filling out the application can be found at <http://www.doe.sd.gov/oatq/21cent.aspx> or by contacting Sue Burgard at [sue.burgard@state.sd.us](mailto:sue.burgard@state.sd.us) or (605) 773-5238.