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10 afterschool programs funded through grant

PIERRE, S.D. – A total of 10 21st Century Community Learning Center grants have been awarded to provide funding for academic enrichment opportunities for students. This year's grant recipients join 32 grant recipients already serving 49 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 21 organizations applied for funding this year.

This year's recipients include:

- Alcester-Hudson School District
- Armour School District
- Chamberlain School District
- Crow Creek Sioux Tribal School
- Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls
- Summit School District
- Three Rivers Special Services Cooperative – Kadoka Area After School Program
- Welsey-Wessington School District
- YMCA of Rapid City – Southern Hills – Custer, Hermosa, Edgemont
- YMCA of Rapid City – South Park/South Canyon/North Teen Center

The 21st 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.

"21st Century Community Learning Center grant recipients provide engaging and meaningful programming to students when the regular school day ends," said Sue Burgard, who oversees the 21st Century Community Learning Center program in South Dakota. "Afterschool and summer programming provides valuable academic enrichment for students in a wide variety of ways."

The program is authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.