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### **Grant funds five out-of-school time programs**

PIERRE, S.D. – A total of five 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 27 existing grant recipients.

Grants range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 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 and grant amounts are as follows:

<b>Grant recipient</b>	<b>Total grant amount</b>
Black Hills Special Services Cooperative – South Middle School Discovery	\$1,071,244
Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Plains – Boys and Girls Club of Yankton	\$1,094,299
Red Cloud Indian School – Red Cloud 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	\$1,043,465
Three Rivers Special Services Cooperative – Kadoka Academy and Rural Connections	\$1,206,667
Wilmot School District – 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC WASP (Wilmot After School Program)	\$892,221

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.

The program is authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.