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Five out-of-school time programs receive funding

PIERRE, S.D. – Five 21st Century Community Learning Center grants have been awarded to provide funding for academic enrichment opportunities for students. This year’s grant recipients join 25 existing grant recipients.

Grants range from \$50,000 to \$300,000 a year. These grants support out-of-school time activities. School districts, along with community- and faith-based organizations, are eligible to apply. Projects are funded for a period of five years based upon successful implementation and annual reviews.

This year’s recipients include:

- Black Hills Special Services Cooperative – Discovery at Rapid Valley and South Park
- Boys and Girls Club of Watertown – Project Learn
- Boys and Girls Club of the Missouri River Area – BGCMRA 21st Century CCLC
- Dupree School District – Project EXCEL III
- Volunteers of America, Dakotas – Kids Campus Central

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.

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