

## **MDE APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

The Minnesota Department of Education is seeking applications from eligible applicants for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant program. Funding is available to establish, sustain and expand community learning centers in order to provide students, particularly those who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools, with high quality programs for supporting the whole child, primarily during non-school hours, including before school, after school, evenings, school release days, and summer.

City or county governments, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, local education agencies (LEA), non-profit agencies and for-profit corporations, tribal agencies, and other public or private entities are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Specific eligibility criteria are identified in the General Information Section of the grant opportunity instructions document.

The department estimates the initial grant period will be from September 1, 2017 until August 31, 2020 with anticipated extensions up to 2 additional years contingent upon progress and continued funding. MDE estimates that \$4,000,000 is available to fund grants using funding from the federal award CFDA 84.287, entitled "Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IV, Part B—21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS". There is no maximum grant award amount. The minimum grant award allowed is \$50,000 annually. The state reserves the right to offer grant awards in amounts that might differ from the applicant's request.

Please [visit the Grant Opportunity webpage](#) and scroll down to this grant opportunity for the application documents. Applications should not be submitted into the SERVS system.

The application (coversheet, assurances, narrative, forms and budget documents) must be received (not postmarked by) **June 1, 2017, 4:30 PM, Central Daylight Time.**

The state reserves their right to cancel this solicitation and is not obligated to award any grants or continuation grants if it is considered to be in the state's best interest.

Contact Eric Billiet at [mde.21CCLC@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.21CCLC@state.mn.us) for further information.

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