

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The 21CCLC program provides funding for the establishment of community learning centers to provide academic, artistic and cultural enhancement activities to students and their families when school is not in session (before school, after school, and/or during holidays or summer recess). The primary goal for a center is to assist students in meeting state and local standards for core subjects, such as reading and mathematics, by providing students with academic enrichment opportunities. In addition to academics, centers may also offer participants a broad array of other services and programs, such as art, music, service learning, character education, drug and violence prevention programming, recreation activities and technology education. Those opportunities may take place before school, after school and/or during the summer. Ancillary services for parents such as literacy instruction may also be given.

The district administration is considering an after school program for grades 3-5 at Sheffield Elementary School, Youngsville Elementary Middle School, Sugar Grove Elementary School, and Warren Area Elementary Center. The current plan would be to offer a program during the school year, with another session over the summer, in the month of July. Due to the locations being considered, no transportation would be necessary during the school year. A summer program, however, may require transportation.

Participating students would receive: Homework help, tutoring in reading and math using a model similar to previous district tutoring efforts, physical activities, snacks, and enrichment activities in arts and music

The grant requires at least one substantial partner in the project, who will be involved in both the planning and administration of the after school programming. The grant also requires a full-time program coordinator, as well as an outside evaluator. Both positions will be funded through the grant. Both positions must attend three mandatory conferences, which will also be funded through the grant.

Slots must be made available for students attending charter and non-public schools in the district. Those schools must also be invited to participate in the grant planning.

The grant deadline is very close, and administration is attempting to schedule the required meetings to develop a proposal.

Amount of Award: between \$50,000-\$500,000 per year for up to three years.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due November 8, 2011. Notification in December 2011.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: Space for programming to occur.

Administrative Recommendation: That the administration collaborate with community partners to develop a project for submission to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, offering an after school program for students in grades 3-5 in the following schools: Sheffield Elementary, Sugar Grove Elementary, Youngsville Elementary Middle, and Warren Area Elementary Center.