

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

Grant Overview: The purpose of the 21CCLC grant program is to establish or expand community learning centers that provide students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools with academic enrichment opportunities by Expanding Learning Opportunities during non-school hours, along with activities designed to complement the students' regular academic program.

The district administration is proposing a submission to continue the current 21CCLC after school program serving students in grades 2-5 at Eisenhower Elementary, Youngsville Elementary/Middle, and Sheffield Elementary School, as well as the Warren Area Elementary Center. Services are for both the school year and summer.

Participating students would continue to receive: Homework help, tutoring in reading and math, physical activities, snacks, and enrichment activities. The grant extension would maintain existing partnerships and collaborations, and all other mandated items - such as travel, evaluation, and positions - remain grant funded.

The new federal budget proposals made by the President put the 21CCLC Grant Program at risk of reduction or elimination. The Cohort 7 extension will ensure that the WCSD elementary after school program will continue for at least another year while federal budget negotiations take place.

Amount of Award: \$399,000, equivalent to the amount received yearly for the previous three years of the award.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Application due April 28, 2017. Notification is unknown, but should be before the 2017-18 school year. The district must notify PDE of a decision NOT to pursue the extension by April 1, 2017.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: Space in each attendance area for 21CCLC programming.

Administrative Recommendation: That the administration submits an application in the amount of \$399,000 as an extension of the existing Cohort 7 of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, offering an after school program for students in grades 2-5 in each of the WCSD attendance areas.