

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) Grant Summary (Cohort 11)

Grant Overview: The Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC grant is a competitive grant that provides federal funding to establish community learning centers that provide academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities for students and their families. These opportunities must occur during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session to help students attending high-poverty and low-performing schools to meet state and local standards in core academic subjects. Centers must also offer students a broad array of activities that can complement their regular academic programs and literacy and other educational services to their families.

The district administration proposes a submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's 21CCLC Cohort 11 grant competition to continue the after-school STEAM program for grades 6-8. The program will be similar in location, timing, and administration to the 21CCLC Cohort 8 program for grades 6-8 that is currently being completed using ESSER grant funds.

Participating students will receive homework help and/or academic support services in reading and math, physical activities, snacks, and enrichment activities.

Amount of Award: Currently being determined by WCSD staff. This will be updated by the March 2022 board meeting.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Application due March 25, 2022. Notification in June 2022.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

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

Administrative Recommendation: That the administration collaborate with community partners to develop a project for submission to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, Cohort 11, offering an after-school STEAM program for students in grades 6-8 in the following schools: Sheffield Area Middle High School, Youngsville Middle High School, Eisenhower Middle High School, Beaty Warren Middle School, and Tidioute Community Charter School.