

DATE:	October 22, 2020
SUBJECT:	Application Now Available: 2021-2022 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 11, Year 1 Grant Program
CATEGORY:	Competitive Grant Opportunity
NEXT STEPS:	Share with out-of-school time staff, grant managers, or other appropriate staff to determine eligibility

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), Cycle 11, Year 1 grant program. Approximately 40 grants, ranging from \$50,000 to \$1,700,000 each year for up to 5 years, will be awarded through this process.

The 21st CCLC Program, in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IV, Part B, supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for students, particularly those attending high-poverty or low-performing schools. Eligible entities can apply to establish or expand community learning centers that:

- provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutoring services to help students, particularly those with an identified need for support;
- offer students a broad array of non-academic services designed to reinforce and complement the regular school day; and
- offer families of students served by community learning centers additional opportunities for engagement in their children's education.

During the application process, applicants will participate in a series of professional development webinars aligned with the Texas Ace Blueprint, the framework which outlines quality components of the 21st CCLC program. Applicants will provide evidence of alignment with Blueprint components in their submitted application.

Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, including public school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers; community-based organizations (CBOs); Indian tribes or tribal organizations; other public or private entities; or a consortium of two or more eligible entities.

Details about the grant program and application requirements can be found in the grant application documents posted on the [TEA Grant Opportunities Page](#). Complete applications must be received **by 5:00 p.m. CT, on January 7, 2021**.

Questions about the application instructions and program guidelines should be emailed to 21stcentury@tea.texas.gov. Questions will be answered during the aforementioned webinars and via an FAQ to be posted on November 20, 2020.