



**OFFICE OF GRANTS
ADMINISTRATION**

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)

2026–2027 Request for Proposal

Technical Assistance Workshop

April 7, 2026

Faye Rodney



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AGENDA

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Program Overview

- Federally funded (ALN 84.287)
- To create programs that supports **academic enrichment during non-school hours**
- Focus on:
 - ~ ELA & Math achievement
 - ~ Enrichment activities
 - ~ Family engagement
 - ~ Serves **PreK–12 students + families**



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Funding Details

- Total Funding: **\$25 million**
- Award Range: **\$75,000 – \$500,000**
- Estimated Awards: **20–30**
- Duration: **4 years (2026–2030)**
- Annual continuation based on performance



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Target Population

- Students in grades PreK through 12 & their families
- Priority groups:
 - ~ High-poverty schools
 - ~ CSI, TSI, ATSI schools
 - ~ Serves students in high school
- Each proposal may serve a maximum of two community learning center sites (a site is a school/CBO building/other facility where the program is conducted).
- A site may identify a maximum of 4 schools to target students to attend their program.



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Eligible Applicants

- School districts (LEAs)
- Community-based organizations
- Nonprofits / private entities
- Tribal organizations
- Partnerships/consortiums allowed



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Key Dates

April 07, 2026: RFP Training - Office of Grants Administration (OGA)

April 07, 2026: Intent to Apply for M-DCPS applicants **4:00 PM via email to Faye Rodney (frodney@dadeschools.net)**

April 10, 2026: 1st Draft of Budget & Narrative outline due.

April 15, 2026: Compete Draft of Narrative due to OGA.

April 17, 2026: OGA returns narratives for edits.

April 22, 2026: Final Narrative due.

April 23-27, 2026: OGA will submit applications by deadline of **12:00 PM.**



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Program Requirements

Must provide:

- ~Non-School Hours (after-school) programming (required)
- ~Family engagement activities
- ~Academic enrichment + tutoring

Optional:

- ~Summer programs (recommended)
- ~Before-school programs
- ~Weekends/Holidays & Break



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Program Requirements Afterschool

Elementary:

- ~10 hours/week minimum
- ~4 days/week

•Middle/High:

- ~8 hours/week minimum
- ~4 days/week

•Recommended daily structure:

- ~Homework Support
- ~Academic enrichment
- ~Enrichment activities



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Program Requirements - Family Engagement

- Minimum **5 activities/year**
- Includes:
 - ~ Literacy development
 - ~ Academic support training
 - ~ Civics/resiliency education
 - ~ Families must be **actively engaged partners**



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Program Requirements

- Academic enrichment
- STEM programming
- Career readiness
- Health & wellness
- Literacy & family programs
- Cultural & technology activities



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Partnerships

- Required for:
 - ~Meals/snacks (cannot use grant funds)
- Must include:
 - ~Collaboration Schools
 - ~Community organizations
- Must demonstrate:
 - ~Letters identifying tangible contributions
 - ~Formal agreements (MOUs)



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Evaluation & Outcomes

Must track:

- ~Academic growth (ELA & Math)
- ~GPA improvement
- ~Attendance
- ~Behavior (suspensions)
- ~Student engagement
- ~Monthly reporting required



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Application Scoring (100 Points)

1. Project Abstract/Summary – 3 pts
2. Applicant's Experience & Capacity – 3 pts
3. Evaluation of Community Needs – 5 pts
4. Community Notice/Dissemination of Information – 5 pts
5. Partnerships and Collaboration – 10 pts
6. Target Population, Recruitment and Retention – 5 pts
7. Time and Frequency of Service Provision (Schedule) – 10 pts
8. Local Level Evaluation – 10pts
9. Authorized Program Activities – 15 pts
10. Staffing, Volunteers & Professional Learning – 10 pts
11. Facilities – 3 pts
12. Safety & Student Transportation – 3 pts
13. Program Budget – 15 pts
14. Sustainability – 3 pts



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Budget Guidelines

Max award: **\$500,000**

Admin costs 2.84% (\leq **10%** CBO's and non-District organizations)

Evaluation \leq **3%**

Contracts \leq **25%** (with exceptions)

Must **supplement, not supplant** funding



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Allowable vs Unallowable Costs

Allowed:

- ~Staff salaries
- ~Program materials
- ~Training
- ~Supplies

Not Allowed:

- ~Entertainment
- ~Gift cards
- ~Decorations
- ~Vehicles/buildings
- ~Incentives (t-shirts, prizes)



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Staffing Requirements

- Site/Project Coordinator required (30+ hours/week)
- Certified teachers for academics
- Background checks required
- Professional learning plan required
- At least 1 CPR & First Aid certified staff member on site at times



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Safety & Transportation

- Safe student transitions required
- Clear supervision protocols
- Transportation plan required
- Emergency procedures must be defined



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Sustainability Plan

- Required beyond grant period
- Must include:
 - ~Advisory Board (10–15 members)
 - ~Community partnerships
 - ~Resource development strategy



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Priority Points

Extra points for:

- ~High-poverty schools
- ~CSI/TSI/ATSI schools/partnerships
- ~High school programs
- ~Rural districts
- ~New applicants (no continuation funding)



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Success Strategies

A competitive application:

- ~Strong partnerships
- ~Data-driven needs assessment
- ~Clear measurable outcomes
- ~High-quality programming plan
- ~Strong sustainability strategy



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Next Steps

- Build partnerships (MOUs)
- Conduct needs assessment
- Develop program model
- Prepare budget + narrative



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District Submission Policies

- Grant Application to be submitted by Office of Grants Administration (OGA)
- Grant Forms to be signed by Superintendent & submitted by OGA:
 - ~DOE100A
 - ~General Assurances
 - ~Sub Recipient Assurances
 - ~Equitable Services
 - ~General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)



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Additional Required Documents

- ~Partners Table
- ~MOUs (if needed)
- ~Site Profile Worksheet
- ~Program Schedule
- ~Job Descriptions
- ~Professional Learning Schedule
- ~Funding Request Guide
- ~Budget (Fringe calculator)
- ~Project Performance Accountability Form



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Questions?





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