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NEW GRANTS AVAILABLE TO EXPAND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Community groups, school districts and others interested in serving Nebraska students attending afterschool programs may apply for funding to expand 21st Century Community Learning Center projects.

The state grants are available through the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Fund, a new grant source that requires matching dollars.

Sustainable projects that can be easily replicated, and those that build capacity for local communities to increase learning opportunities for students, will receive priority. The one-year grants begin July 1, 2016.

The Nebraska Department of Education will hold three virtual public sessions in April to gather feedback from individuals interested in expanding afterschool programs. The public sessions will focus on further developing the new grant process. The public input sessions will be held:

Wed., April 13 -- 2:00 p.m. CDT

Fri., April 15 – 9:30 a.m. CDT

Thurs., April 21 – 1:30 p.m. CDT

Instructions to join these virtual sessions are posted on the 21st CCLC website at <https://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/>.