2017 Application for a First-Time Grant
(Available to school building populations never previously awarded a 21st CCLC grant)

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OVERVIEW

The Nebraska Department of Education is pleased to announce the 2017 competition for the Nebraska 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program, which is authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended. This document identifies all application requirements. For further assistance see the Technical Assistance for Applicants.

This federally-funded competitive grant program supports the establishment of community learning centers offering expanded learning opportunities in out-of-school time. The goals for the centers are to improve student learning performance in one or more core academic areas, increase social benefits and positive behavioral changes, and increase family and community engagement in supporting students’ education.

Funds Available

Each state’s allocation of Title IV, Part B funds is determined by a formula based on total Title I funds received. Approximately $2 million in 21st CCLC funds is available to award for the 2017 grant competition in Nebraska. These grants will be awarded in a competitive grant process administered by the Nebraska Department of Education and is contingent upon availability of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

Eligible Applicants

Types of applicants. Public and private organizations are eligible to apply for a 2017 21st CCLC grant. Examples of eligible agencies and organizations include, but are not limited to: public school districts and private schools (LEAs), community-based organizations (CBOs), non-profit agencies, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations (FBOs), institutions of higher education, and for-profit corporations. A consortium of two or more such agencies, organizations, or entities is also eligible. It is required that eligible organizations collaborate with schools when applying for funds.

Co-applicants/consortium. A co-applicant is defined as any group or organization receiving services from, or providing $1,000 or more per year in services/resources to, the proposed project. A consortium is defined as more than one agency/organization cooperating to provide or receive services, regardless of the dollar amount. A consortium must designate one agency/organization to be the lead agency to represent the entire group.

Grants available. Two types of 21st CCLC grants are available for this competition—(1) First-Time and (2) Continuation Grants. First-time grants are awarded with a five-year grant period and are 100% grant-funded in years 1-3, 80% in year 4, and 60% in year 5, contingent upon the satisfactory attainment of continuation funding requirements. Continuation grants (calculated at a daily rate that is 50% of the daily rate for First-Time grants) will be awarded to quality 21st CCLC programs with level funding for a five-year grant period, contingent upon the satisfactory attainment of continuation funding requirements, and will be available only to school buildings which have successfully implemented 21st CCLC programming for five years. The only instance
in which current grantees may apply for a subsequent First-Time Grant serving the same building population is if there will be a significant expansion of services to those students (e.g., adding a summer program, adding new grade levels). The application must clearly state how new funds will be used for new programming and will not displace current funding.

Single application per school building population. Services may be proposed for a school building population in only one application per funding cycle. In other words, proposals competing to serve the same school building population will not be accepted. All applications require the signature of the school district authorized representative. An applicant may submit more than one proposal per funding cycle, as long as there is no duplication of service proposed.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

There are two types of priorities for the 21st CCLC grant competition: absolute and competitive. The absolute priority is a requirement, and any application not meeting the absolute priority will not be considered for funding. Priority points are awarded for each competitive funding priority that is met.

DATA REQUIREMENTS: For the Absolute and Competitive Priorities, unless otherwise instructed, use the figures reported to NDE as published in the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile (formerly Nebraska State of the Schools Report [Report Card]). This report will be posted in late October on the NDE website. Instructions on the retrieval of building data are provided in the Technical Assistance for Applicants. Nebraska Education Profile data may change if revised information is submitted to NDE by the schools. However, for the purposes of the 21st CCLC grant application process, the data reported when the website was activated in late October 2016 will be used for this competitive priority, regardless of any subsequent revisions in data.

Absolute Priority

Poverty. Proposals must target students and family members of those students who attend schools that were eligible for 2015-16 Title I schoolwide programs or that in 2015-16 served a high percentage of students from low-income families (at least 40.00% of the students qualified to receive free or reduced-cost meals). For proposals involving more than one school building, all of the school buildings to be served must have had a 2015-16 Title I schoolwide program or at least 40.00% of the students from each participating building must have qualified to receive free or reduced-cost meals in 2015-16. NOTE: If an applicant or consortium does not meet the absolute priority, the application will not be considered for funding.

Competitive Priorities - 30 Points (5 points for each competitive priority met)

Up to 5 additional points will be awarded for each competitive priority that is met by the applicant. For cooperative proposals, at least 75% of the school buildings to be served must meet an individual competitive priority in order to receive the 5 additional points. All of the competitive priorities do not need to be met.

1) The program will target students who attend school buildings receiving a classification of “Needs Improvement” on the AQuESTT Classification Report (ACR) released in December, 2015.
2) The application was submitted jointly by at least one school building benefiting from 2015-16 Title 1, Part A funds and at least one public or private community-based organization (CBO). NOTE: Applicants that are unable to partner with a CBO within reasonable geographic proximity and of sufficient quality should request a waiver of this requirement in Section “8-A.”

3) The program will target students who attend schools that have a mobility rate above the 2015-16 statewide average as reported in the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile released in late October, 2016.

4) The program will target students who attend schools that have a poverty rate (60.00% or more of the building students qualified to receive free or reduced-cost meals) in 2015-16.

5) The program will target students who attend schools that have a poverty rate (80.00% or more of the building students qualified to receive free or reduced-cost meals) in 2015-16.

6) The program will target students who attend schools that have a percentage of English Learner (EL) students above the 2015-16 statewide average as reported in the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile released in late October, 2016.

PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVENESS

Proposed projects must assure they meet the principles of effectiveness described in Title IV, Section 4115 of NCLB. According to statute, programs or activities must be based on:

- an assessment of objective data regarding the need for out-of-school time programs (including summer programs) and activities in schools and communities;
- an established set of performance measures aimed at ensuring high-quality academic enrichment opportunities;
- if appropriate, scientifically-based research that provides evidence that the program or activity will help students meet the state and local academic achievement standards;
- an evaluation of the program to assess progress toward achieving goals and objectives; and
- consultation with input from parents.

CHARACTERISTICS OF QUALITY OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

The Nebraska State Board of Education adopted a policy for Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) on September 6, 2013. This policy identifies the principles of a quality ELO program that should provide multiple opportunities for healthy growth, development and academic success during times when students are not in school. Principles of a quality expanded learning program include the following:

- School-community partnerships and resource sharing
- Engaged learning
- Family engagement
- Intentional programming aligned with the school day program
- Diverse, prepared staff including certificated educators
- Participation and access
- Safety, health, and wellness
- Ongoing assessment and improvement
This policy is based on research documented by the Afterschool Alliance. Additional information is available at [http://www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org)

**BASIC PROGRAM DESIGN**

The following basic design should be considered in the proposed project.

**Program quality.** Applicants may review the Policy for Expanded Learning Opportunities adopted by the Nebraska State Board of Education on the [21st CCLC homepage](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org). Applicants may also review the Nebraska Quality Out-of-School-Time Program Self-Assessment Rating Tool (NEQOST-PSART (K-12)), which is currently used annually to assess the quality of each program. These domains suggest the areas for continuous program improvement expected of all grantees.

**Service options.** Services may be offered:

- **after school** (2.5-4 hours per day, beginning when school dismisses),
- **weekdays** during the typical school year when school is not in session or after school, beginning after early dismissal (at least 4 hours per day), and
- **summer break** (at least 4 hours per day).

Services may also be offered on holidays and on weekends if sites are open at least four hours per day. If the minimum hours of operation are not feasible due to extenuating circumstances (i.e., school late dismissal) a waiver may be requested in Section “8-A.” However, sites are required to open a minimum of 4 days per week during a typical school week and offer at least 12 hours of programming per week.

**Meals/snacks.** Centers must participate in the USDA National School Breakfast/Lunch Program (including meal supplements) and offer a daily, nutritious meal or snack that meets the program’s requirements based on their hours of operation. Meal/snack requirements are as follows:

- **after school** (daily nutritious snack), and
- **non-school days** (daily nutritious breakfast, lunch and/or snack, dependent on hours of operation).

**Student attendance.** Elementary students should be encouraged to attend every day and middle school/high school students attend at least three days per week of a five-day program, in order to maximize the impact of the program on student achievement and behavior. However, programs are encouraged to accommodate family’s established activities such as music, dance, athletic events or medical appointments. A student may be counted as in attendance if they are present for at least one hour of the day’s programming, excluding snack/meal time. A regular attendee is defined as a student who has attended 30 days or more during the school year program or 16.6% of the number of full days during the school year or summer break.

**Nonpublic school participation.** Public school districts submitting an application must have a meaningful discussion with an authorized representative or designee of each nonpublic school geographically located within each public school building attendance area to document that the nonpublic school was consulted regarding potential participation in the grant activities. Participating public and nonpublic schools must then reach an agreement about what “equitable participation” means. Following the consultation, it is the responsibility of the public school district to complete a Nonpublic School Participation Form (NDE 34-014) for each nonpublic school (or group of schools represented by their designee) and attach the completed form(s) in
the grant application. A list of Nebraska public schools and the nonpublic schools that each
must consult is available on the Federal Programs website.

Site-level shared decision-making body (e.g., management team). It is required that grantees
establish a site level shared decision-making body that must include the building principal, site
coordinator, at least one partner, and local evaluation support (either an external evaluation
professional or internal staff). This group may also include other stakeholders such as teachers,
parents, community-based and faith-based organizations, and businesses in the site service
area. This group should conduct regular meetings (best practice would recommend at least 8
times per year).

Evaluation requirements. In year one, the statewide evaluation team provides technical
assistance to facilitate administration of the self-assessment, and supervises the administration
and collection of surveys. In addition, in year 1, projects must designate a qualified external
continuous improvement process (CIP) facilitator. In years two through five, the grantee may
designate internal staff to facilitate the self-assessment, participate in data reviews with the local
management team, and provide assistance in the continuous improvement process.

Licensure (applicable if charging a fee). Nebraska law requires any individual or program
serving four or more children at any one time, from families other than their own, for
compensation, and on a regular basis, to be licensed by Nebraska Health and Human Services
System (DHSS). Licensure is also required for community learning centers to access HHS
Child Care Subsidy (Title XX). Nebraska child care licensure requirements are listed in Title
391, Nebraska Administrative Code Chapters 1-9. The licensure requirements can be accessed
at http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_t391.aspx.

Safety. Program sites are expected to comply or be compatible with the school safety policies
and procedures of the public school district that encompasses the school building populations to
be served. This includes safety plans and preparedness, emergency policy implementation for
health and safety, as well as behavior/discipline codes. Whether licensed or not, all sites grades
K-12 are expected to meet or exceed the safety elements of the Nebraska School-Age Only
Licensing Requirements.

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES
Students must be provided with academic enrichment and expanded learning opportunities that
are high quality, based on proven methods, if appropriate, and designed to complement the
students’ regular academic program. Grantees are limited to providing activities within the
following list:

• core education (i.e., reading, writing, mathematics, science);
• academic enrichment learning programs, including providing additional assistance to
  students to allow the students to improve their academic achievement;
• remedial education activities;
• tutoring services (including those provided by senior citizen volunteers);
• arts education;
• music education;
• entrepreneurial education programs;
• telecommunications and technology education programs;
• programs that provide afterschool activities for limited English proficient students that
  emphasize language skills and academic achievement;
• mentoring programs;
• recreational activities;
• expanded library service hours;
• programs that provide assistance to students who have been truant, suspended, or expelled, to allow the students to improve their academic achievement;
• drug and violence prevention programs;
• character education programs;
• health and nutritional services;
• mental health, counseling services; and
• programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy.

Academic achievement. While academic services in specific subject areas are not required, applicants must: 1) describe how the project activities are expected to improve student learning by providing student-centered, hands on experiences, 2) demonstrate that the eligible entity has experience, or promise of success, in providing educational and related activities that will complement and enhance the academic performance, achievement, and positive youth development of the students, 3) address how the project aligns with the school district learning objectives and behavioral codes and 4) describe how the project will allow students opportunities for program planning and selection of activities.

Pre-kindergarten. Services for pre-kindergartners are limited to enrolled kindergartners during the summer months immediately preceding the child’s entry into kindergarten.

Summer school. Grant funds may be used to provide summer school programming for the target population in conjunction with other allowable activities. 21st CCLC grant funds may not be used to fund summer school classes during the summer recess period.

Literacy services. Grantees must offer opportunities for literacy services to family members of students being served if there is an identified need in the community and if there are no other avenues for filling that need through coordination with other state and federal programs (e.g., Even Start, Healthy Start).

AWARD DURATION AND AMOUNTS

Annual award amounts. Per federal statute, minimum grant awards are $50,000 per project, per year. Successful first-time grantees will have a five-year grant period, with a reduction in grant funding the last two years of the grant. The project will be 100% grant-funded in years 1-3, 80% grant-funded in year 4, and 60% grant-funded in year 5, contingent upon the satisfactory attainment of continuation funding requirements. Continuation grants will have a five-year grant period with level funding all five years, contingent upon the satisfactory attainment of continuation funding requirements.

Continuation funding requirements. Year-to-year continuation funding will be based on a minimum attainment level of student attendance (30 days or more for a typical 180-day school year or 16.6% of the number of full days during the school year or summer) and the remaining program goals. Grantees unable to meet the annual attendance requirements may have funding adjustments in future grant years. In order to receive year two funding, the grantee must demonstrate that in year one the overall student attendance objective was met at a minimum of 70%. To receive year three funding, the grantee must demonstrate that in year two the overall student attendance objective was met at a minimum of 85%. The fourth year and
thereafter, grant awards are contingent upon providing services to 100% of the students served in year three.

Grant request guidelines. Per federal statute, minimum grant awards are $50,000 per project, per year. Grant requests for first-time grants should be based on the following guidelines:

- $5.00 per day x number of students x number of days the program will operate in the afterschool hours (less than four hours per day),
- $7.50 per day x number of students x number of days the program will operate at least four hours per day during the school year or summer break.

Regardless of the size of the grant, proposed costs must be reasonable and necessary to carry out the program’s purposes and objectives. The Nebraska Department of Education reserves the right to determine final grant award amounts and may prorate awards based on the amount of funding available.

PARTNER/LOCAL FISCAL SUPPORT

Applicants for first-time grants are not required to provide a minimum percentage of contributions from partners and/or local support. However, applicants must document sufficient resources from partners or local support in years four and five to continue the original level of services to the original number of students proposed to be served. For continuation grants, applicants are required to document partner/local fiscal support that equals at least the amount of grant funds being requested.

REPORTS

Grantees are required to prepare and submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) that describes project activities, accomplishments, and student learning outcomes, among other data. The two purposes of the APR are to (1) demonstrate that substantial progress has been made toward meeting the attendance objective and three program goals as outlined in the grant application, and (2) collect quantitative and qualitative data that addresses the performance indicators for the 21st CCLC grant program. All grantees will be required to report specified demographic and program evaluation data. For more information about the data that will be collected from grantees, see the Technical Assistance for Applicants and the Evaluation Guidebook.

INTENT TO APPLY

Applicants are requested to submit an “Intent to Apply” notification (a sample is provided in the Technical Assistance for Applicants) no later than Thursday, December 1, 2016 so that NDE may adequately prepare for the grant review. Intent to Apply respondents who later decide not to apply are not required to submit an application, and applicants who do not submit an “Intent to Apply” notification will not be disqualified.
SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE
The postmark deadline for the Nebraska 21st CCLC 2017 grant competition is Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The application must be postmarked by a U.S. Post Office, personally delivered, or submitted to a delivery agent for delivery on or before February 1, 2017. This closing date and procedures for guaranteeing timely submission will be strictly observed in order to ensure equity for all applicants. No supplemental or revised information from applicants, including letters of commitment mailed separately, will be accepted after the closing date, or after an application has been submitted. No facsimile or electronic submissions will be accepted.

NUMBER OF COPIES
Submit one original and four copies (for a total of five copies) of the entire application. Write “ORIGINAL” in the upper right-hand corner of the original copy and be sure it has the required original signatures, preferably in blue ink.

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
Applications should be mailed or addressed to:

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Proof of mailing. Regardless of the method of delivery chosen, it is strongly recommended that applicants retain a receipt to verify the mailing or delivery date. The use of certified mail is encouraged to provide a postmarked receipt for applicant files. The applicant must show proof of mailing on or before the deadline date consisting of one of the following methods:
(1) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark on the mailing container,
(2) a legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, or
(3) a shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier (e.g., FedEx®) showing the date on which the application was submitted to the carrier.

For more information about acceptable evidence of mailing date, see page G-15 of the Technical Assistance for Applicants.

U.S. Postal Service. The following methods of proof of mailing will NOT be accepted if an application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service:

• a private meter mark, or
• a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service (e.g., a receipt from a mailing service). Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not cancel or postmark mail which has been preposted through the use of a private meter unless it is mailed “across the counter” during business hours. If an application is received after the deadline and the mailing date is in question, the application will be returned unscored if an acceptable method of proof of mailing is not provided.
Personal delivery. An application that is personally hand-delivered must be taken to the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), 6th Floor, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South (14th and "M" Streets), Lincoln, Nebraska. The NDE receptionist will accept and sign for applications only during business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Central Time, Monday-Friday, except holidays). An application that is personally delivered must be received at the above address before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on or before February 1, 2017 in order to be considered for the current review cycle. A receipt indicating the date and time of delivery to NDE will be provided.

Courier delivery. Applicants using a commercial carrier such as FedEx® must be able to produce a shipping label, invoice, or receipt documenting the date on which the application was submitted to the carrier.

REJECTION OF PROPOSALS
The Nebraska Department of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this announcement, and will do so if the proposal does not adhere to eligibility criteria, funding specifications, or application preparation instructions. No facsimile or e-mail transmissions will be accepted. A late application, an application submitted by facsimile, or an application submitted, but not in accordance with the application preparation instructions, will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant without review.

APPLICATION EVALUATION
NDE staff will check-in applications and verify the accuracy of application information against the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile and/or other data sources as appropriate. Teams of peer volunteers will review the applications using the Application Scoring Sheet (Rubric) found in the Technical Assistance for Applicants document. Recommendations for funding will then be made to the State Board of Education for final approval.

OTHER GRANT SELECTION FACTORS
In addition to the overall score (competitive priorities and narrative), final selection of grant projects will be made based on the highest overall score within a geographic area (i.e., federal congressional district). However, applications must meet minimum score requirements in order to be funded, regardless of geographic area.

NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING DECISION
All applicants will be notified of the final funding decision by April 30, 2017. Correspondence regarding the funding status of the application will be emailed to the lead agency representative at the email address listed in Box “1(B)” of the Application Cover Page. The lead agency representative is responsible for notifying all other parties (e.g., co-applicants). Unsuccessful applicants will be mailed a summary of the scores and written feedback from the review team following the announcement of the grant awards. Unsuccessful applicants may file an appeal with NDE within 30 days of receiving notification of the funding decision, and request a hearing, if applicable, with the State Board of Education using the procedures adopted pursuant to 92 NAC 61.

GRANT PROCESS TIMELINE
The grant application process for 2017 will be as follows:

• October, 2016 – Release of the 2017 Application and Technical Assistance for Applicants
The format for writing 21st CCLC grant applications is designed to provide consistency among proposals so that all may be rated based on the same fundamental elements. Applications will not be evaluated if they do not include the components described below. Extraneous materials or information not requested should not be included and will not be reviewed.

**FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS**

The word-processed application must be double-spaced, with one-inch margins and a font no smaller than 11-point (Arial is recommended). To conserve space, all tables, charts, and forms may use a font no smaller than 9-point. The application must be printed on one side of 8 ½” x 11” paper and securely stapled. The proposal must be written and assembled as listed in the “Order of Application Contents” found in the Technical Assistance for Applicants. Use the exact headings and subheadings to assist reviewers in locating information. It is helpful, though not required, to place a footer with the applicant name on each page. Consecutively number each page, including forms, tables, and any additional materials. If applicable, renumber printed forms to conform to the consecutive order of the rest of the application.

**PAGE LIMIT**

The narrative portion of the proposal must be limited to no more than 25 pages in length for single site proposals (30 pages for multiple site proposals). The page limit does not apply to the table of contents, application forms and tables, budget, and letters of commitment. NDE will reject, and will not review an application that exceeds the page limit.

**TABLES AND FORMS**

Tables and forms are available on the Nebraska 21st CCLC web site. Some forms are available in PDF format, while all tables and selected forms are also available in Microsoft Word (WORD) format. See the summary below. The PDF forms perform mathematical calculations where numerical information is requested. The PDF forms may be completed and printed through the web site, but cannot be submitted electronically. The PDF forms cannot be saved electronically. The WORD forms may be saved to your personal computer; however, they cannot perform calculations.

**Summary of Required Tables**

Part 6b: Schedule of Operation by Site Table (WORD)
Part 6c: Staffing Summary Table (WORD)

**Summary of Required Forms**

Part 1a: Application Cover Page (NDE 34-037) (PDF)
APPLICATION SECTIONS AND POINT VALUES

The narrative portion of the application is comprised of the competitive priorities and four main parts worth 120 total points. These parts include the following:

- Competitive Priorities – 30 points
- Need – 20 points
- Project Design – 55 points total
  - Program Goals—15 of 55 points
  - Program Administration—15 of 55 points
  - Management Plan—25 of 55 points
- Evaluation – 5 points
- Resources/Budget – 10 points total
  - Adequacy of Resources—5 of 10 points
  - Budget—5 of 10 points

COMPONENTS OF THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

Part 1 – COVER PAGE AND ASSOCIATED REQUIRED FORMS (0 Points)

Required forms are posted on our website. All applicants must complete the Grant Application Cover Page (NDE 34-037), Statement of Assurances Signature Page (NDE 34-038), Consortia Partners Signature Page (NDE 34-035) and “Site Summary Form” (NDE 34-034). If the applicant is a public school district that has a nonpublic school located within the public school district’s geographic boundaries, a Nonpublic School Participation Form (NDE 34-014) must be provided for each of these nonpublic schools to document the consultation. Detailed instructions are provided on the back of each required form.

Part 2 – TABLE OF CONTENTS (0 Points)

Provide a Table of Contents that identifies the page number of each required part, subpart and form. Use the application headings and subheadings to assist readers in finding requested information.

Part 3 – ABSTRACT (0 Points)

Prepare a one-page abstract that provides a brief overview of the project. Summarize the need, participants to be served, and the intended outcomes.

Part 4 – SITE INFORMATION/COMPETITIVE PRIORITIES (30 Points)

All applicants must complete the “Site Summary Form” (NDE 34-034).
  - Identify participating sites and the school building target populations.
• Document the extent to which the proposed project meets the competitive funding priorities listed on pages A-2 and A-3. For proposals serving more than one school building population, all of the school buildings to be served must meet the absolute priority of having a Title I schoolwide program or at least 40.00% of the students from each participating building must qualify to receive free or reduced-cost meals. In order to receive points for a competitive priority, at least 75% of the schools in the consortium must meet that individual competitive priority.

• Provide information by site about the populations to be served, types of community partners, activities to be provided and service options.

Part 5 – NEED (20 Points)

In the Need section, provide additional documentation of need as requested below. If serving more than one school building population, provide a chart summarizing key information for each building.

• Document the need for the project based on the factors that place students at risk (e.g., economic, health, safety, special needs, etc.) and provide substantiating data to support each.

• Document the academic needs and the need for academic support outside of the regular school day.

• Document the lack of school and community services to address identified needs.

• Provide the results of a community needs assessment that measures needs per stakeholder group (e.g., parents, teachers, school administrators, businesses, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations).

PART 6 A-C – PROJECT DESIGN (55 Points)

The project design should include a comprehensive scope of services to meet the needs of the whole child and must include services above and beyond those that a school district typically offers. The information supplied in Box 5 of the Cover Page is considered the attendance objective, which is based on the number of students for which funding is requested. This number will be the basis for calculating attainment of the attendance objective in order to receive continuation funding in years 2-5, therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to assure that this figure is realistic and attainable.

6A – PROGRAM GOALS (15 of 55 Points)

Provide a narrative addressing each of the following three 21st CCLC goals. Address all bulleted requests for information.

GOAL 1: Improve student learning performance in one or more core academic areas.

• Describe the afterschool intervention plan for goal 1.

• Indicate how the program will align with the school day curriculum.

• Describe the age appropriate, interesting, effective and evidence-based strategies that will be used to positively impact this goal.

• Where applicable, indicate how the program will align with the school improvement plan of the school building.

GOAL 2: Increase social benefits and positive behavioral changes.
- Describe the afterschool intervention plan for goal 2.
- Indicate how the program will align with the behavioral management plan and code of conduct of the school day program.
- Describe the program initiatives that promote positive youth development.
- Describe the age appropriate, interesting, effective and evidence-based strategies that will be used to positively impact this goal.

**GOAL 3:** Increase family and community engagement in supporting students’ education.

*NOTE: Family engagement is addressed in this section and community engagement is addressed in the Management Plan section under “Collaboration and Partnerships”.*

- Describe the plan to increase family’s support for student’s learning.
- Describe how communication to and from families will be regular and purposeful.
- Where applicable, indicate how the program will align with the school improvement plan of the school building.
- If applicable, describe opportunities for literacy and related educational development to families of children and youth served by the program. If literacy or parent education classes are currently met by other agencies, document that fact in this section.

**6B – PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (15 of 55 Points)**

- Summarize how the proposed project will remedy the risk factors identified for each target population.
- Describe the membership of the site-based shared decision-making body (e.g., management team) that will administer the program and meet regularly (best practice would recommend at least 8 times per year) including, but not limited to, how they plan to align the afterschool program with the school day program, maintain and recruit high quality staff, provide relevant professional development, and conduct continuous improvement evaluation practices, as well as program and fiscal management of the grant.
- Describe the plan to assure that the afterschool student demographics reflect the school day demographics.
- Describe the plan for participant recruitment, enrollment, and retention.
- Describe the transportation plan to ensure that students travel safely to and from the 21st CCLC site(s) and home for school-based and/or off-site programs.
- Complete a Schedule of Operation Table for each proposed service site (if the schedules differ by site) for each period of service (e.g., school year, full days during the school year, summer break). If the schedules among multiple sites are identical, note this. The schedule of operation must include the information listed in the table below. Applicants are encouraged to use the [table template](#) on our website. For additional guidance and to see an example of a completed Schedule of Operation by Site Table, see the [Technical Assistance for Applicants](#).

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6C – MANAGEMENT PLAN (25 of 55 Points)

Staffing

- For this section, use a table to provide an overview of the human resources that will be used to carry out the project. Applicants are encouraged to use the table template on our website to provide the following information: position (e.g., project director, site coordinator(s), teacher, local evaluation support), their name (if known), a summary of their qualifications (or desired minimum qualifications), project responsibilities, student-to-staff ratios as appropriate, and percentage of full-time equivalency (FTE) or hours per week to be devoted to the project. Do not include vitae or resumes. For additional guidance and to see an example of a completed Staffing Summary Table, see the Technical Assistance for Applicants.

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- Document the percentage of requested grant funds to be spent on administration versus direct services with students. Provide justification for the salaries of the project director and site coordinator(s) responsibilities (and percent of FTE) that are paid with grant funds. The project director is responsible for administering the program, and in some cases may work directly with students, so clearly describe the project director’s duties and demonstrate that the budget includes sufficient hours for planning and other administrative functions. The site coordinator(s) may work directly with students while coordinating with program staff, school staff, families and the director. Depending on the size of the program, the director and coordinator functions may be performed by one person.

- Describe the administrative competency/expertise of the team of individuals that will administer the program (project director, data manager, business manager, etc.). In a shared decision making model, persons on this administrative team will be responsible for program implementation responsibilities such as fiscal management, programming, grant administration, the establishment and maintenance of school and community partnerships, engagement of families, recruiting and retaining staff and students, and evaluation.

- Describe how volunteers (including qualified senior citizens) will be used to carry out project duties.

- Describe plans for initial and ongoing training of both staff members and volunteers.

Collaboration and Partnerships

- Identify the partners, explaining how they were involved in the development of the application, and how each partner’s contribution(s) will help meet the program’s needs and objectives.

- Document how the project will collaborate with other agencies and how 21st CCLC funds will be used with other federal (e.g., Title I, Child Nutrition, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), state, and local programs to achieve project outcomes. Summarize the type of contributions (e.g., in-kind support, staff development, transportation, facilities, equipment, cash) by each of the local partners, regardless of the contribution
amount. Agencies failing to meet commitments may not be allowed to participate in future 21st CCLC grant competitions.

- Describe the building principal’s involvement in regular meetings with a shared decision-making body, hiring staff, recruiting students and aligning out-of-school time program content with school day content.
- All entities contributing $1,000 or more in cash or in-kind services must provide a letter of commitment to be placed in the Appendix that: 1) substantiates the contributions, and 2) provides evidence of prior experience or promise of success. See the Technical Assistance for Applicants for a sample letter of commitment.
- Describe how the program was designed and how it will be implemented with the input of those affected by the project as well as others in the community (e.g., students, parents, teachers, building principals, the business community, CBOs, and FBOs).
- Describe the role of each community partner in assisting the program to achieve the three 21st CCLC goals.
- Describe the partner’s methods of communication/collaboration and delegation of duties/responsibilities or procedures for determining these, including sharing of student information.
- Describe how the program will help families support the learning of their children and youth.
- Describe how the program will be carried out in active collaboration with the schools that targeted students attend.
- A letter of commitment, to be placed in the Appendix, for years 1-5 is required from each school building principal and should address the following:
  - an assurance that the principal will serve on a shared decision-making body (e.g., site-level management team) that meets regularly at least 8 times per year, will fully participate in the annual continuous improvement process meeting and will attend the annual observation debrief,
  - the system that will ensure that pertinent student data are shared between the school district and agencies providing services,
  - the plan for program alignment with the school day curriculum at each grade level, and for individual student needs,
  - the plan for ongoing communication between project staff and staff from the school the participant students attend. For example, the designation of a key person from the school and from the 21st CCLC program to facilitate communication and obtain parental permission for exchange of information,
  - the collaborative process for problem-solving, (e.g. if there is a student with special needs, or one with continual attendance or behavior problems),
  - the process for developing expectations regarding sharing space and equipment with the host facility that serves the needs of the 21st CCLC program and the facility staff, and
  - an assurance that the site will provide access to needed space and resources.

Equitable Access & Site Location
- Describe the plan for equitable access and participation for students, family members, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs, including:
• students and family members with limited English proficiency and literacy needs  
  (Note: grantees may be required to offer opportunities for literacy services to family  
  members.);
• participant disability (e.g., adaptation and/or modification of the curriculum, staff  
  support, staff development, specialized resources). The 21st CCLC staff should use  
  a collaborative problem-solving process to engage school or community resources  
  when assistance is needed; and
• non-public school youth who meet 21st CCLC eligibility requirements.
• The priority of the 21st CCLC program is to serve students eligible for free or reduced  
  lunch. If the program intends to charge fees, describe the policies and procedures that  
  will assure all eligible students may participate in all aspects of the program, regardless  
  of their ability to pay. See Question C-16 in the Technical Assistance for Applicants for  
  additional information. If the program does not intend to charge fees, please note this.
• Document that: 1) the project site is either a school building or an equally safe and  
  accessible location with age appropriate classrooms equipped with furniture that fits the  
  body size of students being served, and 2) describe the location and space within the  
  building in which the proposed activities will take place.

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<td>• share information on students’ progress between school-day and 21st CCLC program staff and families.</td>
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**Sustainability & Fiscal Management**
• Provide evidence of commitment of sufficient partner/local fiscal support in years 4 and 5 to continue the original level of service to the original number of students proposed to be served.
• Describe a preliminary plan for how the community learning center will continue after grant funding ends (i.e., sustainability). Include a description of current public/private partnerships, the plans to expand these partnerships, and the plans to develop public/private partnerships.
• Include a description of the investments (e.g., specific partner support or cash contributions) that each of the co-applicants will make **after the grant funding ends.**
• Identify the organization that will act as the fiscal agent for the grant and detail their responsibilities. Any eligible entity (local educational agency, community-based organization, or other public or private entity) may serve as the fiscal agent for a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. Fiscal agents must annually register in the SAM (System for Award Management) and must have a DUNS (Dun & Bradstreet) number. Fiscal agents are subject to approval by NDE. Requests to act as the fiscal agent will be considered based on the following criteria:
  • previous experience administering local, state or federal grants or projects of similar size and scope,
  • proven fiduciary responsibility through one or both of the following:
    o annual audits, and/or
    o adequate fiscal controls to meet federal and state guidelines/regulations,
  • linkage with the school district(s) and the school site(s) to be served.
• If the fiscal agent is an entity other than the grantee, describe the written agreement between the fiscal agent and all co-applicants, specifying the fiscal agent’s duties and responsibilities.

PART 7 – EVALUATION (5 Points)

Federal, State and Local Evaluation Requirements
The U.S. Department of Education has designated a web-based data collection system to capture information regarding 21st CCLC state and local programs. A grantee will be responsible for providing information for two of the data collection modules developed by a federal contractor: the grantee profile and annual performance report. The statewide evaluator will provide training to each grantee to set up the grantee profile and to enter annual performance data in the system.

The statewide evaluator developed a Microsoft™ Access database to track student, site, and program level data. Training will be provided to each project director or data steward to manage this system. The grantee is required to maintain the 21st CCLC database on a PC computer with Microsoft™ Access version 2010 or newer. Finally, a grantee must evaluate progress toward meeting the three 21st CCLC program goals.

Each First-Time grantee must contract with an external CIP facilitator. To receive compensation, external CIP facilitators must hold an advanced degree, have completed graduate coursework in statistics, research or evaluation, and must have experience serving as an evaluator and/or an improvement process facilitator. They must be external to the program. External means the individual is not now, nor have they been, employed by the school district or community agency connected to the grant. If contracting for an external CIP facilitator, the maximum allowable annual fee is $1,500 per site.

For first-time grant applicants, the evaluation section of the application must:
  • Provide an assurance that the external CIP facilitator will: 1) facilitate the self-assessment (by December 31), 2) facilitate the mid-year management team meeting (by January 31), 3) help identify and write one success story per site (by June 15), and 4) facilitate the annual continuous improvement process meeting at each site (by September 30).
  • provide a narrative describing the program’s agreement to fully participate in a timely manner with the state and federal evaluation requirements.
• provide an assurance that a qualified external CIP facilitator will be identified and that they will meet all the criteria stated above.
• describe the strategies which will be put in place to support the project director or data steward in utilizing a PC computer with the Microsoft™ Access (2010 or more recent) to operate the 21st CCLC database to track student, site, and program level data.
• describe the management team’s role in the continuous improvement process.

PART 8 A & B – ADEQUACY OF RESOURCES/BUDGET (10 Points)
Part 8A – ADEQUACY OF RESOURCES (5 of 10 Points)
• Describe how the existing resources of the center site (e.g., computer lab) will be used to carry out project activities.
• Summarize the type of contributions by partner/local support (e.g., in-kind support, staff development, transportation, facilities, cash) to be made by each partner (e.g., school, community-based organization, faith-based organization, etc.).
• Describe how the project will collaborate with other agencies and how 21st CCLC funds will be used with other federal (e.g., Title I), state, and local programs or funds to achieve project outcomes.
• Discuss the per pupil cost given the services to be provided.
• If a fee will be charged for services, provide a sliding fee scale documenting that students eligible for free lunch may attend all aspects of the program free and students eligible for reduced lunch may attend all aspects of the program free or at a reduced rate. If fees will not be charged for any services, please note this.
• Request waivers, which are subject to approval by NDE, and provide justification for any of the following situations:
  • if applicants are unable to partner with a CBO within reasonable geographic proximity and of sufficient quality,
  • if minimum service hours will not be provided (a minimum of 3 hours/day at least 4 days/week for afterschool services, and at least 4 hours/day on non-school days, including summer break) based on services proposed, and
  • if the negotiated teacher stipend rate exceeds the limit.

PART 8B – BUDGET SUMMARY AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (5 of 10 Points)
A general budget for the entire five-year grant period, as well as a detailed budget for year one, is required. The budget section is composed of two main parts: the budget summary and budget justification. The budget summary outlines general categories of expenses (e.g., salaries) but does not provide detail. The Grant Budget Summary (NDE 34-016) form summarizes the major line items (grant funds and partner/local fiscal support) that constitute the entire five-year budget request. The annual budget justification explains why the expenses are necessary and how they relate to the project objectives and activities. It describes and itemizes each expense that comprises the total amount requested for each line item budgeted under each object code (e.g., 100 [Salaries], 200 [Benefits]) in the budget. The Grant Annual Budget Justification (NDE 34-018) provides a breakdown of grant funds requested, while partner/local fiscal support is itemized on NDE 34-019. Examples of completed budget forms are available in the Technical Assistance for Applicants.
Budget Tips

- Develop a budget that is complete, detailed, and free of errors.
- Justify proposed expenditures by providing detail as to the purpose of the expenditure and the itemization of the expense (i.e., hourly rate or per item cost).
- Justify proposed partner/local fiscal support expenditures providing detail and itemization.
- Demonstrate that the overall cost per student is reasonable given the proposed services to be provided and the limited funding available to the state.

Mandatory Budget Items

Some project expenses must be budgeted either in the grant funds requested or the partner/local fiscal support. These mandatory budget items must either be included in the budget or addressed in the narrative if not applicable and include: student transportation, accommodations for special needs students, and staff development. In addition to local training, applicants must budget for at least two staff (per site) to participate in NDE sponsored regional workshops (anticipated two workshops per year) and one statewide NDE-sponsored conference. Applicants may budget for up to two participants to travel out-of-state to attend a USDOE-sponsored afterschool conference, however, all out-of-state travel must be pre-approved by NDE prior to obligation of funds.

Restricted Costs

Grant funds may be used for the following costs, up to certain limits, if justified by application information.

- If reasonable and necessary, up to $500 of the total annual grant award may be spent in minor remodeling to existing physical facilities to house a 21st CCLC program. Renovations must benefit program participants and must be pro-rated if also benefiting users other than 21st CCLC program participants.
- Up to 2% of the annual grant award may be spent on computer hardware for administration of the 21st CCLC program. Software purchases are not included in the 2% limitation. Applicants will be required to justify any computer hardware purchases and explain how existing local computer resources will be used.
- If contracting for an external CIP facilitator to partner with the state external evaluator, the maximum allowable annual fee is $1,500 per site.
- Stipends for teachers performing grant-related work on non-contract time are allowable up to a limit of $15/hour or $120/day, inclusive of benefits, or the school district contract rate.
- Indirect costs are those costs which are not readily identifiable with the activities of the grant, (i.e., accounting, payroll, budgeting, purchasing). These costs are not to be confused with administrative costs (salaries, benefits) for staff conducting grant activities readily identifiable with the grant and documented by time and effort logs. NDE calculates indirect cost rates for all school districts and ESUs each year in the spring. For entities other than a school district, the rate that will be in effect is the lesser of either the school district restricted indirect cost rate or the approved indirect cost rate of the entity approved as the fiscal agent. The 2016-2017 restricted indirect cost rates are available at [http://www.education.ne.gov/fos/ASPX/IndirectCost/Default.aspx](http://www.education.ne.gov/fos/ASPX/IndirectCost/Default.aspx).
- Consultant costs are limited to $500 per 8-hour day. Requests to exceed this limit will be considered with appropriate justification included in Part 8A—Adequacy of Resources.
- Building rental costs are limited to the fair market value for similar facilities in your locale. Provide comparable rental rates, if applicable, in Part 8A—Adequacy of Resources.
Non-allowable Costs

In general, the following expenses are not allowable under the Nebraska 21st CCLC Grant Program:

- Programs that operate, or for teaching that occurs, during the regular school day,
- Capital construction,
- Vehicle purchases (leasing may be acceptable),
- Land acquisition,
- Supplanting federal, state, or local funds (e.g., using grant dollars to fund summer school classes when previously offered and paid for by district or other funds),
- Proposal development or planning costs,
- Direct charges for items/services that the indirect cost rate covers,
- Other costs as determined by NDE, and

PART 9– APPENDIX

Letters of commitment are required from: 1) each co-applicant providing $1,000 or more per year in services/resources to the project, and 2) each building principal of a building population to be served. These letters must be placed in the Appendix. The Appendix may not be used as a means to circumvent the narrative page limit. Reviewers will be instructed to disregard extraneous Appendix materials in scoring the proposal.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

1(A). Name of applicant/organization: _____________________________________________
2. Lead agency representative
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   Rep’s. phone: _______________ FAX: ________________________
   Rep’s. summer phone: _______________
   Rep’s. e-mail: _______________
   Project director: __________________________
   Title: __________________________
   Director’s phone: _______________ FAX: ________________________
   Director’s summer phone: _______________
   Director’s e-mail: _______________

1(B). Address of the lead agency representative to which grant correspondence is to be sent:
Address _____________________________________________
_____________________________________________________
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3. Fiscal Agent: __________________________
4. Federal tax identification number (FTIN) of fiscal agent: 47 - ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE COVER PAGE

This form is available at [http://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/Grant_Application/TablesForm/TablesFormHomepage.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/Grant_Application/TablesForm/TablesFormHomepage.html) in PDF format, which will perform mathematical calculations where numerical information is requested. It may be completed and printed through the web site, but cannot be submitted electronically. PDF forms cannot be saved electronically. Note that the shaded boxes are for office use only. Do not write any information in any of the shaded boxes. Specific instructions for each section of the “Cover Page” are found below.

#1 Name and mailing address of applicant/organization.  1(A): Indicate the name of the applicant (e.g., school district, name of consortium, non-profit educational organization, etc.).  1(B): Provide the address of the lead agency representative to which all grant correspondence will be sent.

#2 Lead agency representative and project director.  The lead agency representative represents the applicant organization or consortium, will sign the application on its behalf, and will provide information about the proposal during the application process.  List the name of the non-profit president, superintendent, or authorized representative of a consortium.  This person will be the primary contact for correspondence about the grant application, including notification of funding decision.  The project director will be directly responsible for the day-to-day operations of the project and could be contacted as a secondary source of information about the proposal.

#3 Fiscal agent.  Indicate the fiscal agent responsible for all financial matters concerning the grant.

#4 Federal tax identification number (FTIN).  This number should begin with a prefix of 47 (e.g., 47- _ _ _ _ _ _ _).  For a consortium, the FTIN provided should be for the fiscal agent identified in Box 3.

#5 Funding request calculation and attendance objective.  Complete columns 5(A)-5(E) to document the calculation of the year 1 funding request.  Column “A” provides a listing of service options.  “Afterschool” means services will be provided only in the hours immediately following dismissal at the end of the school day.  “Full days during school year when school not in session” means services will be provided during the school year on those days when school is not in session.  “Full days during summer break” means services will be provided on weekdays during the summer break from school.  In Column “B” list the unduplicated number of students to be served 30 days or more during each time period.  In Column “C” the maximum allowable daily rate (Max) is preprinted.  Complete the requested grant funds daily rate (Req) for each service option being provided.  For Column “D,” provide the number of days in year 1 that students will receive each service.  In Column “E” indicate the result of multiplying Column “B” x Column “C” x Column “D" to determine the grant funds requested to conduct each type of activity.  Indicate a zero if any particular services will not be provided.  Column “F” documents the minimum number of days a student must attend to be considered a “regular attendee.”  For services provided during the school year, the minimum has been pre-printed as 30 days.  The full days during the school year and summer break are calculated by multiplying 16.6% x the number of days listed in Column “D.”  Complete Columns “G-1” – “G-5” to document the minimum annual attendance objectives in years 1-5.  Year 1 is 70% of the year 1 objective and year 2 is 85% of the year 1 objective.  Years 3, 4 and 5 must be identical to the number listed in Column “B.”  The interactive PDF form will perform these calculations.

#6 Funding request.  Indicate the amount of grant funds requested in Column “B” and partner/local fiscal support to be contributed in Column “C” for years 1-5.  Grant funds requested in year 1 should equal the total of Column “5-E.”  Grant funding in years 1-3 must be identical.  Grant funding in year 4 is reduced to 80% of year 1 funding and in year 5 is reduced to 60% of year 1 funding.  Partner/local fiscal support in years 4 and 5 should be increased accordingly.

See the example of a completed Cover Page in the Technical Assistance for Applicants Packet for more information.
The applicant(s) for the Nebraska 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant hereby assure(s) the Nebraska Department of Education that:

- The applicant(s) is/are an ‘eligible entity’ for the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) award as such term is defined by federal law (20 U.S.C. 7173(b)) that proposes(s) to serve (A) students who primarily attend—(1) schools eligible for schoolwide programs under section 1114 [20 USCS § 6314]; or (2) schools that serve a high percentage of students from low-income families; and (B) the families of students described in subparagraph (A);
- Equal opportunities will be provided to persons without discrimination because of race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, sex or disability.
- The findings of evaluations of programs operated by this applicant during previous years were considered when planning the programs proposed in this application.
- The activities proposed in this application take into consideration other educational agency and/or community programs in order to assure a coordinated approach and to avoid duplication of effort.
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grants will not be used to supplant federal, state or local funds. 21st CCLC grants will not be used to fund ongoing projects or activities.
- The applicant will meet the Principles of Effectiveness described in Title IV, Section 4115 of the ESEA Act as amended by NCLB Act of 2001.
- Statistical, financial, and descriptive reports required by the Nebraska Department of Education will be submitted in accordance with applicable law and regulation. Applicants will provide student data in aggregate form for the purpose of substantiating the project’s impact on student learning.
- Income and expenditure records will be audited in accordance with the appropriate auditing standards for that entity (i.e., governmental, non-profit educational organizations) and any additional auditing criteria specified in the grant award. The State of Nebraska will have access to the financial records for this project for a period of five complete fiscal years after the conclusion of the project period.
- A copy of all materials developed using grant funds will be provided to the Nebraska Department of Education. The rights to the copyright of all materials produced under the grant are retained by the State of Nebraska unless otherwise specified in the grant. The department reserves the right to reproduce and distribute any materials produced in whole or in part with grant funds, in addition to any such rights maintained by the federal government.
- The applicant has the legal authority to conduct all activities proposed to be funded under the grant.
- Applicants will adhere to restricted costs and all policies set forth in the Grant Application and Technical Assistance for Applicants unless waived by NDE.
- The program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans and applications.
- Funds under the program will be used to increase the level of state, local and other non-federal funds that would, in the absence of these federal funds, be made available for authorized programs and activities, and will not supplant federal, state, local, or non-federal funds.
- Unless otherwise provided by applicable law or regulation, any personal property or equipment purchased with 21st CCLC grant funds shall be considered the property of the lead agency. Any other proposed ownership of property or equipment purchased with 21st CCLC grant monies must be stipulated in the grant proposal and is subject to approval by NDE. All maintenance or replacement of any property or equipment purchased with 21st CCLC grant funds will be the responsibility of the grantee(s).
- The program will primarily target students who attend schools eligible for Title I schoolwide programs and their families.
- The community was given notice of an intent to submit an application. After the submission, the applicant will provide for public availability and review of the application and any waiver request(s).
- The transportation needs of participating students is addressed in the application.
- The proposed program was developed, and will be carried out, in active collaboration with the schools the students attend.
- The application includes a plan describing how community learning center(s) to be funded through the grant will continue after funding ends (sustainability plan).
- Program liability insurance will be provided by the applicant(s).
- If site space is leased from or provided by a sectarian organization, the classes and students shall be physically separated from any religious classes/activities and instruction, and there shall be no religious artifacts, symbols, iconography, or materials on display in the site's entrance, classrooms, or hallways.
- The applicant will: 1) enforce any obligations imposed on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other partners responsible for carrying out the program as specified in the application; 2) correct deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation; and 3) adopt written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints in the administration of the program.
- The school district(s) will provide access to pertinent student data to applicant or partnering agencies to be in compliance with state and federal reporting requirements.
- The school district(s) will be part of the collaboration process to address the special needs of students and their families.
- The school district(s) and collaborating partners will share data, including student free and reduced lunch status, required by the evaluation component.
- Equitable services will be offered to non-public school students and their families, if those students are part of the qualifying target population.
- The program will have access to needed space and resources.
- The program will take place in a safe and easily accessible facility.
- The program staff will meet the school district requirements for safety and wellness, including background checks.
- Based on the services proposed, services will be provided a minimum of 1 hour/day at least 4 days/week for before-school services, 3 hours/day at least 4 days/week for after-school services, and at least 4 hours/day on non-school days, including summer break, unless a waiver is requested and approved by NDE.
- Based on the services proposed, appropriate snacks/meals will be served.
- Public school officials consulted with representatives from non-public schools within their attendance area regarding the design and implementation of the program.
- Total funding is contingent upon availability of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

**Signature of Lead Agency Representative**

7. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information in this application is true and correct. The document has been approved by the board(s) or governing body(ies) of the applicant(s) and the applicant(s) will comply with the assurances listed above if the assistance is awarded. The individual who is authorized by the governing body of the applicant to sign on behalf of the organization should sign below. All co-applicant representatives, must sign the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program Consortia Partners Signature Page (NDE 34-035).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE

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A statement of assurance is required to ensure compliance with NDE guidelines and applicable state and federal law.

**Signature of Lead Agency Representative**

**Single applicant.** Each grant application must be signed by a lead agency representative to indicate that the board of the applicant organization has officially approved the completed application and agrees to comply with the assurances. After a single applicant has obtained approval by the board, generally one of the following would sign the application as the lead agency representative if authorized to sign on behalf of the board:

- Schools: Superintendent
- Faith-based Organization: Board President, Pastor
- City: Mayor
- County: Chair of the County Board
- Foundation: Executive Director

The signature must be that of the lead agency representative identified in Box 2 on the Cover Page.

**Consortium applicant.** A representative of one of the eligible applicants of the consortium must be selected to represent the group as the lead agency representative. This individual will sign the “Statement of Assurances” (NDE 34-013) in Box 7 on page A-22 as noted above to represent the consortium (e.g., ABC Consortium) and will also sign the “Consortia Partners Signature Page” (NDE 34-035) on behalf of their individual organization (e.g., XYZ Public Schools). All consortium co-applicants (including the lead agency representative, if representing another entity in addition to the entire consortium) must sign the “Consortia Partners Signature Page” form. Each signature attests to the individual board’s approval of the application, in-kind/matching contributions, and commitment to the assurances. A co-applicant is any group or organization receiving services from, or providing $1,000 or more per year in services/resources to, the proposed project.

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**Summary of necessary signatures...**

1) “Statement of Assurances Signature Page” (NDE 34-038), page A-21:
   - lead agency representative

Consortia applicants must also submit the Consortia Partners Signature Page form (NDE 34-035) that is available on the 21st CCLC web site at [http://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/Grant_Application/TablesForm/TablesFormHomepage.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/Grant_Application/TablesForm/TablesFormHomepage.html). While these forms may be completed and printed through the web site, they cannot be submitted electronically.

2) “Consortia Partners Signature Page” (NDE 34-035):
   - qualified board-authorized representative from each co-applicant organization receiving services from or providing $1,000 or more per year in services/resources to the proposed project. In addition, each co-applicant must complete a letter of commitment that must be submitted in the appendix of the application.

See the example of a completed Statement of Assurances Signature Page in the Technical Assistance for Applicants Packet for more information.
Consortium Applicant Name ________________________________

SIGNATURE STATEMENT

8) To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information in this application is true and correct. We are co-applicants in the proposed project. This document and participation in this project have been approved by the board (or governing body) of the undersigned school district(s) or organization(s). We will comply with the statement of assurances if the assistance is awarded.

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This form is intended to document all participating co-applicants in the project.

Consortium applicant. All consortium co-applicants (including the lead agency representative, if representing another entity in addition to the entire consortium) must sign the “21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program Consortia Partners Signature Page” form (NDE 34-035). Each signature attests to the individual board's approval of the application, in-kind/matching contributions and commitment to the assurances. A co-applicant is any group or organization receiving services from, or providing $1,000 or more per year in services/resources to, the proposed project.

Summary of necessary signatures...

“Consortia Partners Signature Page” (NDE 34-035):
- A qualified board-authorized representative from each co-applicant organization receiving services from, or providing $1,000 or more per year in services/resources to, the proposed project.

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If space is needed to list more than 6 participating site/school building target populations, attach additional copies of this page.

### B. Competitive Priority Information by School Building Target Population

(as published in 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile)

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### C. Additional Site Information by Center Site

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See instructions on the following page for a key to abbreviations.
Column A—Name of center site (CS). Indicate the name of each building site (e.g., ABC Elementary School) where services will be provided. If services will be provided at an alternative site other than a school building, indicate the name of the building (e.g., Girls Club) where services will be provided. List center sites in alphabetical order.

Column B—Center site number (CS#). Assign a number to each center site (e.g., 1, 2). After identifying all sites in column“A”, refer to sites by the designated center site name and number consistently throughout the application.

Column C—School building (SB) target population. Indicate the name of the corresponding school building (e.g., ABC Elementary School) attended by the target population to be served at this center. List school building sites in alphabetical order by site.

Column D—School building number (SB#). Assign a code number to each school building identified in column “C” using the center site number first (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4). Refer to each school building by the designated school building number consistently throughout the application.

Column E—School district name. Indicate the name of the school district with which each school building is affiliated (e.g., XYZ Public Schools). If services will be provided at an alternative site, indicate the name of the school district attended by the students to be served at the alternate site. Use the school district name as it appears in the Nebraska Education Directory.

Column F—School building county district number (CD#). Provide the school building county district number of each school building listed in column “C.” See the Nebraska Education Directory for this 9-digit number (_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _).

Column G—Federal congressional district (Con. Dis.). Provide the federal congressional district number (1, 2 or 3) in which the participating school building is situated.

Column H—Site licensed (Site Lic). (H1) If the site providing child care services will charge a fee, write “Y;” if it will not, write “N.” (H2) If the site providing child care services is currently licensed by the State of Nebraska, write “Y;” if it is not, write “N.”

Column I—Students to be served. As requested in column 5(B) of the “Cover Page,” for each site and each school building provide the unduplicated number of students to be served per year by this project.

Table A: Identification of Participating Site/School Building Target Population

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Table B: Competitive Priority Information by School Building Target Population

Before providing information requested in Table “B,” in the first row of the table list each school building target population number (SB#) designated in Column “D” of Table “A.” For each individual school building identified in Table “A” provide the requested responses to items I – V. Please note: For proposals involving more than one school building, 100% of the school buildings to be served must individually meet the absolute priority. At least 75% of the school buildings to be served must individually meet a competitive priority in order for the consortium to receive points for that priority.

#I.— Competitive priority (AQuESTT school classification). For each individual school building population respond “Yes” or “No” to indicate whether or not the building received a classification of “Needs Improvement” per the AQuESTT Classification Report released in December, 2015.

#II.— Competitive priority (collaborative proposal). For each individual school building population respond “Yes” or “No” to indicate whether the application is submitted jointly by a Title I schoolwide eligible school building AND at least one community-based organization. If unable to partner with a CBO, type the word “Waiver” and request a waiver in Section “8—”.

#III.— Competitive priority (excessive mobility rate). For each individual school building population provide the mobility rate reported to the Nebraska Department of Education for the 2015-2016 school year. Use the figure reported to NDE as published in the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile posted late October, 2016.

#IV.— Competitive priority (>80% poverty rate). For each individual school building respond “Yes” or “No” to indicate whether the poverty rate or percentage of students qualifying to receive free or reduced-cost meals as reported to the Nebraska Department of Education for the 2015-2016 school year is above 60.00%. Use the figure as published in the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile posted late October, 2016.

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#VI.— Competitive priority (English Learner rate). For each individual school building provide the English Learner (EL) rate reported to the Nebraska Department of Education for the 2015-2016 school year. Use the figure reported to NDE as published in the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile posted late October, 2016.

Percentage met. After completion of the Absolute and Competitive Priorities in Table “B,” complete the “% Met” column, by indicating the percentage of sites that meet each individual priority. For example, if 3 out of 4 sites meet a competitive priority, 75% would be written in the “Percentage Met” column for that priority.

Table C: Additional Site Information by Center Site

Before providing the information requested in Table “C,” in the first row of the table list each center site number (CS#) designated in Column “B” of Table “A.” For each individual center site identified in Table “A,” provide the requested responses to items VI – IX.

# VII.— Population to be served. For each individual site indicate all of the student populations that will be served by any facet of the project at that site. For elementary school students write “E,” for middle school students write “M,” and for high school students write “H.”

# VIII.— Types of community partners. For each individual site indicate all of the types of community partners that will collaborate in the 21st CCLC project, using the following numerical key: 1) School district, 2) Faith-based organization, 3) National organization, 4) Library/museum, 5) Community-based organization, 6) County/city agency, 7) Health/mental health provider, and 8) College/university.

# IX.— Types of activities to be provided. For each individual site indicate all of the types of activities that will be provided at that site using the following numerical key: 1) Core Education Activities, 2) Academic enrichment, 3) Remedial education, 4) Tutoring services, 5) Arts education, 6) Music education, 7) Entrepreneurial education, 8) Telecommunications/technology education, 9) English Language Learners program, 10) Mentoring program, 11) Recreational activities, 12) Expanded library service hours, 13) Truant/suspended/expelled programs, 14) Drug/violence prevention, 15) Character education, 16) Health services, 17) Mental health, counseling services, and 18) Parent involvement/family literacy.

# X.— Service options. For each individual site indicate all of the services that will be available by using the following numerical key: 1) Afterschool, 2) Full days during school year when school not in session, and 3) Full days during summer break.

See the example of a completed Site Summary Form in the Technical Assistance for Applicants Packet for more information.
**21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT BUDGET SUMMARY**

The following format must be used to summarize the major line items that constitute the *entire* 5-year budget request.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BUDGET SUMMARY BY TOTAL REQUEST FORM

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(1) Use either the PDF interactive form or WORD form. This form may be computer scanned, photocopied or reproduced, but must be in exactly the same format if it is reproduced.

(2) Complete the top of the form by filling in the applicant name. It should be identical to the applicant name found in Box 1 of the “Cover Page.”

(3) The “21st CCLC Grant Budget Summary by Total Request” (NDE 34-016) form is a synopsis of major line items for all proposed expenditures for both requested grant funds and partner/local fiscal support. Indicate the amount budgeted for grant funds and partner/local fiscal support by object code in columns “B”-“G” for each of the five years listed in column “A.”

(4) Budget object codes (and definitions in large part) are taken from the [Users’ Manual: Program Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System for Nebraska School Districts](http://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/Grant_Application/TablesForm/TablesFormHomepage.html) (revised August 25, 2016). See the manual for definitions of the budget line items. Applicants must use the budget line items provided in columns “B”-“G.” Applicants who use an accounting system with different budget object codes must provide a key to cross reference the grant application forms with the accounting codes actually used. This is especially helpful for grantees who use a computerized accounting system that is different from the state system.

(5) Going across the columns, for each year of funding, calculate the sum of the Grant Funds Requested in Columns “B”-“G” and place that number in Column “H1—GFR.” Calculate the sum of the partner/local fiscal support in Columns “B”-“G” and place that number in “H2—P/LS.”

(6) At the bottom of the form calculate the “Total Grant Funds” for each column of object codes “B”-“G,” and place that number in the appropriate boxes across the row. Calculate the sum of Column “H1” and write that number in the appropriate box (this figure should be identical to the figure that results when adding the Total Grant Funds amounts in Columns “B”-“G.”)

(7) At the bottom of the form calculate the “Total Partner/Local Fiscal Support” for each column of object codes “B”-“G,” and place that number in the appropriate box. Calculate the sum of Column “H2” and write that number in the appropriate box (this figure should be identical to the figure that results when adding the Total Partner/Local Fiscal Support amount in Columns “B”-“G.”)

(8) Grand Total—The final row of the form should be completed by calculating the grand total of each object code (columns “B”-“G”) by adding the total grant funds and total partner/local fiscal support for each object code. In the final box in column “H,” add the Total Grant Funds (the total of column “H1”) plus the Total Partner/Local Fiscal Support (the total of column “H2.”) The resulting figure should represent the total grant funds requested plus the total partner/local fiscal support contributed for the entire five-year grant period.

HELPFUL HINTS

(1) The figures on the budget summaries must be rounded.

(2) Place a “0” on each line item for which no grant funds or partner/local fiscal support is proposed.

(3) For each major budget category (e.g., 100 - Salaries) provide the total grant funds and total partner/local fiscal support proposed per year of the five-year grant period.

(4) The interactive PDF form will perform all calculations on this form.

(5) See the budget examples Technical Assistance for Applicants for more information.

See the example of a completed Budget Summary by Total Request form in the Technical Assistance for Applicants Packet for more information.
21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT ANNUAL BUDGET JUSTIFICATION
(FOR GRANT FUNDS ONLY)

The following form must be used to summarize specific expenditures for each object code on the Year 1 budget summary request.

Year 1 Budget period: April 7, 2017 - September 30, 2018

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On the “21st CCLC Grant Annual Budget Justification (For Grant Funds)” (NDE 34-018) form, the applicant must provide further explanation of the items budgeted under each object code (e.g., 100 (Salaries), etc.), in columns “B”-“G” of the “21st CCLC Grant Budget Summary” (NDE 34-016) form. The justification must include an itemization of what will be purchased, including the per unit or hourly/daily breakdown of costs, for all funds budgeted.

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HELPFUL HINTS

(1) Itemize the specific proposed expenditures by object codes in numerical order (i.e., 100, 200, 300) as presented on the Grant Budget Summary form (NDE 34-016). The Budget Justification should be very specific.

(2) The figures on the Budget Justification form must be rounded.

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See the example of a completed Annual Budget Justification form in the Technical Assistance for Applicants Packet for more information.
**21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT ANNUAL BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
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