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**Funds Are Available to Help Communities Serve the
Most Underprivileged Segments of Alabama Communities**

Jackie Zeigler
District I

21st Century Community Learning Grants Available
Applicants Have Until July 22, 2022, to Apply

Tracie West
District II

MONTGOMERY, AL – Alabama organizations that help provide education, entertainment, enrichment, and nutrition are urged to apply for the recent round of 21st Century Community Learning Grants (CCLC) to benefit communities across the state. The grants, available through the Alabama State Department of Education, support the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities.

Stephanie Bell
District III

With an emphasis on serving students who attend high poverty and low-performing schools, these funds provide educational development opportunities during non-school hours, giving those in some of Alabama’s most marginalized communities a chance to grow both academically and socially.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV
Vice President

State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Eric Mackey, said it is important to take advantage of every opportunity as the need is present throughout the state.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
District V

“Whenever resources are available for schools, community service organizations, churches, and other agencies to make a difference in the lives of the people they serve, it is important to get the word out there,” Mackey said, “Solving the social ills in every corner of our state takes a collective effort. Schools cannot do it alone, and parents cannot do it alone. But together, we can have a far greater impact and provide the academic and creative fuel needed to spark greater interest in many of the exciting 21st CCLC programs available through this grant.”

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

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District VII

Applicants can be local education agencies, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, or nonprofit agencies. Those interested in taking advantage of this opportunity can organize academic engaging activities in a variety of areas, including arts, sports and recreation, nutrition, technology, cooking, environmental projects, and service-based learning.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII
President Pro Tem

A 21st CCLC program can offer students and families engagement community events and daily exciting evidence-based STEM and STEAM curriculum.

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer

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21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING GRANTS AVAILABLE

Annette Scogin, the ALSDE Federal Programs Education Administrator for 21st CCLC, says, "In addition to creating fun, interesting, and safe places for students, the program also helps students meet state and local academic standards in core academic subjects such as reading and math. Eligible programs also offer students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs. Literacy and other services are offered to the families of participating children."

The 21st CCLC grant provides the opportunity for communities to partner and create innovative community learning centers that offer academic enrichment and community engagement activities to children and youth. The 21st CCLC program opens doors to the future for students by immersing them in hands on experiences designed to help them achieve their goals at high levels.

For more information and to see if you qualify, visit the 21st CCLC website at www.alabama21cclc.org or email questions to 21cclc@alsde.edu. The deadline to submit applications is July 22, 2022, by 11:59 p.m.

All applications must be submitted through the eGAP 2.0 system.

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