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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant

The Michigan Legislature has appropriated \$3,000,000 in the Department of Human Services (DHS) budget (Section 657, P.A. 190 of 2010), for Fiscal Year 2011 for community-based Before- and After-School Summer Programs. The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is designated as the agency within DHS responsible for administering funds for Before- and After-School Summer Programs. Activities for the Before- and After-School Summer Programs are designed to provide students grades K through 9 with academic enrichment opportunities, as well as additional activities designed to complement their regular academic program. An interagency agreement between the Michigan Department of Human Services and the Michigan Department of Education effective May 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011 will designate these funds to be granted to eligible 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Before- and After-School Programs for the expansion of their summer programs. The current 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant provides federal funding to community learning centers offering academic, artistic, and cultural enrichment opportunities for students and their families during times when school is not in session.

The Federal guidance regarding the allocation and use of the Before- and After-School funds requires state education agencies to target applicants that do not meet federal annual yearly progress (AYP) and serve children living in households with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The attached "Criteria for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant" provides background information and the proposed criteria for the distribution of the FY 2011 appropriation.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 24, 2011.

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Criteria for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal "Significant and meaningful improvement in the academic performance of all students/children with major emphasis on the persistently lowest achieving schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

**PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT**

The State Board of Education has embraced five core strategies to ensure substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement in chronically underperforming schools. The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant's primary focus is to assist chronically underperforming schools achieve high academic success through high quality, summer programs. The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant currently provides high quality after-school programs serving the same target population. Through an interagency agreement and collaborative efforts between the Michigan Department of Human Services and the Michigan Department of Education, funding from this grant will provide expansion of summer programming currently being offered through the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program Grant.

The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs are based upon partnerships between local education agencies and faith/community based organizations. This grant, therefore, also supports the State Board of Education strategy of Integrating Communities and Schools.

The objectives for the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant will promote high quality enrichment opportunities that positively affect student outcomes such as school attendance and academic performance, and result in decreased disciplinary action and other adverse behaviors. High quality summer programs have been linked to positive school-day outcomes for youth.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT**

X Competitive     Formula    X New     Continuation

The purposes of the 21st CCLC Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant are to:

- Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend high priority schools, to meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics.

- Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs and activities such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, personal safety, internet safety, art, music, nutrition, recreation programs, technology and vocational education programs, and character education programs that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular school year academic programs of participating children and youth.
- Offer families served by the community learning centers opportunities for literacy, household budgeting programs, GED completion assistance, career guidance and related educational development.

The 21st CCLC Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant will include an evaluation with emphasis on the academic accomplishments and attendance records of program participants.

### **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved       New      

X Defined in Statute Grant Application to the Funder      X Defined in Department's Approved by Staff      X Proposed

- Funding is for statewide before- and after-school programs targeted to children in kindergarten through ninth grade.
- The population to be served does not have to be inclusive of the entire specified age range. It can be targeted to a particular age group within the range of kindergarten through ninth grade.
- To be eligible to be part of the statewide program, a program must serve geographic areas near school buildings that do not meet federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) annual yearly progress (AYP) requirements and be included in the district and school improvement plans of the affected school districts as a means to improve outcomes and serve children living in households with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- PA 190 of 2010 Section 657 requires an applicant for before- and after-school funding to demonstrate how its program would facilitate extensive involvement with the parents of children served by the program and to show how other programming being offered on the site would enhance the before- and after-school funding. Priority for funding will be given to programs that can demonstrate effectiveness in these areas.
- MDE will evaluate each before- and after-school program that is part of the competitive program with special emphasis on the academic accomplishments and attendance records of program participants.
- To overcome potential barriers to program implementation, priority for funding will be given to current 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs for the expansion of out-of-school summer programs. Grantees must demonstrate that DHS funds will be used to either serve additional students or expand services to students currently served (e.g., increased hours beyond what is currently funded and/or expansion to new services that are currently not being provided by existing funds).

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

Only applicants currently receiving 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant funds may apply for this expansion grant. The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC federal guidelines state that eligible applicants may be Local Education Agencies (LEAs) or Faith-Based and Community Organizations (FBCOs), and other public or private organizations. A joint application of two or more such agencies, organizations, or entities is also eligible. The statute encourages eligible organizations to collaborate in applying for funds.

A community organization is defined as a public or private for-profit or non-profit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that (a) is representative of a community or significant segments of a community; and (b) provides educational or related services to individuals in the community. The application should clearly show how expansion funds will be used for increased programming. An applicant may apply for more than one grant, if the services are proposed for different groups of students who attend different schools.

## **TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Administrative transfer of grant funding will be accomplished through an Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DHS and MDE. The existing MDE-MSU evaluation contract will be expanded via interagency expense voucher after expenses are encumbered.

- Maximum bid amount is \$75,000 per site. (A minimum of 40 sites will be funded.)
- Grantees must demonstrate that DHS funds will be used to either serve additional students or expand services to students currently served (e.g., increased hours beyond what is currently funded by existing funding and/or expansion to new services that are currently not being provided by existing funding).
- There will be no match requirement.

## **STATUTE**

The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Before- and After-School Summer Program Expansion Grant is authorized by Section 657, P.A. 190 of 2010. This legislation focuses on improving achievement for all students, especially children in the state's most disadvantaged schools and communities.

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