



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: January 20, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Competitive Grant Program**

21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant funds will be awarded to school divisions and eligible organizations to support the implementation of community learning centers that will assist student learning and development. Funding for this program is provided through the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA), as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). Additional information about the [21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers \(CCLC\) grant](#) is available on the Virginia Department of Education website.

The Department will fund projects that provide significantly expanded learning opportunities for children and youth and that will assist students in meeting or exceeding state and local standards in core academic subjects. Applicants eligible to submit a proposal for this competition are school divisions, nonprofit agencies, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, and for-profit corporations.

Priority points will be given to those applicants that:

- Jointly submit applications between at least one local school division and at least one public or private community organization;
- Propose to serve students in schools that are comprehensive support and improvement schools, additional targeted support and improvement schools, and/or are accredited with conditions;
- Propose to serve students in middle or high schools; and/or
- Propose to serve schools with a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of 50 percent or greater.

Applicants must consult extensively with parents, community organizations, businesses, arts and cultural organizations, and other youth development agencies, and work in meaningful collaboration to develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers.

Technical assistance workshops are scheduled as outlined below.

Location	Date	Registration	Workshop
The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center 110 Shenandoah Ave NW Roanoke, Virginia 24016	Thursday, February 16, 2023	8:30 a.m.	9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Workforce Development and Conference Center 1651 E Parham Road Richmond Virginia 23228	Friday, February 17, 2023	8:30 a.m.	9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Registration information and workshop locations are included in **Attachment A**. School divisions and eligible organizations interested in attending one of the workshops should submit a registration form no later than **Friday, February 3, 2023**.

Applications for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC competitive grant funds **must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023**. The application and *Guidelines, Instructions and Assurances* documents are available upon request from [21stcclc@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:21stcclc@doe.virginia.gov).

The completed application and attachments may be emailed to [21stcclc@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:21stcclc@doe.virginia.gov).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Marsha Granderson at (804) 786-1993 or [Marsha.Granderson@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Marsha.Granderson@doe.virginia.gov).

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**Attachment:**

- A. [RFP Technical Assistance Workshop Registration Form](#) (Word)