



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

March 1, 2013

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant funds to 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 *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB).

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 either are not fully accredited or did not make Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) for the 2012-2013 school year (based on results from 2011-2012 assessments);
- Propose to serve students in middle or high schools; and/or
- Propose to serve schools with a free and reduced price lunch eligibility of 75 percent or greater.

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

Technical assistance workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at Montross Middle School in Montross, Virginia; Thursday, March 21, 2013, at Workforce Development and Conference Center located on the campus of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia; and Friday, March 22, 2013, at the Virginia Western Community College – Natural Science Center and Community Arboretum in Roanoke, Virginia. 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 Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

Applications for 21st CCLC competitive grant funds **must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013.**

The application can be downloaded at:

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/federal\\_programs/esea/title4/part\\_b/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/federal_programs/esea/title4/part_b/index.shtml).

Required hard copy documents should be mailed to:

Mr. Duane C. Sergent, Education Specialist  
Office of Program Administration and Accountability  
Virginia Department of Education  
P. O. Box 2120  
Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120

or

Overnight carrier or hand delivered to:

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James Monroe Building, 23rd Floor  
101 North 14th Street  
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Electronic application documents may be sent either on a compact disc (CD) or flash drive, with the hard copy documents, or they may be e-mailed to [21stCCLC@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:21stCCLC@doe.virginia.gov).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Sergent at [Duane.Sergent@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Duane.Sergent@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 371-2929.

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Attachment:

- a. [Regional Technical Assistance Workshops Registration Form](#) (Word)