

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Public Information Officers

FROM: Laura Bayne
Deputy Superintendent , Division of Strategic Engagement

DATE: February 19, 2025

RE: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Subgrant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2025–26 Request for Proposals for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) subgrant program is now available online. \$3–\$4 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **May 5, 2025**.

Eligible applicants include public school districts, community-based organizations, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, and other public or private entities. All applicants must meet the criteria of a joint applicant to be considered for funding. Applicants must propose to establish or expand activities in community learning centers that provide opportunities for academic enrichment and tutorial services; offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities; and offer families of students served opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

SCDE's Office of Student Support (OSS) will offer a pre-application technical assistance webinar via Microsoft Teams on **February 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** Please use this [Microsoft Teams link](#) to register for webinar. Participants will be able to log in 15 minutes prior to the start of the session to test their equipment's audio settings. While participation is not mandatory in order to submit an application, it is *highly* recommended.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about the 21st CCLC program, contact Joyce Patterson (Phone: 803-734-8291; Email: JYPatterson@ed.sc.gov) or Amy Bosch at (Phone: 803-734-8114; Email: abosch@ed.sc.gov).