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Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Illinois Application for Waiver School Year 2020-21

Pursuant to the authority under section 8401(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has provided the State of Illinois a waiver of the requirement in section 4201(b)(1)(A) of the ESEA that restricts activities provided by a program funded under the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program to activities provided only during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session. This waiver was requested by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide flexibility for grantees to address challenges this school year due to the impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and will be available only for the 2020-21 school year.

This waiver provides local programs with more flexibility to meet community needs related to COVID-19 by allowing for the use of 21st CCLC funds to support programming when schools are currently operating. Specifically, these flexibilities are designed to help students better engage in distant or virtual learning and provide other academic enrichment when students are not physically present in school. This waiver requires that modified programming align with the spirit of the grantee's original, approved application and is supplemental in nature. 21st CCLC grantees interested in applying for this waiver are required to complete this application and submit it via an application amendment in IWAS. Grantees may submit completed forms at any time through December 31, 2020.

All 21st CCLC programming must adhere to local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines.

Submit one form for each site. Duplicate this form as needed.

Date Submitted: _____

Person Submitting Request: _____

Grantee Name: _____

Site Included: _____

1. Provide a detailed description of the program modifications you are proposing. (e.g., types of services, schedule or calendar adjustments, staffing plans, transportation services needed).

2. The flexibility provided by this waiver allows 21st CCLC activities to take place during times when school is in session. It does not waive the three primary focus areas of the program offerings. How will the modifications described above continue to focus on academic supports, enrichment/essential skills activities, and family engagement?

3. Briefly describe how these modifications will supplement (support or build upon) the school day instruction without replacing it?

4. If approved for the waiver, how will you continue to meet the needs of the students and families during out of school time?

Grant Project Director Signature

Date

Grant Administrator Signature

Date

Principal of Participating School Signature

Date

Please create an amendment to your current approved application in IWAS. Save your response as a PDF and upload the file in the Additional Requirements Tab of the application.