

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Renewal FAQ

What is a renewal award?

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), states have the option for renewability with their 21st CCLC funds. This means that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has the opportunity to extend the number of years of a cohort's grant for up to five (5) years as funds are available.

Do I have to renew my 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant?

No. You may choose to not renew your 21st CCLC grant. You will need to notify ISBE of your decision not to renew.

What are the funding levels for the cohort renewal awards?

Renewability funding will be based upon your original grant award or most recently approved application/amount approved by ISBE. All renewal grants will be level funded for five years (Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024). Allocations are preliminary and payment under this grant for these programs is subject to passage of a sufficient appropriation by the Illinois General Assembly and sufficient appropriation by the U.S. Congress. Obligations of ISBE will cease immediately without further obligation should the agency fail to receive sufficient federal funds for this program. Funding in subsequent years will be contingent upon state grant-making rules, a sufficient appropriation for the program, and satisfactory progress in the preceding grant period.

May I change the scope and/or scale of my original grant or serve different schools?

No. Programs must be of high quality and meet the expectation of serving the same students they proposed to serve in the original FY 2015 grant application. Sites must remain the same, compliance must be within size and scope of the original award, and overall there should be no changes from what was approved by ISBE.

What happens if the school I am currently serving under the grant is not able to continue being a school partner at the time of renewal?

Your award will be adjusted. If you are currently serving four (4) schools and received \$50,000 for each school for a total allocation of \$200,000 and can now only serve three (3) schools, then your award will be adjusted to \$150,000. Please notify your principal consultant if you will not be able to serve the same schools you are currently serving immediately.

Can I change my co-applicant with the renewal award?

No. In some circumstances, allowances can be made for a co-applicant change. Please notify your principal consultant immediately if consideration for an allowance needs to occur.

Can I change partners with the renewal award?

Yes. You may change partners throughout the duration of the grant as long as they do not change the scope and scale of your original grant.

Will I be able to add Extended Learning Time (ELT)?

No. If you were not approved for ELT in your original grant, then you cannot add it. If you are currently utilizing ELT, then you may continue to do so with the renewal award.