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FY 2012 ILLINOIS 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS PROGRAM**PROGRAM-SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE GRANT**

- A. The 21st CCLC program will be offered in a safe and easily accessible facility. When the program is located in a facility other than an elementary school or secondary school, the program will be at least as accessible to the students to be served as if the program were located in an elementary school or secondary school.

The 21st CCLC will have a policy regarding how the students participating in the program will travel safely to and from the center and home.

Buildings that house the 21st Century CCLC programs will meet local standards and codes for public facilities. Indoor and outdoor facilities must be safe and in good repair.

- B. Students participating in the program carried out by the 21st CCLC will travel safely to and from the center and home. Program funds are used to cover transportation costs for program participants. If transportation is provided, the transportation plan will be clearly and appropriately related to project activities.
- C. Funds under this part will be used to increase the level of state, local, and other non-federal funds that would, in the absence of funds under Title IV, Part B, be made available for programs and activities authorized under this part, and in no case supplant federal, state, local or non-federal funds.
- D. The program will target students primarily who attend schools eligible for schoolwide programs under Title I, Section 1114, and the families of such students.
- E. Applicants gave notice to the community of the intent to submit an application. The application and any waiver request will be made available for public review after submission of the application.
- F. The program will be developed and carried out in active collaboration with the schools the students attend. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed and will be carried out according to the terms therein over the duration of the grant.
- G. The organization selected for funding will meet all statutory and regulatory requirements of this program. Faith-based organizations will meet the program's purposes and criteria, and will not discriminate against beneficiaries on the basis of religion. Funds will be used solely for the purposes set forth in this grant program. No funds provided pursuant to this program will be expended to support religious practices, such as religious instruction, worship, or prayer. All programs including faith-based organizations will comply with generally accepted cost accounting requirements and ensure that funds are not used to support non secular activities.
- H. Attendance records of program participants will be kept. Participants will be enrolled in the before- or after-school program. Drop-in services will not be funded by 21st CCLC program funds. Attendance will be maintained at the level for which funding is requested.
- I. Criminal background checks will be conducted for all program staff and volunteers who have direct contact with children and youth. A written protocol will be on file requiring background checks. Evidence of all background checks will be kept on file. No person will be employed who has been convicted of a crime as listed in Section 10-21.9(c) of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(c)).
- J. In accordance with the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5), adults working with children and youth under the age of 18 years old will follow mandated reporting requirements for suspected child abuse and neglect. A written protocol for training employees about the Act and identifying and reporting suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect will be kept on file.

