2019-20 21st CCLC RFP Question and Answer-Week 3

All the questions have been organized by the RFP section most pertinent to the response. We hope this will help readers navigate the documents better. The questions posted here include questions received through the RFP email (21stCCLCRFP@fldoe.org) and will contain those received during the RFP webinars. Duplicate questions have only been included once, in most instances. All questions submitted prior to this deadline but not posted in this update will be posted in the next updated Q & A. The deadline for submitting questions is Friday, June 21, 2019. Questions submitted after this deadline will be answered at the discretion of the 21st CCLC State Director.

(Key: Questions are in *italics*, answers are in **bold**.)

Section 1: General

We want to write one grant that serves two schools. Each school will have activities at their own site, but will share a coordinator. Neither school is very big and they are 2 miles from each other. Can one grant host activities at two different sites?

Each project/grant may have up to four sites; however, the grant should specify how each site will operate. Typically if a grant has more than one site, they operate independently of each other.

Botvin's Life Skills curriculum is an evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention curriculum/program used nationally (they have elementary, middle, and high school components). The curriculum also has lessons on communication skills, social skills, decision-making, dealing with stress, self-esteem, etc. Would we be able to use that for the Social Emotional Learning Objective Domain?

Curricular choices are made by each individual applicant. The department does not make curricular determinations for applicants.

Regarding the Private School Assurance, is there a specified or recommended radius that we should target when reaching out to private schools near our proposed 21st CCLC site?

Due to the vast differences in local communities in Florida, we do not have a specified radius for equitable services that we apply to all applicants.

Our proposed 21st CCLC program would serve students from schools eligible for service as well as schools that are not eligible. Would the program itself be eligible for funding?

All programs must serve students from eligible schools. Applicants who target schools that are not eligible will not be eligible for funding.

If an organization has a 21st Century program which serves children off site, can another organization serve different children at the same school? Can a school have 2 programs?

Another organization can serve students at the school; however, the students that are targeted cannot be served at the same location.

With the release of the new RFA I notice that there are significantly more schools eligible for services than there was last year. Will we be able to service new /now eligible schools or will we have to submit a new RFP?

If you have an existing 21st CCLC program, you can only serve students that were targeted under that RFP. If you would like to serve additional students, you may apply for this RFP.

At the bidder's conference, we were told that we should be prepared to start our program on October 1st or October 8th, 2019. However, the RFP states that the program should begin within 1 week of school starting. Broward Schools start in August. What should we do?

The project period for this RFP begins on October 1, 2019. Services for 21st CCLC programs under the 2019-20 RFP cannot begin before October 1.

Can we apply for the grant if the affiliated school is graded anything over D or F? We attempted to apply in the past, but our affiliated school (we are a nonprofit organization) was rated C then, and had to pull our submission.

Yes, eligibility is no longer based on school grade, but school improvement status. The eligibility criteria can be found in Section 1.5.

If private schools want to participate, are we required to set aside slots for private school students?

The majority of your students must be from the eligible target schools; however, each applicant must reach out to private schools under the equitable services provisions.

This RFP will straddle two school years, correct?

Yes, the project period for this RFP is October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020.

Can we target specific grades within the school? I.e. grades 3-5 in elementary

Yes, as long as the schools are identified as TS&I or CS&I.

If there is a private school in the area and there is a need in that school, can the students in that school be targeted?

The majority of your students must be from the eligible target schools; however, each applicant must reach out to private schools under the equitable services provisions.

Can you clarify? Is it 4 schools per site or 4 schools per application?

Proposals can only target a maximum of four schools per center.

If an elementary and middle school are near each other do both schools need to be served in the same application.

It is up to the applicant to propose the best configuration that works for their local community.

How do you determine which private schools to target if you are applying for a high school? Many have a huge area from which it draws students.

Due to the vast differences in local communities in Florida, we do not have a specified radius for equitable services that we apply to all applicants. Each applicant should engage in due diligence to target the private schools in their area.

On the equitable services document about private schools, how do we know how many students will come?

Programs should have discussions with their local private schools and derive estimates from those conversations.

Can an existing 21st CCLC site serving elementary school students from four schools, write a proposal for middle and high school students to be served at the same site? This would mean the site would have more than four schools but split across two awards.

This is permissible; however, it is up to the applicant to propose the best configuration that works for their local community.

Can an entity write two proposals for the same site? One proposal for elementary (4 schools) and one proposal for middle and high (4 other schools).

Yes, based on the configuration mentioned above, an entity may write two proposals.

Are you permitted to submit more than one RFP?

Yes, there is no limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit.

School SRO-what is 21st CCLC perspective on SRO? Will we have to put security in our grants in the future?

Security can be added to 21st CCLC projects as the security is allocable to the grant.

How many points are needed to be recommended for funding?

The minimum number of points needed to be recommended for funding is 70.

We're a community-based organization who uses QuickBooks. What is considered an object code?

Community-based organizations can use their agency's general ledger or chart of accounts to determine what codes need to be entered in the object code line.

Clarify private school's ability to apply.

Private schools are eligible to apply but they must serve the target population as listed in the RFP.

How is money awarded? Do you start with the highest number of points and keep awarding until the money is expended? What is the minimum number of points awarded?

Funds are awarded in the order of the highest scoring proposal to the lowest scoring proposal until the funding is expended. The minimum number of points in order to be considered eligible for a funding recommendation is 70.

Can one 501-c-3 organization apply for two separate $700K grants. Or is the celling $700k regardless of the number of sites?

Yes, each individual grant can be $700,000. Each agency can apply for an unlimited number of grants.

Can a for profit community based organization have several 21st CCLC sites and also be subcontracted in another organization's 21st CCLC grant? Is this a conflict of interest?

A for-profit organization can have 21st CCLC sites and subcontract to do work on another 21st CCLC project. There must be a clear delineation of duties, no supplanting and a clear scope of work.

How many students from the subgroup identified listed as a priority must be served?

The number of students served must be determined by the applicant.

What percent of the subgroup must be served or given priority?

The percent of students served in each subgroup must be determined by the applicant.

Did you state that funds would not be cut in years 3-5?

We will not do a funding cut for sustainability in years three through five under this RFP, but attendance reductions remain as financial consequences for programs who do not meet average daily attendance.

For TS&I and CS&I: can other students from the school be served?

Students who attend the schools designated as CS&I and TS&I are eligible for 21st CCLC.

Can we do a risk assessment for a school that is identified as N/A that were in current programs this year?

Only schools that have the CS&I and TS&I designation are eligible.

Will FDOE 21st CCLC implement the 5% reduction per year for the last 4 years of the contract award? Or will the award amount remain the same?

We will not do a funding cut for sustainability in years two through five under this RFP, but attendance reductions remain as financial consequences for programs who do not meet average daily attendance.

How often is the RFP released? —if we are not award when can we apply next?

Florida typically releases our RFP annually. If not awarded, you may apply next year if funding is available.

Is the program period October 1- August 31 or September 30?

The program period is October 1 to September 30.

October 1 is a Tuesday should we plan that the first day if after school be on October 1 or wait until Monday October the 7?

The number of days served must be determined by the applicant.

Do charter schools do the 610 separate from the district or are the charter schools under the school districts 610?

Charter schools are public schools; therefore, the district's 610 will suffice.

Will LEA be responsible for completing the 610 for charter schools?

Charter schools are public schools; therefore, the district's 610 will suffice.

Do we have to identify a percent of students in the subgroup to be served in the proposal?

The percent of students served in each subgroup can be determined by the applicant. There is no minimum threshold.

Do contracted non-profits with the school board need to apply through the school district? Who would sign the assurance?

Contracted nonprofits are able to apply independently from the school district.

Do we only provide services to the group of students that do not reach the threshold?

The students served in each subgroup can be determined by the applicant.

Do funds need to target only underperforming subgroups identified?

No, priority must be given to the underperforming subgroups but funds can be used to target all students in an eligible school.

Can we apply as a district if we have two charter schools in one county? Also would we have to go through the LEA?

Each school would have to apply through its LEA.

If a corporation has two locations can the company apply under two different addresses to serve different schools targeted?

Yes, you may have two sites with two locations to serve the different schools targeted.

If program operated by an eligible charter school at that school's campus, can it also serve some students from non TS&I/CS&I/LEA schools?

Only students from eligible schools can be served.

Can you submit a proposal for a pre-k specific program at a school location that currently has 21st CCLC funding but the funding does not include pre-k students, only K-5?

Yes, this would be a different target population so targeting the PreK students would be allowable.

Presentation on the website states program period October 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020. Your presentation states October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020.

The correct dates are October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020.

Section 2: Fiscal and Administrative Requirements

Can salaries be separate instead of hourly?

We ask that salaried employees be listed separately in the individual line items on the DOE 101S budget form.

What penalties, if any, are there to the school if there are unexpected emergencies to disrupt the program? For example: There are a lack of teachers to sufficiently run the activities.

Please see the various sections in the RFP on financial consequences.

Do you need 3 quotes from evaluators if they're under $5,000?

No, the contractor quote threshold is $5,000.

Based on the paragraph from the RFP, if a proposal is submitted over $700,000 (based on the funding request guide) will it be denied or will you adjust the amount for consideration?

Typically, we will send it for review and negotiate the amount during budget and technical review if recommended for funding.

Is there a cap on the amount of total funding an applicant can receive if they currently receive 21st CCLC funding for other projects?

There is not currently a cap on the total number of awards an applicant can receive.

What happens if a child is sick or not in school for several days, does the organization not get paid for that child if they are only served a few hours that week?

The 21st CCLC program reviews attendance averages monthly and annually and considers those averages in subsequent years when applying financial consequences.

The RFP changes allows for an evaluation CAP up to 3 percent—will current contracts via the RFA also reflect this change?

The RFA is not yet finalized; therefore, that information is currently unavailable.

Can we include August and September service dates to budget into the following school year?

Yes, calendar dates for the full program year should be included.

Can you provide a comprehensive link for a listing of evaluators?

The department cannot endorse any vendor, including evaluators.

Does the funding request guide transportation amount require the school to provide transportation to the site and home or just to the site?

The provision of transportation is at minimum between the school site and the home. Transportation from the school to the site varies on the location of each site.

Do we have to provide access to public transportation?

Providing public transportation is not a requirement.

If I have 4 individual proposals do I have to get new evaluator bids for each separate proposal?

Yes, as the number of proposals will most likely change the evaluation cost.

Please explain the cost/fund per student hourly rate?

Funding is calculated for each component. For example, afterschool is calculated at $4 per hour times the number of students times the number of hours times the number of days. Please see the funding request guide example for more information.

How do you calculate Admin cost – i.e. Program Director spends 100% if 40K salary on Admin. – Is it broken down in salary section or in Admin section?

Administrative costs are calculated based on an estimation of duties. The administrative costs are broken down in the salary line on the DOE 101S.

Can you provide examples of allowable expenses?

Please refer to Section 2.6 of the RFP on allowable expenditures.

Once approved as a grant recipient and the invoice has been submitted what is the turnaround time for the first reimbursement?

The turnaround time for an agency to reimburse varies and is dependent on the agencies deliverables being submitted in an approvable format.

So if grant writer salaries are not an allowable expense, are teacher salaries for the program allowable?

Yes, teacher salaries during program hours are an allowable expense.

Once funded in regards to the monthly reporting, is there support available for questions/concerns? How are agencies notified if the report is wrong?

Yes, there is support available for questions and assistance. Agencies are notified via email if an item must be corrected in their deliverables.

Are laptops an allowable expense as long as it totals less than $1000 per unit?

Yes, laptops are an allowable expense.

Is the 3% evaluation fee automatically deducted from the grant?

No, the 3 percent is no automatically deducted.

Are professional development trainings an allowable cost?

Yes, professional development is an allowable cost as long as it is reasonable and necessary.

Is there a cap on the amount of fringe benefits allowed?

No, there is no cap on the amount of fringe benefits allowed.

Do you need 2 budgets if you're operating 21st CCLC programs at 2 schools, but are only submitting 1 application?

No. Each application should have one budget that reflect all of the schools served.

Is rent for use of school district facilities (used for program operation) considered an allowable cost?

Yes, it can be considered an allowable expense depending on the circumstances. This expense would still need to be reasonable and necessary.

Section 3: Scope of Work/Narrative and Scoring Criteria

Does a program website need to be created for only 21st CCLC or can it be a page on an existing website?

A 21st CCLC page can be created on an already existing website and is not required to be a separate website.

Do academic activities need to be provided daily?

As stated in section 3.5 of the RFP, it is recommended that PreK and elementary programs operate a minimum of two and a half hours per day, allowing at least one-half hour for homework and tutoring, one hour for academic enrichment and one hour for personal enrichment.

Can you take students to a field trip? Can you take only a group of students to a field trip?

Yes, you can take students on a field trip as long as that trip is essential to the meeting the objectives of the program. The field trip must also be reasonable, necessary and allocable.

Is there a minimum number of days per year or hours per year required?

Yes, as stated in section 3.5 of the RFP, programs serving PreK and elementary students afterschool must operate a minimum of ten (10) hours per week (Monday through Friday), four (4) days per week (Monday through Friday). Programs serving middle and high school students afterschool must operate a minimum of eight (8) hours per week (Monday through Friday), four (4) days per week (Monday through Friday).

Can students walk home if parents give permission?

Yes, students can walk home with a parent's permission.

If you are serving 30 students at a site, are you required to meet that number if you open on teacher planning days and school breaks?

Operations are proposed by each individual application. The applicant will specify the number of students that will be served in each component.

Do we need to describe the facility in detail if we're housing our program in the school?

Yes, a description of the facility should be included in the application. This can include the individual space that will be used at the school.

Can the budget reflect "in kind" positions and salaries equivalent even though it has zero impact on the budget?

Yes, in kind positions can be reflected in the budget.

If the district offers in kind support of non-21st CCLC positions, how do you write it in the budget?

In kind support positions can be reflected in the budget by completing the budget narrative column with a description of the services provided and zeroing out the amount column that is charged to the grant.

Templates for sample schedules are up to agency?

Yes, templates are not provided for the sample schedule. It is up to the agency to provide a sample of their scheduled programming.

Can you elaborate on what you mean by sustainability when the program ends?

If for some reason an agency is not awarded funding after the first year, that agency should be able to continue to operate their program through partnerships and collaborations that were built with other school and community agencies.

On the site profile worksheet, what does the BS, AS, SUM, W & H stand for under # Targeted Schools?

Under # Target Schools, the acronyms are: BS – Before School, AS – After School, SUM – Summer, W – Weekends and H – Holidays.

On the site profile worksheet, under school name, will you enter the eligible private school in that section? Is the private school one of the four maximum schools that you're allowed to target?

The site profile worksheet should reflect the names of the targeted schools. If services are being provided to a private school in the area through the equitable services for private schools provision the school does not need to be listed on the site profile worksheet.

Must evaluations be completed by a 3rd party?

Yes, evaluations must be completed by an independent evaluator, i.e. individual, agency or organization, which has no vested interest in the program.

Are early release days mandatory for programs serving after school high school students?

No, early release days are not mandatory for programs serving high school students.

Must program operate at a school site?

No, a program is not required to operate at a school site. Programs can operate at other community buildings or centers; however, program locations must be comparable in distance to the student as the target school.

May a community based organization have its site in a public school?

Yes, a community based organization can have a site in a public school with the public schools' consent.

Should we count afterschool days in October 2020?

No, October 2020 is outside of the project year for this RFP.

Organization at +/- 70 children every 3 months residing at the site new children come in every three months is that okay?

Yes, the US Education Department defines an actively participating student as attending the 21st CCLC program for 30 or more days.

Can cost for establishing and maintaining a separate website be included in the budget?

Yes, the cost for establishing and maintain a separate website can be included in the budget; however, a program can choose to maintain a separate page on an already existing webpage.

Is social media an acceptable example of community notice?

Yes, social media is an acceptable example of community notice.

Can a 21st CCLC staff meet with a parent, student or both during the day to review the student's afterschool attendance, grades, goals, etc.? e.g. office hours (that support the program)

Yes, this would be an allowable activity.

May we name the evaluator if we have already conducted the bid process to identify the evaluator?

No, it is strongly discouraged to name individuals in the grant application.

May we have more than the minimum number of objectives?

Yes, an applicant can propose more than the minimum number of objectives.

During our summer program our population changes from our school-year population. In the "times and frequency" section it states that summers are recommended but not required. Is this indeed the case?

Yes, per Section 3.5 of the RFP, summer programming is recommended but not required.

Must you only utilize certified teachers? What about licensed contractors? i.e. skilled trades

No, certified teacher must be utilized to teach the academic activities. Licensed contractors can be utilized (i.e. skill trades) can be utilized in your program as well.

If we serve middle schools, can we write in personal enrichment activities even though it is not required and be funded for them?

Yes, an applicant can choose to propose more objectives than required. Funding is derived on the cost per child, per hour, per day and is not impacted by the activities provided. If there is room within an applicant's budget to include additional programing they may do so.

Concerning the child care licensing, we are asking, if the after-school program is ran directly through the school, is child care licensing required for the requesting organization (which may be a faith based or a community based organization and NOT a school)? Does DCF license need to be submitted if schools are public schools?

As stated in Section 3.10 of the RFP, programs operated by a public or a non-public school at their centers and serving children in kindergarten (5-year-olds) and grades one or above, shall not be deemed to be child care per s. 402.3025, F.S., and as such will not need to provide licensing information or documentation. All other applicants must describe how they will meet the requirements of licensing for each proposed center and provide documentation to support compliance.

To determine if child care licensing is required contact your local licensing agency.

If the program supports four (4) schools, can this "collaboration liaison" be housed out of the district and ensure that ¼ of their schedule impacts each school? Or do they need to be housed at each school?

The collaboration liaison can be housed at one of the four schools as referenced in this example. This is the decision of the applicant when deciding how to structure their program to best meet the needs of the students and adult family members being served.

On the site profile worksheet, we should start on October 1st and continue to September 30, 2020 to align with the total number of school days in a typical August – June school year, correct?

Yes, the site profile worksheet should span the full project period.

Will the program use EZ Reports for data collection? i.e. grades, test scores and other objectives.

Yes, EZ Reports will be used to collect grades, test scores and other objective related data.

In terms of field trips, can they take place on Saturday? If they can, is the program obligated to also hold sessions on Saturdays? (To remain "consistent.")

A program should aim to have field trips on service days. However, if a fieldtrip must take place on a non-service day the program must contact the program office to request approval.

Concerning the Site Profile Sheet & the dates that it would cover. If it starts October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020. We don't have school calendars for next year to know when school starts, to know how to plan.

Applicants should estimate their operations for the dates that overlap the 2020-21 school year. These can be updated once the school calendar is released.

Please expand on the difference between Partner letters and Support Letters?

A partner letter explains or defines the partnership between two or more entities. A leter of support simply states that

Does the budget require separate lines for materials and equipment being purchased for administrative staff positions (ex. Director)

Yes, materials purchased for the administrative position should be grouped separate from the materials and supplies for the students.

What are some examples of items that should be listed under the equipment line on the budget rather than materials?

Some examples of equipment that should not be included materials and supplies includes but is not limited to laptops, cameras, printers, tablets, and other non-consumable items.

On the budget, can benefits be listed together as one line item and calculated explained in the narrative rather than creating separate lines for each benefit?

Benefits should be listed individually by position. It is acceptable to merge benefits together in one line per position with the corresponding percentage per benefit shown.

Has the required minimum operation hours been reduced? Will 10 hours a week for a four day program suffice for a program serving elementary students and 8 hours for middle/high school?

No, the minimum hours of operation has not been reduced. A program can choose to serve more than the minimum number of hours described in the RFP.

Is there a required number of program days for after school at any grade level?

No, there is no required number of program days for afterschool. The minimum requirement for afterschool varies based on the grades served. For the required number of hour per day and days per week reference Section 3.5 of the RFP.

The RFP says "Include a copy of the needs assessment in the attachments." Is that just the same detail that we put in the narrative>? Or is this a form? Or a bibliography>? Do you want agendas and sign ins from meetings? Or something else?

The needs assessment is the process that your organization goes through to determine the gaps in services and areas in which your community would benefit from a 21st CCLC program. The narrative should be a summary of your needs assessment. The attachment should include your agency's needs assessment and its data.

If we apply to serve 100 kids, can we increase the number of kids served in Year 3 after we move to a new club? If yes, will the increase in kids served allow us to increase the dollar amount of our grant award?

A program can choose to serve more students than originally proposed at no additional cost. If a program chooses to do so they must do so without increase to the original grant award.

If we apply to serve 125 kids and fall short of that number, will that impact us financially or hold up reimbursements?

Yes, if a program does not meet the average daily attendance proposed they may receive a reduction in funding. For more information, reference Section 7 of the RFP.

After reviewing the RFP for 2019-2020, it appears that the Approved Program Activities has changed. In specific it looks like we would be dropping a Personal Enrichment and replacing it with SEL. Is that correct? If so, does that apply to our current 3 sites or just that new cohort?

This change would apply to the RFP Cohort.

Section 5: Priority Points

How do priority points apply if you have multiple sites with varying status? i.e. one site serves 90% FRL but another only serves 70%?

Priority points are applied to the overall application, not per site. If one site qualifies for priority points those points would be applied to the overall application.

Does Priority #2 include TS&I schools as well as CS&I?

No, priority no. 2 is for schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement.

Section 6: Proposal Submittal Requirements

When submitting the proposals, how many copies should we submit to DOE?

Proposals should be submitted online using the SurveyMonkey Apply system. The link to create a survey monkey account is *https://fldoe21cclc.smapply.io/*.

When are organizations notified if they are awarded?

Organizations are notified approximately 8-10 weeks after their submission if they are recommended for funding.

Can notice of intent to apply be given on an agency website?

An agency's website can be used to inform the community of their intent to apply for a 21st CCLC program.

Where do I access the link to create the survey monkey account to submit my application?

The link to create a survey monkey account is *https://fldoe21cclc.smapply.io/*.

How should signed forms be submitted?

Signed forms should be submitted electronically through SurveyMonkey Apply.

Will electronic signatures be accepted?

Yes.

When will the portal open for the submission of proposals?

The portal for proposal submission was opened on June 24, 2019.

In looking at the available documents online some have templates and some don't will the schedule have a template?

No, the schedule does not have a template.

You said there would be an excel version for us to use on survey monkey. If we have already done a lot of work on 101S, can we upload our 101S form?

Yes, you are able to upload an existing 101s as long as it is an excel file format.

Is it okay to modify the excel budget form to add columns to calculate /sum admin/eval?

Yes, it is acceptable to add additional columns to the excel workbook.

Should copies of contracts be provided when submitting proposals?

Copies of contracts should be provided if applicable.

Does the new Survey Monkey system allow two or more people to work online on one application simultaneously, or can only one person work on it at a time?

Yes, multiple people can work on one application at the same time.

Do we need to submit an application for one specific program/ initiative or can it be multiple uses for the funds?

One application can cover multiple initiatives or activities as long as it does not exceed the number of allowable sites.

Is mail submission required or is it only online?

**All applications should be uploaded online to the following link:
https://fldoe21cclc.smapply.io/**

Are the survey monkey log-ins per application or organization (multiple grants)?

This is up to the user applying. SurveyMonkey Apply allows applicants the capability to create one organization account and submit multiple applications from that one account. The applicant can also choose to create an individual account for each application.

Our organization recently came across this opportunity. If we have not submitted a letter of intent, does that disqualify us from applying to the RFP?

No, the letter of intent is optional. An organization can apply without submitting a letter of intent.

Can all sites for an application be combined in an email for the intent to apply?

Yes, all site can be combined in one email submission for the intent to apply.

Miscellaneous

Will the presentation be available online or to attendees here?

Yes, the PowerPoint presentation is available at http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/21st-century-community-learning-center/rfp.stml.

Will an email be sent to potential grantees regarding the 2019 conference? Can they attend if not approved?

An email will be sent to applicants that are recommended for funding regarding any professional development opportunities for 21st CCLC. The 2019 Afterschool Conference is open to the public and anyone who wish to attend can.

Can you provide uploads on the website regarding the RFP status?

When programs are recommended for funding the approved prioritized funding list will be posted on the 21st CCLC website.

Will these slides be made available?

Yes, the PowerPoint presentation is available at http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/21st-century-community-learning-center/rfp.stml.

Has it or will this presentation be offered in north and central Florida?

Yes, the presentation was offered in north and central Florida.

Is the format (program) still the same for DJJ?

Yes, there are currently a couple of DJJ programs with 21st CCLC programs across the state.

Will the questions asked during your workshops be printed in the Q&A?

Yes, the questions and responses from the workshops are included in the Q & A.

Is attendance today or at any workshop required to apply?

No, attendance at the workshop was not required in order to apply.

Are samples of exemplary proposals available?

Samples of exemplary proposals are not available on the 21st CCLC website. However, awarded programs are required to post their proposal on their website.

From among the "reviewed" applicants, what is the success rate?

The success rate of reviewed applications varies from year to year depending on the number of applicants and the available funding from the US Department of Education. In order to be recommended for funding an application must receive an average score of 70 or higher.