

Florida's Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)

2024-25 Statewide Request for Proposals (RFP) Questions and Answers

Question	Response
1. Do we use the list of ATSI, TSI, and CSI schools from 2023-2024?	Potential applicants should refer to the 2022-23 Federal Percent of Points Index to identify Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) or Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools.
2. Can we add a private school to be included for TSI or CSI support?	Private schools are not eligible for TSI, ATSI or CSI status.
3. Could we write a waiver to make certain schools eligible for funding? Who would need to qualify the letter and verify agreed 21st CCLC support?	<p>Refer to the 2024-25 RFP - Target Population and Eligible Applicant sections.</p> <p>Low-performing schools (as defined under ESEA Section 1003) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Title I schools that have been identified as CSI schools.• Schools (Title I or non-Title I) that have been identified as TSI or ATSI schools. <p>The LEA-identified schools list is available on the website.</p> <p>https://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/21st-century-community-learning-center/rfp.html</p>
4. Does a school identified as an ATSI site meet the qualifications to gain 21st CCLC funding for this RFA Grant Cycle?	See response to Question 3.
5. Would a previously eligible target school still be eligible for services under this RFP if the school is no longer on the eligibility list?	All applicants must meet the RFP eligibility requirement. See response to Question 3.
6. How do we determine school eligibility?	See response to Question 3.
7. When will the LEA-identified school list be available?	The LEA-identified schools list is available on the website.
8. What are the eligible populations and schools under the 21st CCLC grant?	See response to Question 3.

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9. How does the LEA identify schools in need of intervention support to improve student academic achievement and other outcomes?	Refer to the 2024-25 RFP - Target Population and Eligible Applicant sections. Low-performing schools (as defined under ESEA Section 1003) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Title I schools that are implementing comprehensive support and improvement plans (or Florida’s school improvement plan) because they have been identified as schools in need of comprehensive support and improvement (CSI).• Schools (Title I or non-Title I) that are implementing targeted support and improvement plans (or Florida’s school improvement plan) because they have been identified as schools in need of targeted support and improvement (TSI) or additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI). The LEA-identified schools list is available on the website.
10. There is a conflict between the RFP and the website information. The RFP suggests all schools are eligible and there are priority points for low income and low performing schools. The website suggests only CSI/TSI schools are eligible. Which is correct? How are schools added to the eligibility list? Where is the eligibility list?	See response to Question 3.
11. Would it be possible to extend the deadline to submit the grant?	The deadline for submission is May 31, 2024.
12. Section 7 on the RFP submission page is missing a text box, as it states to provide information but there is nowhere to provide the information.	Technical issues are resolved.
13. Section 7 states that a sample schedule must be uploaded for all components, but there is nowhere to upload the schedule. However, Section 9a does have the place for uploading the sample schedule. Where should the upload for Section 7 be placed and is it necessary to upload in both locations?	Technical issues are resolved.

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14. Is there a format or worksheet for the financial portion? (Amount of Funds requested?)	Refer to the Florida Department of Education 21st CCLC website under 2024-25 Request for Proposal, in section 13.
15. How do we submit an application for funding?	All proposals must be completed online at the following link: https://fldoe21cclc.smapply.io/ . Refer to our Florida Department of Education 21st CCLC website under 2024-25 Request for Proposal.
16. How do we record the anticipated services funding amount if a program is serving students and providing transportation during the academic year and summer?	In section 13, Program Budget, of the online application, applicants are asked to download a funding request guide which gives an initial estimate of how much funding potential recipients could receive based on their level of services. If a program is providing transportation, then the numbers should be entered on the "with transportation" line. Only the hours of programming should be listed.
17. How do we locate a funding request guide?	The Funding Request Guide is located under section 13, Program Budget, of the online application.
18. Where is the RFP located?	Refer to our Florida Department of Education 21st CCLC website under 2024-25 Request for Proposal.
19. Is there an application or standard preprinted form to be submitted for the RFP?	See response to Question 15.
20. Do charter schools apply independently or through each district in which they are geographically located?	Eligible applicants include local educational agencies (LEAs) and charter schools must go through each district in which they are geographically located.
21. What is the process for intent to apply notifications?	Refer to the Notice of Intent-To-Apply section of the RFP.
22. Are private schools eligible to apply?	Students in area private schools may be targeted through the equitable services provision; however, students enrolled must primarily attend eligible target schools.
23. How do we add schools to the eligible list?	Refer to the Florida Department of Education 21st CCLC website under 2024-25 Request for Proposal for the LEA-identified schools list.
24. How do we apply for funding?	See response to Question 15.
25. How do we determine funding amounts?	In the online application, in section 13, Program Budget, applicants are required to complete a funding request guide which provides an estimated amount of funding.
26. What is the awarded grant period?	If awarded, the budget period for the 2024-25 grant period is August 31, 2024 - July 31, 2025.

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27. What are the requirements to provide meals?	Refer to section 5: Partnerships and Collaboration in the RFP which reviews the requirements for meals. For the Child Care Food Program (CCFP) questions, those would need to be directed to Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). A meal will be offered to each student when the program exceeds four hours of operation each day.
28. How are the minimum and maximum award amounts determined?	Award amounts are determined through the Funding Request Guide. Per the RFP, each proposal may serve a maximum of two 21st CCLC program sites. A maximum of four schools may be targeted by each proposed site. The minimum and maximum award amounts are for the full award.
29. How do we determine if we are eligible for the grant?	Refer to our Florida Department of Education 21st CCLC website under 2024-25 Request for Proposal.
30. How do we find out more information about grant opportunities?	Refer to the Florida Department of Education 21st CCLC website under 2024-25 Request for Proposal.
31. What activities are authorized under the 21st CCLC grant?	Refer to the Florida Department of Education 21st CCLC website under 2024-25 Request for Proposal, Section 9: Authorized Program Activities.
32. What is the process for intent to apply notifications?	Refer to the Notice of Intent-To-Apply section of the RFP, available on the FDOE website.
33. Are we allowed to use the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) that allows 100% of students attending the school to receive free lunch for the purpose of earning priority points, or should we use the Directly Certified percentage?	Refer to your LEA's Poverty determination protocols.