

Technical Assistance Grant Application

April 6, 2011



I. Background

The Vermont Department of Education (VTDOE) invites non profit educational organizations to submit concept proposals for the purpose of assisting and supporting the statewide 21st Century Community Learning Center Program (21C) in the areas of afterschool professional development, sustainability, evaluation, and best practices. 21C funded programs support educational programming during afterschool, summer, before school, and school vacations to more than 120 centers serving 13,000 students in high poverty communities throughout Vermont.

II. Funding Duration

Funding will be granted annually for the period July 1, 2011-June 30, 2014. Availability of funding is dependent on receipt of federal dollars and the successful completion of meeting program objectives as articulated in a grant award.

III. Requirements

Applicants: Applicants must be a non-profit educational organization in Vermont with expertise in afterschool and education. Personnel and organizations should have experience in running, sustaining, evaluating, and supporting afterschool programs.

IV. Proposal Components.

1. A cover page that includes the organization, contact information, and total amount requested.
2. Describe the expertise of the organization and personnel to successfully implement strategies for each area of need.

3. Describe the plan, strategies, and proposed outcomes for each area of need:

A) Professional development strategies that meet the diverse needs of 21c funded personnel.

B) On-going evaluation of the state's 21C program.

C) Providing individualized technical assistance to new and old 21C funded projects in areas including but not limited to: program start up and continuation, high quality programming, evaluation, sustainability, and best practice.

D) Identification, replication, and supporting the sustainability of 21C funded programs

4. Submit a budget and budget narrative for the proposal. Include other funds, if available, that support the proposal.

V. Budget

An estimated range of \$70,000-\$120,000 will be available annually dependent on the availability of federal funds.

VI. Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed by a review team comprised of individuals within the Integrated Support for Learning Team at the Vermont Department of Education.

VII. Questions and Assistance

Contact Emanuel Betz, 21C State Director at 802-828-0557 or at Emanuel.Betz@state.vt.us or visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_federal/21st_CCLC.html

VIII. Due Date

An e-copy of the proposal needs to be sent to: Emanuel.Betz@state.vt.us and **received** no later than midnight on **May 18th, 2011**.

IX. Grant Award Decisions and Disposition of Proposals

The Department reserves the right to award in part, to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, and to waive technical defects, irregularities or omissions if, in its judgment, the best interest of the students or the stated need would be served. After receiving the grant proposal, the Department reserves the right not to award all parts, to negotiate specific grant amounts, and to select certain proposals to meet requirements or State Board of Education priorities.

Applicants may be asked to clarify certain aspects of their applications. Applicants may be asked to participate in activities such as an oral interview to clarify application information. Applicants will be contacted if such information is necessary.

Grantees will be required to sign a grant agreement with the Vermont Department of Education

X. Other Requirements

If a discovery of plagiarism is made known or brought to the attention of officials at the Department of Education during a grant competition, then at the discretion of the Department, the Department has the right to remove the grant application for funding consideration because of the occurrence of cause.