

2020-21 Renewability Policy

Rationale

The [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) allows a State Education Agency (SEA) to renew the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center subgrants based on subgrantees' performance during the previous subgrant period [§4204(j)]. Results of local evaluations conducted in conjunction with the SEA's evaluation plan and a review of 2019-20 Annual Performance Reports shall be used to determine eligibility for renewal [§4205(b)(2)]. The United States Department of Education (US ED) has provided clarification that the renewability provision of ESSA may apply to subgrants awarded prior to July 1, 2017, with a limitation of "one time for one to five years, consistent with the terms of the original subgrant's performance period" [[Renewability of Awards: Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) MS PowerPoint](#)]

Policy

Due to the challenges posed by COVID 19, and in order to maintain student safety and program quality during school year 2020-2021 in alignment with school reopening plans, the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) is exercising its authority under the renewability provision of ESSA Section 4204(j), extending eligible subgrants a one-time, one-year grant extension based on satisfactory performance of the grantee in the previous year. This will allow for grantees whose grants expire on June 30, 2021 to expire on June 30, 2022. The additional year of the subgrant will be consistent with the terms of the original grant award. The AOE reserves the right to attach additional, reasonable conditions to the funding at its discretion.

Procedures and Conditions

- Superintendents of eligible entities must request intent to access the renewability provision by December 31, 2020.
- Performance must be maintained as determined by Annual Performance Reviews (APRs) as applied to all grantees in the system. This includes satisfactory performance on 2019-2020 state 21st CCLC performance measures and indicators, including progress toward annual objectives and reported student outcomes.

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- Any improvement or minor performance issues listed in 2019-2020 APRs must be addressed as a condition of the one-year grant renewability extension.
- All other 21C expectations, policies and provisions apply to renewability awards.
- No subgrant that is currently under a current action plan on September 1, 2020 may be considered for renewal.
- Subgrantees will be notified of the status of their renewal and, if approved, a continuation application with the GMS system will be created for FY22.
- Any reasonable and necessary conditions to funding based on 2020-2021 performance may be applied at the discretion of the AOE.
- All annual grant awards are based upon continued availability of funds from the United States Department of Education.