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Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers FY 25 Grant Announcement

The Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers federal program authorized under Title IV part B of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides 5 years of funding to support full-service comprehensive afterschool and summer programming that offers diverse and engaging educational programming annually for more than 12,000 youth in approximately 95 centers for PreK-12 youth in Vermont's neediest communities. Schools in collaboration with over 300 hundred community partners deliver programs through funding made possible through annual or semi-annual grant competitions.

The 2024-2025 (FY25) 21CCLC grant competition received 12 applications totaling a request for \$4,200,000 annually to fund up to 59 full comprehensive centers in Vermont's neediest communities ([See 21C RFP-pages 4-5](#)). Approximately \$3,200,000 was available for the FY25 competition, to be dispersed annually starting on July 1, 2024. This competition, like so many before, received high-quality proposals eligible for funding. Based on available federal funding, eight projects representing 46 sites will be funded. Fundable applications included 26 returning afterschool and summer sites and 18 newly funded sites. The proposed new sites have an average free and reduced lunch (FRL) rate of approximately 70% and returning sites have an average (FRL) rate of approximately 65% percent.

Due to the amount of available federal funds, four project applications (new and returning applicants) proposing 13 sites could not be supported.

The total base points available for scoring each application was 100 points. A total of 11 experts participated in the review and scoring of applications. The average score for all applications was 84 points, with a final score ranging from a low of 77 to a high of 94.

The Agency of Education worked throughout the spring with all successful applicants to review and approve outstanding grant conditions and to finalize awards. The final list of recipients and proposal summary information follows on the next page.



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Grantee Name	Decision and Score	21C Award amount	Other Supporting Funds*	# Centers Funded	# Key Partners	Grades served	Communities Served
Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union	Met Renewability (21C RFP page 5)- Fund	\$450,641	\$978,307	7	12	K-12	Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Richford, Sheldon
North Country Schools	94 (Fund)	\$560,212	\$611,200	9	7	K-8	Brighton, Charlestown, Coventry, Derby, Jay/Westfield, Lowell, Newport Town, Troy
Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union	93 (Fund with Conditions)	\$608,000	\$451,300	10	12	K-12	(All new) Bennington, Pownal, Woodford, Shaftsbury and Arlington.
Windham Southwest Supervisory Union	91 (Fund)	\$258,277	\$290,962	5	9	K-12	Halifax, Readsboro, Searsburg, Stamford (New), Whitingham, Wilmington
Missisquoi Valley Supervisory Union	90 (Fund)	\$450,000	\$549,963	5	16	1-12	Highgate, Franklin, Swanton
Lamoille South Supervisory Union	83 (Fund with Conditions)	\$99,431	\$99,435	1	5	5-12	Morristown, Morrisville, Elmore
Orleans Central Supervisory Union	81 (Fund with Conditions)	\$643,647	0	6	6	K-8	(all new) Albany, Irasburg, Barton, Brownington, Glover, Orleans,
Two Rivers Supervisory Union	81 (Fund with Conditions)	\$187,880	\$176,420	3	5	K-6	Cavendish (new), Mt. Holly, Ludlow.

*Projected in applications as part of submitted total budgets, does not include meal costs

