



Rhode Island 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Provisional Renewability Policy May 2018

Rationale

The *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) allows a State Education Agency (SEA) to renew 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 shall be used to determine eligibility for renewal [§4205(b)(2)]. The United States Department of Education (US ED) has provided further 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)*, www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcccl/21stccclrenewability.ppt].

Background

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) currently awards 21st CCLC grants for an initial five-year funding period, contingent upon further funding from US ED.

Policy

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is exercising its authority under the renewability provision of ESSA, extending eligible subgrants one time for one year, based on satisfactory performance of the grantee in the previous year. The additional year of the subgrant will be for the same annual funding amount as, and consistent with the terms of, the previous year of the subgrant. RIDE reserves the right to attach additional, reasonable conditions to the funding, at its discretion. US ED has not yet provided complete guidance on the renewability provision of ESSA. Pending further guidance, this policy should be considered provisional.

Procedures

Subgrantees in the fifth year of their 21st CCLC subgrant must submit to RIDE an Annual Plan packet using the same forms (i.e. cover page, assurances affirmation, narrative, budget, and budget narrative) and timelines as are required of other subgrantees in the first through fourth years of their subgrant. Renewability decisions will be based upon:

- Satisfactory review of the Annual Plan submission, including any additional information or clarifications requested by RIDE staff;
- Satisfactory performance on recent state 21st CCLC performance measures and indicators, including progress toward annual objectives; student outcomes, and grant process measures.

No subgrant that is currently under a Corrective Action Plan will be considered for renewal.

Subgrantees will be notified of the status of their renewal and, if approved, a Grant Award Notification shall be provided before the start of the state fiscal year.