



# Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC)

## Grant Renewal and Continuation Policy

Effective Date: February 3, 2020

### I. Policy:

It is the policy of the Montana Office of Public Instruction's (OPI's) 21st CCLC program that because of the vast size and geographical diversity of Montana coupled with the large number of LEA's across the state, Montana will award grants for five-year cycles, but will not authorize a non-competitive renewal upon the completion of the five-year grant under normal circumstances. Any grantee wishing to access funding beyond the five-year award must re-apply through the competitive process.

Once the grantee has received funds through the competitive grant application process for year one, years two through 5 will be awarded based on a non-competitive continuation process. Grants will be awarded at the first year's amount, unless there are extenuating circumstances agreed upon by both the sub-grantee and the OPI to adjust the award amount. The grantee's continuation in years two through five is contingent upon:

1. The grantee's successful submission of a continuation application; AND
2. The grantee not being listed on the OPI fiscal division's "high-risk" status, or if the grantee has been placed on "high risk" status, they have successfully worked with the OPI to put strategies in place to address the issue; AND
3. An on-site or desk monitoring report from the previous year which either:
  - o Contains no findings requiring corrective action documented in a written follow up from the OPI to the grantee; OR
  - o The grantee has rectified any findings documented in the written follow up from the OPI's monitoring and has received documentation from the OPI in writing that OPI agrees with the solutions.

All grantees will be notified through the E-Grants system of their renewal or non-renewal for years two through five.

Grantees failing to stay in compliance with the State and Federal policies and laws are subject to penalties and face possible suspension and final termination of their 21st CCLC grant. Any violations of proper management of the 21st CCLC Grant may require other solutions legally available to the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

- a. on time and complete.
- b. Districts must be in good standing to be eligible to apply for a new 21st CCLC grant award in the following spring.

Complete the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC "Archiving Grant Close-out Check Documents" list (see Attachment A) and return to the OPI according to this policy's deadline.

**II. Exception:**

The Montana OPI does reserve the ability to exercise a non-competitive renewal in the event an annual competition cannot be facilitated. Programs who are considered high quality and are in good standing with the OPI may be granted this exception.

**III. Applicability:**

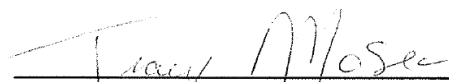
This policy applies to all Montana 21st CCLC programs.

**IV. References:**

ESSA 4203(a)(8)(A)

**V. Attachments:**

None



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