

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Childhood – Afterschool Programs
21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program

Call for Readers – 21st CCLC Cohort 13 Grant

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)-Afterschool Programs Section is seeking qualified grant readers for its upcoming 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) competitive grant application process. We are seeking readers representing a wide variety of education-related stakeholders. Qualified applicants will possess one or more of the following:

- Knowledge of the impact that afterschool learning opportunities have on improving the academic achievement of students;
- Experience in an education-related field;
- Experience working with a variety of community members to forge meaningful partnerships that foster commitment to improving the lives of our youth and their families; and/or
- Previous experience/expertise as a grant reader and/or grant recipient.

Note: Applicants that have applied for the 21st CCLC Cohort 13 grant or are associated with a grant applicant are not eligible to read.

Overview of 21st CCLC Grant Program

The 21st CCLC program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading, science and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

Requirements of Readers:

Readers will read and score their assigned applications:

- August 7-10, 2023
- This will be held at The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozarks.

The readers must also:

- Go read through several resources to prepare for the reading prior to arriving at the event;
- Be available at least two (2) full days during the week selected-priority given to those available the most options;
- Complete a scoring rubric with comprehensive comments for each grant application read; and
- Not be associated with a school district or organization that is applying for the 21st CCLC Cohort 13 grant.

Compensation for Services:

Readers may be paid a daily stipend of \$150 per full day or \$75 per half day of reading. All dinners, mileage and lodging associated with this grant reading will be reimbursed at the approved state rate (readers must first pay expenses, then be reimbursed by DESE after the event). Lodging must be booked by the reader, in which, additional information will be provided, if selected. Lodging will be reimbursed for one night prior to the day of reading; checkout will be on Thursday, August 10. Any cancellations or no-show expenses are at the expense of the reader. Reimbursements will be made once we receive all required paperwork and the grant reading has been completed (this could take approximately 4 weeks). Breakfast, lunch and beverages throughout the day, will be provided daily for all readers at the hotel.

How to apply:

Complete and submit the attached application *with* resume or curriculum vitae by Friday, July 28, 2023 to:

afterschool@dese.mo.gov (put in the subject line: 21st CCLC Grant Reading)

For more information, contact our office at afterschool@dese.mo.gov or 573-526-9761. Applications will be reviewed and readers will be notified of their status no later than Thursday, August 3, 2023.

