

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Public Information Officers

FROM: Laura Bayne
Deputy Superintendent
Division of Strategic Engagement

DATE: January 21, 2026

RE: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Subgrant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2026–27 Request for Proposals for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) subgrant program is now available online. Approximately \$2–3 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis, contingent upon federal funding) and the deadline to apply is **March 23, 2026**.

Eligible applicants include public school districts, community-based organizations, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, and other public or private entities. All applicants must meet the criteria of a joint applicant to be considered for funding. Applicants must propose to establish or expand activities in community learning centers that provide opportunities for academic enrichment and tutorial services; offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities; and offer families of students served opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

SCDE's Office of Student Support (OSS) will offer a pre-application technical assistance webinar via Microsoft Teams on **January 29, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** Please use this [Microsoft Teams link](#) to register for webinar. Participants will be able to log in 15 minutes prior to the start of the session to test their equipment's audio settings. While participation is not mandatory in order to submit an application, it is *highly* recommended.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about the 21st CCLC program, email 21stcclc@ed.sc.gov or contact Joyce Patterson at 803-734-8291, or Amy Bosch at 803-734-8114.