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Grants available for Idaho after-school programs

(BOISE) – The State Department of Education will award about \$1.5 million in five-year grants to operate after-school programs across Idaho starting in the 2018-2019 school year.

Local educational agencies, community-based organizations, tribal organizations and other public and private organizations are eligible to apply for the funds. Grant applications are due by Friday, Jan. 26, 2018.

“These 21st Century Community Learning Centers provide critical support for thousands of Idaho students who would otherwise be idle and unsupervised after school,” said Andrew Fletcher, 21st CCLC and student engagement coordinator for the State Department of Education. “If your school community is committed to providing opportunities for youth to thrive and succeed, I encourage you to explore this program.”

The 21st CCLC program currently funds 102 school sites throughout Idaho, serving about 7,500 students each year. It provides academic enrichment opportunities and a broad array of additional services such as art, music, physical fitness, culture diversity, drug and violence prevention, and youth development activities to students during non-school hours. Funding is available through Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

The State Department of Education will host an eligibility webinar for all those interested in applying for grant funds at 10:30 a.m. MST Friday, Oct. 27. To register for the webinar and upcoming Request for Application (RFA) workshops, visit the State Department of Education website at www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/cclc/index.html.

Regional RFA workshops will be held across the state in November to help applicants understand the process and requirements. The free workshops last from 8 a.m. to noon:

- Tuesday, Nov. 7 – 415 Main St., second floor, Lewiston
- Wednesday, Nov. 8 – Coeur d’Alene; 1000 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d’Alene
- Friday, Nov. 10 – 1303 E. Central Drive, Meridian
- Friday, Nov. 17 – 242 Main Ave., Twin Falls
- Saturday, Nov. 18 – 3115 Pole Line Road, Pocatello

Participants should download the *Application Guidance* and *Scoring Rubric* before attending an RFA workshop.

Applicants seeking additional information can contact Camille McCashland at (208) 332-6960 or cmccashland@sde.idaho.gov.

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