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SDE awards $1.65 million in grants for learning programs beyond school hours

(BOISE) – Eight Idaho school districts and five community organizations will receive grants ranging from $100,000 to $175,000 to provide youth academic and enrichment opportunities through the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program.

“Idaho’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers support schools and communities by keeping students safe and academically engaged beyond regular school hours, helping to reduce achievement gaps and ease families’ child care costs,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “Awarding these grants is an annual highlight for the State Department of Education.”

The five-year 21st CCLC grants are awarded annually through federal Title IV, Part B funding for out-of-school and summer learning programs. This year’s recipients were selected from among 22 eligible applicants and total $1.65 million:

- Upriver Youth Leadership Council $115,000
- Blackfoot School District $168,500
- Gooding Joint District $115,242
- Boys & Girls Club, Magic Valley $115,000
- West Side School District $118,922
- St. Marie’s Joint District $124,469
- Coeur d’Alene School District $175,000
- Lincoln County $141,224
- Treasure Valley YMCA $102,835
- Kendrick Joint School District $119,901
- Wendell School District $142,030
- Plummer-Worley School District $113,519
- Boys & Girls Club, Nampa $100,000
The SDE anticipates hosting multiple Request for Applications (RFA) virtual workshops for next year’s grant competition in November 2021. Workshop dates and times will be made available on the department’s events page online during the month of October 2021.

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