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Community Learning Center grants support after-school learning

MADISON — With the new school year approaching, students at 41 sites around the state will have organized after-school programming thanks to federal 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) grants awarded for the 2017-18 school year.

Earlier this summer, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction awarded \$5.2 million in grants which can renew for five years. The 41 sites receiving funds were among a pool of 108 that requested more than \$13 million through the competitive grant program. Including sites funded with 2017-18 competitive grants, students will have access to 210 after-school programs funded by the state's \$17 million CLC grant.

Community Learning Centers are designed to improve student achievement, attendance, and behaviors by providing enriching academic activities for youth during out-of-school hours. Programs are often aligned with day school activities to provide comprehensive support for student learning. Students in the program also participate in a wide range of youth development activities designed to provide experiences and learning opportunities that may not be available otherwise. Activities may include tutoring, service learning, arts and music, drug and violence prevention, financial literacy, credit recovery, apprenticeships, environmental literacy, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). In addition to services to students, CLC sites provide adult family members with activities that promote engagement in their children's education and individual skill development through adult learning and parental skill building.

"When school is not in session, our kids need supervised activities that help them stay active, become better citizens, and solidify the knowledge and skills they learn in the classroom," said State Superintendent Tony Evers.

"The 21st Century Community Learning Center program has proven successful in communities throughout Wisconsin. I am optimistic that Congress will reauthorize the program so future students are able to benefit from the opportunities the CLC program provides."

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Recent estimates indicate approximately 42,000 students received services through CLC programs during the 2016-17 school year. On average, students spend 13 hours per week at a Community Learning Center, which is equal to approximately 56 additional school days. A student who attends a CLC program every day in a typical week receives nearly four hours of academic enrichment, three hours of youth development opportunities, three hours of homework assistance, and three hours of physical activity.

In addition to the quality services provided by the programs, Community Learning Centers are a bridge between schools and communities. A variety of community partners, ranging from local law enforcement and businesses to other youth serving agencies or government entities, work with schools in support of after-school programs contributing financial support and services. These partnerships provide valuable resources and opportunities for participants that are often inaccessible under ordinary circumstances.

Administered by the DPI, funding in this most recent competition was awarded to community learning centers that serve schools that are Title I eligible, meaning they serve large numbers or large percentages of children from low-income families. Schools also serve students who demonstrate a variety of academic and social emotional needs.

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NOTES: A list of 2017-18 grant competition awards to public school districts, charter schools, and community based organizations operating 21st Century Community Learning Centers follows. A complete list of the state's CLC sites is available on the department's Community Learning Center website at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sspw/clc.html>. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_69.pdf.

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants

2017-18 Competition Results

Beloit School District

McNeel Intermediate School, \$130,000
Todd Elementary School, \$130,000

Berlin Area School District

Clay Lambertson Elementary School, \$145,000

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee

Early View Academy of Excellence, \$115,000
St. Joseph Academy, \$145,000

Fond du Lac School District

Chegwin Elementary School, \$130,000

Green Bay Area Public Schools

Danz Elementary School, \$145,000
Howe Elementary School, \$145,000
Nicolet Elementary School, \$145,000
Sullivan Elementary School, \$145,000
Tank Elementary School, \$145,000

Hillsboro School District

Hillsboro Elementary School, \$115,000

Madison Metropolitan School District

Frank Allis Elementary School, \$115,000
Glendale Elementary School, \$115,000
James C. Wright Middle School, \$100,000
Lindbergh Elementary School, \$100,000
Nuestro Mundo Community School, \$115,000

Marshfield Unified School District

Madison Elementary School, \$130,000

Merrill Area School District

Jefferson Elementary School, \$115,000

Milwaukee Public Schools

Carson Academy School, \$145,000
Clarke Street Elementary School, \$145,000

Doefler Elementary School, \$130,000
Eighty-First Street Elementary School, \$145,000
Fifty-Third Street Elementary School, \$145,000
Greenfield Bilingual Elementary School, \$145,000
Hopkins Lloyd Community School, \$130,000
North Division High School, \$145,000
Vieau Elementary School, \$130,000
Wedgewood Park Middle School, \$145,000
Westside Academy Elementary School, \$130,000

Necedah Area School District

Necedah Elementary School, \$130,000

Racine Unified School District

Dr. Jones Elementary School, \$130,000
Julian Thomas Elementary School, \$145,000
Mitchell Middle School, \$130,000
Roosevelt Elementary School, \$130,000

Sheboygan Area School District

Jefferson Elementary School, \$145,000

Siren School District

Siren Elementary School, \$100,000

Spooner Area School District

Spooner Middle School, \$100,000

Sun Prairie Area School District

Westside Elementary School, \$100,000

United Way of Racine County

Knapp Elementary School, \$130,000

Wauzeka-Steuben School District

Wauzeka-Steuben Elementary School, \$80,000

NOTES: For a list of all currently funded programs, visit the department's [Community Learning Center website](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sspw/clc.html)
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