

FY24 21st CCLC and LEAPs Request for Applications Overview and Regional Meetings

The Tennessee Department of Education is requesting applications for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant (21st CCLC) and the Lottery for Education: Afterschool Programs (LEAPs) grant.

The overarching goal of the 21st CCLC program is to provide students—particularly students who attend schools in need of improvement—with academic enrichment opportunities and support services to help them meet state and local standards in the core content areas.

The overall goal of LEAPs is to provide Tennessee students with academic enrichment opportunities that reinforce and complement the regular academic program.

Eligible Applicants

School districts, community-based and faith-based organizations, and other public or private organizations proposing to serve students in Tennessee are eligible to apply for funding.

Public and Not-for-Profit Organizations that provide, or propose to provide, afterschool educational programs within Tennessee may apply for these funds.

Organizations that have not previously received grants from— or provided contractual services on behalf of—the State of Tennessee will be required to verify their ability to administer grant programs before being considered for funding.

In-person, regional technical assistance meetings will be held in the following locations:

- Feb. 21, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CT – 900 East Main St, Brownsville, TN 38012
- Feb. 22, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CT – 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087
- Feb. 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ET – 1801 Downtown West Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37917

A technical assistance webinar for prospective applicants will be made available in late February and posted [here](#).

The 21st CCLC grant is awarded for five years based on a competitive application process. The LEAPs grant is awarded for three years on a competitive bases. Both applications must be completed online through the department's grants management system, [ePlan](#), by **April 14, 2023, 11:59 p.m. CT**; paper applications will not be accepted. A separate notification will be provided when the application is available in ePlan.