**Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers External Organization Partnership Listing Overview**

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCPDI) Office of Federal Programs is pleased to announce the opportunity for nonprofit organizations to submit an external organization profile to be recognized as a prescreened external provider. External organizations can aid subgrantees in carrying out program activities. By NCDPI collecting, screening, and publishing a list of external community organizations that have expressed interest, the potential for partnerships with current and future 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLCs) is more easily realized.

External organizations as defined by (Section 4201(b)(4)) are nonprofit organizations with a record of success in running or working with before and after-school programs and activities (or those that operate during school breaks); or, in the case of a community where there is no such organization, a nonprofit organization in the community that enters into a written agreement or partnership with an organization with a record of success to receive mentoring and guidance in running or working with before- and after-school programs and activities (or those that operate during school breaks). (Section 4203(a)(11)). (Section 4201(b)(4)).

In accordance with Title IV, Part B, 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), NCDPI is required to provide a list of prescreened external organizations. (Section 4203(1)(11).

**REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION**

To meet the criteria for the minimum “record of success” needed to qualify, each organization completing the profile must verify it has accomplished all of the following:

1. Operates as a nonprofit in good standing in North Carolina.
2. Is not currently on the suspension or debarment list for the State or Federal government (federal list, <https://www.sam.gov>; NC list: <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/PandC/actions.asp>); and
3. Has a minimum of five years of experience operating or delivering services to out-of-school time programs in North Carolina.

If an organization meets all the requirements above, it is eligible to complete the External Organization Profile (EOP).

**HOW TO SUBMIT AN EXTERAL ORGANIATION PROFILE**

Any organization that meets the requirement for inclusion may submit an External Organization Profile (via Microsoft Forms link) by Wednesday, July 19, 2023, by 5pm EST.

* Applicants will be notified (via email) of their status within 30 days of the survey closing.
* The prescreened list will be posted on the Department’s 21st CCLC webpage by Tuesday, August 14, 2023, by 5pm EST.

**DISCLAIMERS**

* Any external organization that meets and maintains the criteria outlined above, completes all sections in the survey, and submits by the deadline, will be included on the Prescreened External Organizations list for at least a two-year period. The list will be maintained on the NCDPI website for the 21st CCLC Program, located at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/federal-program-monitoring/title-iv-part-b-21st-century-community-learning-centers>.
* No funding is directly associated with completion of this profile nor for inclusion on the Prescreened External Organizations list.
* Completion of this profile or inclusion on the Prescreened External Organizations list **will not result in a contract with NCDPI.**
* The NCDPI's inclusion of an organization on the eligible provider list **is not an endorsement of the organization, nor is it a certification of the quality of activities provided by the organizations**. Inclusion on the list is solely verification that the organization has successfully completed the external organization prescreening process.
* The NCDPI reserves the right to omit any organization from the list for failure to complete the profile in its entirety.
* The NCDPI reserves the right to remove an organization from the list when it fails to meet the minimum record of success.
* The NCDPI does not guarantee the number of referrals or contracts, if any, which may result for any organizations on the Prescreened External Organizations list.
* Once submitted, all information provided by an external organization in response to this profile solicitation is considered public information and must be shared upon request, except as may be exempted from public records disclosure by NC General Statute, Chapter 132, 1.1-1.2.
* The NCDPI is not responsible for any technical difficulty the organization may experience during the completion of the survey submission.