

21st CCLC FY23 Competitive Summer Mini-Grant FAQ

What do RFP, CCIP, and FY23 mean?

RFP: Request for Proposal

CCIP: Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan is a unified grants application and verification system used by NCDPI to collect funding application materials.

FY23: Fiscal Year 2023

Where can the RFP be located?

<https://ccip.schools.nc.gov/documentlibrary/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentKey=398954&inline=true>

When will applicants be notified of award status?

All applicants will be notified within a few days after the State Board of Education approves recommended applications.

Can we apply for SMG 23 if we plan to apply for a (tentative) 2023-2024 Cohort 17? Will this affect priority consideration?

Yes, you can apply; this will not affect priority consideration for the 21st CCLC Cohort 17 application that is tentatively scheduled to open in January 2024 to fund programs for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our current 21st CCLC grant does not include summer programming. Can we apply for the FY23 Summer Mini-Grant?

Yes, applicants who currently hold a 21st CCLC grant are eligible to apply for the 21st CCLC FY23 Competitive Summer Mini-Grant Program if new programming to expand services to a population not currently served is proposed and these expanded services are not currently funded by the existing 21st CCLC program.

If we plan to use FY23 Summer Mini-Grant funds to expand to different schools not served in our current 21st CCLC program, can we serve some of the students already served in our current program?

No, current 21st CCLC grantees must propose new programming targeting students not currently served by the existing 21st CCLC program. Only the students in those different schools not served by the current 21st CCLC program could be served.

We currently run 21st CCLC programming for four elementary schools, all of which are Title I. We would like to add summer programming for two middle schools. Neither middle school is Title I, although they are 45% and 39% FRL. Both middle schools are TSI. Could we apply for the summer grant to expand 21st CCLC programming to the two middle schools?

Yes, if 51% of students served through the 21st CCLC FY23 Summer Mini-Grant are from Title I eligible schools. Schools in which children from low-income families make up at least 40 percent of enrollment are eligible to use Title I funds.

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Can we apply for funding for two summer programs run by the same organization in the different service areas our organization serves?

Yes, each program center would be considered a site under a single 21st CCLC FY23 Summer Mini-Grant. Fiscal agents cannot apply for more than one 21st CCLC FY23 Summer Mini Grant.

If a PSU submits a joint application with another organization, who holds the accounting function? Which entity submits the application and budget in CCIP?

It is up to the PSU and the organization to determine which organization/and or individual will act as the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent would submit the application and budget in CCIP. However, some related documents would need to be submitted by both parties.

Can we apply for a Summer Mini-Grant if we are receiving ELISS funds?

Applicants currently receiving ELISS funds can only apply for the 21st CCLC FY23 Summer Mini-Grant if they are expanding their services to additional feeder schools and targeted students not currently served by ELISS funds.

Are programs excluded from applying if they charge any fee to participants (for example - \$10/week for day camp)?

Programs that charge fees are not excluded from applying. However, fees of any kind cannot be collected during the funding period of the 21st CCLC FY23 Summer Mini-Grant. Additionally, subgrantees may not charge late fees to caregivers who arrive after a program's scheduled end time to pick up their student(s).

Is six weeks the maximum duration for a program, or could a program be offered for additional weeks?

Programming can be offered for more than six weeks if other funding sources will help supplement and/or if the organization feels the funding being requested can support more than six weeks of programming.

Do all students enrolled in the 21st CCLC Summer Mini Grant Program have to be served for the entirety of the program?

Yes, to maximize the potential impact on student achievement and overall success, programs should make every attempt to promote regular attendance of the same students served each day of operation.

If we plan to operate more than one site, does each site have to meet the enrollment goal?

No, enrollment is counted as the total number of students across all sites.

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Can 21st CCLC summer programs enroll rising Kindergarten students?

No. In North Carolina, Pre-K students are not eligible to be served by 21st CCLC Programs, including the FY23 Competitive Summer Mini-Grant Program. This restriction also applies to rising kindergarteners during the summer.

If a program opens at 7:30 and schedules breakfast from 8:30-9:00, would we still be eligible for the priority points? There will still be structured activities before and after breakfast.

Yes, in this scenario, structured programming would occur from 7:30-8:30 am. Structured programming must be at least one (1) full hour before 9 am to qualify as extended program hours. Additionally, to qualify for extended hours, applicants must propose to operate a summer program for at least 32 hours per week for a minimum of 5 weeks.

To receive the 4th priority point, a program must be open the majority of Saturdays/Sundays over the summer. For an 8-week program, would five operating Saturdays qualify as the "majority" of the program?

Yes, a majority is considered 51% of the weeks a program operates. Therefore, 5 out of 8 weeks would qualify as the majority.

If a program offers over 100 different enrichment opportunities during the afternoons, do all of the activities need to be listed specifically in the grant application?

No, individual activities can be categorized into a broader list, such as STEM, arts, and social-emotional activities.

If each site plans to utilize the same schedule, do multiple copies of the same schedule need to be uploaded for each site?

No. For all sites using the same schedule, a note indicating all sites will follow the same schedule would be sufficient.

What type of documentation will be needed for collaboration with feeder schools?

Collaboration with feeder schools can be documented in several ways, including, but not limited to, formal dated meeting notes and agendas and email correspondence between feeder schools and grant recipients.

How do we determine our service area for private schools?

Consult the NC Private Schools list that is linked below and determine which, if any, schools are in your service area. If they are within your service area, then you will need to complete the private school consultation paperwork.

[NC Private Schools list](#)

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If an LEA already completed private school consultation for Title I and other federal funds, do we need to complete an additional consultation specifically for this opportunity?

Yes, if your recent consultation with private schools did not include information for the FY23 Summer Mini-Grant.

How often can we request reimbursements?

Subgrantees can request reimbursement as soon as business services processes the previous reimbursement.

Can a subgrantee be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to April 12, 2023, as long as the expenses are submitted after April 12, 2023?

No, expenditures should only occur after April 12th and once you have been awarded the grant.

What is the allowed food cost for programs?

The allowable food cost for a program that operates four hours or less is \$0.96 per student per day. If a program operates longer than four hours, each student can be provided two \$0.96 snacks per day. The cost of lunch is only covered in the case of a field trip and cannot exceed \$5.00 per student.

Is there an evaluation at the end of the grant period?

Yes, at the end of the summer grant-funded period, grant recipients will be required to report (a) data regarding the breadth and quality of their program's implementation and (b) data indicating the impact of their summer programming on its participants.

Is an external evaluation required?

No, programs are welcome to use an external evaluator, but it is not required. All evaluation work can be completed internally.

Is an external evaluator an allowable expense?

Yes. Using the services of an external evaluator is an allowable expense. However, the grant funds for an external evaluation must not exceed an amount equal to 15% of the total grant award.

We use an external evaluator (university research team) to evaluate the impact on reading and social-emotional health. Their formal reports are not made available to us until 9/30. Does this exclude us from participating?

No. The organization can still apply for the Summer Mini Grant. However, all subgrantees must submit a 21st CCLC Summer Mini-Grant Implementation and Outcomes Report on or before August 31, 2023. Program implementation reporting will require subgrantees to report the number of students served, frequency/duration of services students received, eligibility of participants, and other measures as determined by the NCDPI. In addition, grantees will be required to report data that align with the proposed academic and enrichment performance measures identified in your application. Thus, it will be important to work in collaboration with your external evaluator(s) to determine a data collection/reporting plan that enables your organization to provide a summary of your Summer Mini-Grant program's outcome data results on or before August 31, 2023.