



21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program

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Renewability of Awards
Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)





Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Renewability

Section 4204(j) of the ESEA authorizes SEAs to *renew* subgrants awarded to eligible entities under ESSA, “based on the eligible entity’s performance during the preceding subgrant period.”

- Based on the plain meaning of the language of this provision, SEAs have discretion to renew subgrants that they award to eligible entities under ESSA, provided that the eligible entity’s performance under the preceding subgrant was satisfactory.
- Under section 312 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2016, the provisions of ESSA apply to 21st CCLC program subgrants awarded during the 2017-18 school year and later years. Therefore, SEAs may *renew* 21st CCLC program subgrants awarded on or after July 1, 2017.



Implementation of section 4204(j)

- Under the *orderly transition authority of ESSA*, ED authorizes SEAs to renew subgrants awarded under the ESEA, as amended by NCLB prior to July 1, 2017.
 - Limitation: Renew current subgrants one time for one to five years, consistent with the terms of the original subgrant's performance period.

Example: If a grant has an original performance period of 3 years, that grant may be renewed up to an additional 3 years, not to exceed a total of 6 years.



Implementation of section 4204(j)

- This action –
 - Responds to SEAs' requests for renewability or extension of current subgrants.
 - Allows SEAs more time to prepare for new competitions under ESSA.
 - Minimizes the disruption to local projects if the program is not funded in FY 2018.
 - Provides current subgrantees an opportunity to continue to provide services to students in the community for an additional period of time.
 - Does not preclude SEAs from conducting subgrant competitions in school year 2017-18 or in future years.



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- Suggestions for effective implementation:
 - SEAs establish clear and consistent renewability guidance/criteria/processes that are communicated to all subgrantees and potential applicants.
 - SEAs document the justifications for approval (or not) of renewals.
 - SEAs share renewability policy guidance with subgrantees and potential applicants, as appropriate and in a timely manner.



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Next steps

- Slides from this presentation placed on 21st CCLC website under FAQ section:
 - <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/faq.html>
- FAQs related to renewability will be posted in approximately 30 days on the FAQ section of the 21st CCLC website (see web address above). FAQs may include additional limitations and/or technical assistance related to implementation of renewability.
- SEAs should submit questions related to implementation of renewability to Valerie Randall at valerie.randall@ed.gov no later than **June 26, 2017**.
- FAQs related to renewability will be updated, as needed after initial FAQs are posted.



Questions

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