

Title IV: Part B
21st Century Community Learning Centers

Continuation/Renewability Procedure

Continuations:

Missouri 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) awards cannot exceed five years. At the conclusion of a competitive grant application process and a peer review process, DESE will make first year awards to successful applicants with (4) four subsequent one-year continuations to successful subgrantees. Awards may be continued pending availability of funds, successful completion of all deliverables/requirements, attendance levels, quality of program and program performance, submission of complete and accurate end-of-year reports, submission of an approved continuation form, and any additional information identified by the DESE. Continuation reports are typically available in February/March and due March/April.

Renewability:

Section 4204 (j) of Title IV, Part B – 21st Century Community Learning Centers states: “Renewability of Awards – A State education agency *may* renew a subgrant provided under this part to an eligible entity, based on the eligible entity’s performance during the preceding subgrant period.”

Please note “renewability” is not the same as “continuation” noted above. Renewability could allow for current *successful* subgrantees to continue with their existing grant award (one-time offer) after the conclusion of year 5 for a number of years as determined by DESE. However, Missouri has chosen not to make renewability available to current 21st CCLC subgrantees for the following reasons as determined by the Extended Learning Section of DESE:

- Renewability to current subgrantees may not always be possible for every existing cohort completing its 5-year grant cycle (depending on available funds), thus, making it unfair/hardship for one or more cohorts at any given time to receive renewability when not all cohorts would probably have the opportunity
- Renewability would impede any further efforts in geographically distributing funds
- Renewability would limit or possibly eliminate grant competitions for extensive periods of time, therefore, hindering any new programs from competitively pursuing 21st CCLC funds and therefore most likely never starting a program
- Could further hamper funding to rural communities in need without a competitive application process if funding opportunities were not made available