

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER APPLICATION FOR BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We have an exciting opportunity to share with you! Please be on the lookout for a short survey that will be both online and sent home with students to get your feedback on this upcoming project! 😊

Booker T. Washington Elementary School in collaboration with the Capital School District will be applying for a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant through the Delaware Department of Education. The program will support the following areas:

- Provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools
- Offer students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs
- Help students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math
- Offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children

The Delaware Department of Education manages statewide competitions and awards sub-grants to eligible entities. For this program, "eligible entity" means a local education agency (LEA), community-based organization, another public or private entity, or, ideally, a consortium of two or more of such agencies, organizations, or entities. States must give priority to applications that are jointly submitted by an LEA and a community-based organization or other public or private entity. Consistent with this definition of eligible entities, faith-based organizations are eligible to participate in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.

Sub grant awards for 21CCLC programs are for a period of 3 to 5 years. Sub-grantees must primarily serve students who attend schools that are eligible as Title I schoolwide programs (40% or higher poverty level, based on the Expanded Poverty definition). Sub-grantees must offer opportunities for families to actively and meaningfully engage in their children's education. (A component of this may include family member and caregiver literacy programs). Sub-grantees are required to submit a "Sustainability Plan" describing how the community learning center will continue after 21st CCLC funding ends.

Please go to the following site for additional information on the grant application <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/1058>. Contact Dr. Paige Morgan (paige.morgan@capital.k12.de.us) or Mr. Eugene Montano (Eugene.Montano@capital.k12.de.us) for additional information.