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## **\$5.3 Million Awarded to School Districts through 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grants**

*COLUMBIA – Today, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Mick Zais announced that \$5.3 million in 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grants have been awarded to 19 districts to establish afterschool programs this school year.*

“What we know is that each child learns differently and afterschool programs like these provide a safe, structured environment for children to grow academically,” said Zais. “These grants will support programs serving approximately 3,000 students in 40 schools across South Carolina.”

Each sub-grantee will receive up to \$200,000 annually for up to four years to operate a community learning center that provides a multitude of academic and enrichment activities to students before and after school, and during the summer. These federally funded grants, authorized under No Child Left Behind, are awarded through a competitive process.

The names of grant winners can be viewed in the PDF attached to this release.

The South Carolina Department of Education has additional funds from the U.S. Department of Education, approximately \$3 million, to award to other organizations interested in establishing afterschool programs, beginning in January 2015. Eligible applicants include public school districts, individual public schools, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, government agencies, and other public or private organizations.

Individuals interested in learning more about this grant opportunity are encouraged to participate in the 21st CCLC Technical Assistance Webinar on Friday, September 5, at 10:00 a.m. To register for the Webinar, visit <https://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=16797&newtest=Y&lang=en>.

We have posted more information about the 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs on our website at <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/1/>.

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