

**FY24 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers  
Competitive Summer Enhancement Grant Program**

**FY24 BSCA 21st CCLC Competitive Summer Enhancement Grant Program Overview**

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) opened CCIP on September 14, 2023, through October 31, 2023, to accept applications for the FY24 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Competitive Summer Enhancement Grant (SEG) Program.

Eleven applications from seven State Board of Education (SBE) Regions were received and reviewed. No applications were received from Region 7. The applications received and reviewed are listed in Table I.

**Table I: Applications reviewed for the FY24 BSCA 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC SEG Competition**

Applicant #	Applicant Name	Region	County
'13C'	A.C.E. Academy	6	Cabarrus
'E07'	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater High Point	5	Guilford
'C66'	Caring and Sharing Inc.	4	Bladen
'A39'	Communities in Schools Cape Fear	2	New Hanover
'F03'	Delta House Life Development of Asheville	8	Buncombe
'41M'	Next Generation Academy	5	Guilford
'C14'	Operation Xcel	5	Guilford
'C26'	Partners In Ministry	4	Scotland
'C33'	ROC Inc.	4	Richmond
'C61'	TRAC Educational Services Group	1	Pitt
'C33'	Wilson Youth United, Inc. dba the SPOT	3	Wilson

Nine applications across six SBE Regions met the minimum Quality Band<sup>1</sup> threshold recommended for funding for a proposed total award\* of \$839,557.00. The applicants recommended for funding are listed in Table II.

**Table II. Applications Recommended for Funding**

Applicant #	Applicant Name	Region	Final Score	Funding Amount
'C61'	TRAC Educational Services Group	1	72.67	\$75,000
'C33'	Wilson Youth United, Inc. dba the SPOT	3	70.00	\$111,000
'C66'	Caring and Sharing Inc.	4	75.33	\$119,900
'C26'	Partners In Ministry	4	75.00	\$150,000
'E07'	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater High Point	5	75.00	\$110,462
'41M'	Next Generation Academy	5	65.00	\$73,195
'C14'	Operation Xcel	5	60.67	\$75,000
'13C'	A.C.E. Academy	6	54.67	\$50,000
'F03'	Delta House Life Development of Asheville	8	77.67	\$75,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING</b>				<b>\$839,557</b>

<sup>1</sup> The NC State Board of Education Policy CNTR-001: Competitive/Discretionary Grant Proposal Review Process requires that grant proposals be included in one of five quality band categories: Excellent, Strong, Average, Weak, Unacceptable. Applications must fall into one of the following quality bands: Excellent (76-90), Strong (61-75), or Average (47-60) to be considered for funding. Applications that fall into quality band Weak (36-46) or Unacceptable (35 or below) will not be considered for funding regardless of the SBE Region (RFP: FY24 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act 21st CCLC Competitive Summer Enhancement Grant Program, pg. 10).

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*\* Final award amounts may be adjusted somewhat after a budget review with the NCDPI Office of Federal Programs.*

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In alignment with the United States Department of Education guidance for BSCA funds, the FY24 BSCA 21st CCLC Competitive SEG Program’s purpose was to fund summer intensive programs designed to improve students’ access to innovative learning strategies that focus on reducing chronic absenteeism and increasing student engagement in learning. Thus, NCDPI identified five program focus areas of which applicants could propose to operate one or more in 2- or 3-week summer intensive schedules.

- Kindergarten transition for rising kindergarteners (PreK students). \*\*
- 5th grade to 6th grade transition for rising 6th grade students.
- 8th to 9th grade transition for rising 9th grade students.
- Intensive tutoring previewing upcoming school year learning standards and/or credit recovery programs.
- Comprehensive mental health supports (e.g., hiring certified, professional mental health staff to support students in developing social and emotional skills).

*\*\* Only PSUs were eligible to implement a Kindergarten Transition program.*

The nine applicants recommended for funding proposed to serve a total of 625 students in 2- or 3-week intensive summer sessions. A summary profile of the number of applicants by programming focus type is listed in Table III.

**Table III. Profile Summary of Recommended Applications**

SBE Region	Number of Applications Recommended	No. of Students to be Served	Kindergarten Transition**	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transitions	8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transitions	Intensive Tutoring	Mental Health Supports
1	1	55	0	1	0	1	1
3	1	85	0	1	1	0	1
4	2	179	0	1	1	2	1
5	3	205	0	0	2	3	2
6	1	48	0	0	1	0	0
8	1	50	0	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>

Of the 11 applicants that submitted a proposal, two were charter schools, 8 were community-based nonprofits, and one was a community-based for-profit. No traditional Public School Units submitted an application for the FY24 BSCA 21st CCLC SEG Program.

One application uploaded to CCIP could not be opened and viewed for review, and another application scored in the Unacceptable Quality Band. The two applications not recommended for funding are listed in Table IV.

**Table IV. Applications Not Recommended for Funding**

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<b>Applicant #</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Final Score</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>
'A39'	Communities in Schools of Cape Fear	2	0.00	\$150,000
'F06'	ROC, Inc	4	34.00	\$130,000