WHAT’S NEW FOR THE FY17 APPLICATION?

1) Include the Before you Apply information checklist with your application

**BEFORE YOU APPLY**

These steps should be completed **before** you begin writing your application. Please **submit this form with your application**

2) **A Sustainability Plan Template is provided** with the application materials.

3) In addition, we **expanded the page limit from 3-4 pages for the Management Plan** (which always included sustainability). However, given the importance of ongoing development of your sustainability plan, we have made it a more distinct part of the Management Plan.

   Management and Sustainability Plan (20) – maximum 4 pages

Please see Appendix H for a Sustainability Plan Template to serve as a framework for your sustainability plan required in the proposal.

4) **Consultations need to take place in Sept or Oct.**

   The required form included in Appendix A provides a template for outreach and documentation of consultation with non-public entities. Meaningful consultation provides a genuine opportunity for all parties to express their views, to have their views seriously considered, and to discuss viable options for ensuring equitable participation of private school students, teachers, and other education personnel. Adequate notice of such consultation is critical in ensuring meaningful consultation and the likelihood that those involved will be well prepared with the necessary information and data for decision-making. **Consultations should take place in Sept or Oct.**

Note: This is required by federal statute. You may be asked to provide the names, dates, and contact information related to this consultation if there are any questions about timeliness or completeness.

5) **Iowa 21st Century programs are for K-12.** ESSA STATES we MUST: `(i) reinforce and complement the regular academic programs of the schools attended by the students served; and `(ii) are targeted to the students' academic needs and aligned with the instruction students receive during the school day;
Early Childhood receives 2.8 billion nationally in federal funding - 21st CCLC only 1.1 billion and must serve K-12. Funding pre-K programs could be supplanting.

21st Century funded programs operated in a school are categorically exempt and not considered child care.

However, programs seeking child care assistance must be licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services.

NOTE: ALL program staff and volunteers are subject to the health screening and fingerprint clearance requirements in law, DOE rule and district policy for personnel and volunteers in the school district.

6) New activities ADDED by ESSA:

**Activities should be aligned to federal guidelines and include many of the following components based on a local student needs assessment:**

1. Remedial education activities and academic enrichment learning programs, including those which provide additional assistance to students to allow the students to improve their academic achievement;
2. Literacy Activities;
3. Mathematics and Science education (STEM) and Computer Science activities;

7) Priority Points - we are now using the Iowa School Report Card as the criteria to determine which applicants will receive priority points. [http://reports.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard](http://reports.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard)

applicant agencies that serve students in schools designated “Needs Improvement” or “Priority” on the Iowa School Report Card and/or are doing so jointly as a collaboration between the school building(s) receiving Title I funds and other community-based organizations or public or private organizations will receive competitive priority in this application process.

8) More guidance for community group applicants:

**Guidance for Community Group Applicants**
Community groups seeking a secondary application must be endorsed by the school district administration. The host district must approve your remediation plans for their students. An MOU can provide this documentation. Community groups applying for the 21CCLC grant should have a pre-application meeting with school administrators. The grant proposal should address which schools the community group will be partnering with or serving in the budget forms, even if the schools are not where the program occurs. The name of the school(s) and principal(s) who will sign the assurance agreement should also be listed. Iowa has a financial capacity check for all non-school applicants (see page 26, Error! Reference source not found.). Community groups with over $750,000 in federal awards are required to annually submit the required single audit report to the Iowa Department of Education.
9) **FINANCIAL:** In accordance with the Federal Fiscal Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA), all grant recipients must have a valid DUNS number.

DUNS NUMBER- The application requires the Finance Person include a DUNS number. If you are a community group without a DUNS, you can apply for one online.

- To obtain a DUNS number, go to [http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/](http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/)

Enter the DUNS above the Fiscal Contact (your finance person may already have this number)

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