

Federal Competitive Grant Funding

Programmatic Grants

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant supports the creation of community learning centers to provide academic enrichment opportunities outside of the regular school day for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. Funds are distributed to State Education Agencies, which are tasked with holding grant competitions for high-need Local Education Agencies.

Allowable grant activities include:

- Afterschool programming
- Summer programming
- Enrichment activities to complement regular academic programs
- Youth development
- Service learning
- Family engagement and education

Leader in Me aligns with the allowable activities listed above. This grant can fund the *Leader in Me* Extended Learning Time offering, to support afterschool and summer learning opportunities, and The 7 Habits for Highly Effective Families® workshop and materials to support family engagement and education.

- Full-Service Community Schools

Full-Service Community Schools grants provide support for the planning, implementation, and operation of full-service community schools that improve the coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families, particularly for children attending high-poverty schools, including high-poverty rural schools. Full-Service Community Schools are based on four foundational pillars:

1. Integrated student supports
2. Expanded and Enriched Learning Times and Opportunities
3. Active Family and Community Engagement
4. Collaborative Leadership and Practices

Leader in Me components align with all four of the pillars. Therefore, the full *Leader in Me* implementation, Extended Learning Time, professional development workshops, and family engagement can all be included in a Full-Service Community Schools grant program.

- Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: Stronger Connections

In 2022, \$1B in funding was approved by the federal government to help schools establish safe, healthy, and supportive learning opportunities and environments for students. Funds were distributed to State Education Agencies, which were tasked with holding grant competitions for high-need Local Education Agencies in their states.

Allowable grant activities may include a wide variety of activities designed to meet students' physical, social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs and improve school safety and climate, such as:

- social and emotional development and academic growth, including interventions that support positive relationships, resilience, self-control, empathy, persistence, and other aspects of positive social and emotional well-being
- improving instructional practices for developing relationship-building skills, such as effective communication, and improving safety through the recognition and prevention of coercion, violence, or abuse, including teen and dating violence, stalking, domestic abuse, and sexual violence and harassment

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- Magnet School Assistance Program

The Magnet School Assistance Program grant helps school districts establish and operate magnet schools, with special curricula, to attract a diverse group of students and desegregate public schools.

Leader in Me aligns with the allowable activities of the grant through innovative educational methods and practices that promote diversity and increase choices in public educational programs. *Leader in Me* started at a Magnet School, and is often incorporated into Magnet Schools' programming, to create Leadership Academies. The full PK–12 *Leader in Me* process, Extended Learning Time, family engagement, and staff training can all be included in Magnet School applications.