



Quitman County PreK-12 School

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Notice of Intent to Apply

Quitman County School District will submit an FY25 Request for Proposal (RFP) to apply for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program grant. Quitman County is a small rural county struggling to provide its children a quality education and enriched cultural experiences. School administrators are hoping to provide students opportunities to participate in expanded cultural, educational, and social experiences through an afterschool and summer program. The program will focus on 135 kindergarten through twelfth grade students who are identified as needing academic and/or cultural enrichment. Of the 135 target students, 35 will be special education students.

Quitman County students need an opportunity to participate in enrichment programs that will broaden their experiences and increase opportunities for growth. Negative community factors impact students and provide challenges for the school. Quitman County's depressed economic growth, declining population, minimal education level of many adults, and the fact that 100% of the students qualify for free lunches, classifies it as a High Need School System. This is more than twice the state designation of a high poverty school which is 42%. Quitman County children need academic, social and cultural enrichment that an afterschool and summer program can help address.

The K-12 program will operate 4 days a week (Monday – Thursday) for 3 hours per day (12 hours a week) for 34 weeks. The summer program will operate 5 days a week (Monday - Friday) for 22.5 hours per week during the month of June with one day per week designated for field trips. Both the regular school year and summer program will focus on academic enrichment and remediation in Literacy and Math, test preparation for the GA Milestones Test, and student enrichment using project-based learning activities utilizing STEM activities, LEGO, and Robotics. The Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC grant will provide cultural, social, and physical experiences for students that will be broadened through educational field trips; physical activities such as kickball, swimming, and karate; arts and crafts, and dancing activities.