



HUNDREDS OF POLICE CHIEFS, SHERIFFS, PROSECUTORS,
OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS, AND VIOLENCE
SURVIVORS PREVENTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE

**More After-School Funding Available—
Must Apply by March 12**
***“21st Century” Program Provides \$70 Million for CBOs and Schools,
High School and Younger Students***

Although Proposition 49 state after-school grants have been awarded, CBOs and schools now have the opportunity to apply for tens of millions of dollars in new freed-up federal “21st Century” funding. Here are some basic facts about this new funding:

- **\$70 million available**, including approximately \$35 million for programs serving high school students, \$28 million for programs serving elementary or middle school students, and \$7 million for companion grants for elementary, middle or high school programs to provide family literacy services and equitable access.
- **Opportunity for CBOs to apply directly for program funding.** Unlike with Proposition 49, CBOs (as well as schools) can be fiscal agents. While collaboration with schools and school districts or county offices of education is not required, applications demonstrating such collaboration will receive higher priority. Programs may be operated on or off school grounds.
- **Includes programs serving high school students.** Although not covered by Prop. 49, high school programs are eligible for funding through the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program. Each program may receive a five-year grant of up to \$250,000 per year per site. Longer-term funding is possible because grants for high school programs that meet attendance goals can be extended. For success stories from ASSETs and other California high school programs, see http://www.fightcrime.org/ca/HSAS_Success_Stories.pdf.
- **Elementary and middle school funding can expand existing programs, or create new ones.** As with Prop. 49 funding, these programs generally can receive \$112,500 per year to serve elementary school students and \$150,000 to serve middle-schoolers, and funding awards will be based on \$7.50 per day per student. These will be five-year grants.
- **Eligible programs generally must have a high percentage of low-income children.** Eligible applicants must primarily serve students from schools with 40% of students in the federal school-lunch program or schools with comparable low-income populations. For example, a high school below 40% school-lunch participation can be eligible if its “feeder” middle schools reach the 40% threshold. *Priority for funding* will be given to applications involving “Program Improvement” schools that are submitted jointly by school districts receiving Title I funds and community-based partners. To see which local schools meet the 40% threshold, see <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sh/cw/documents/frpm2005.xls>.
- **Applications are due March 12** and are available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ba/cp/funding.asp>.

For more information about 21st Century funding, including tools prepared by the Bay Area Partnership for Children and Youth to assist with the application and program planning, see <http://www.bayareapartnership.org/21cclc.htm>.

Please feel free to contact Brian Lee at FIGHT CRIME: INVEST IN KIDS *California* at (510) 836-2050 x307 or blee@calfightcrime.org with any questions.