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### **Education Department Awards \$3.2 Million in Grants for Community Learning Centers**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) has awarded \$3.2 million in grants to establish or expand school-linked after-school and summer programs, as part of the federally funded 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Community Learning Centers Initiative.

RIDE has awarded grants for new programs to:

- The Boys and Girls Club of Providence, for a program at Roger Williams Middle School. \$175,000
- The Learning Community Charter School, Central Falls. \$175,000

Grants to continue or expand existing programs were awarded to:

- AS220, in Providence, for a program at the DCYF Alternative Education Program (Rhode Island Training School). \$153,000
- AS220, for a program at the Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program. \$147,000
- Central Falls School Department. \$330,584
- Cranston School Department. \$125,897
- The Met School. \$109,670
- Mount Hope Learning Center, at the Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, Providence. \$149,871
- Newport Community Schools. \$273,959
- Newport School Department. \$70,992
- Paul Cuffee Charter School, in Providence. \$135,000
- Pawtucket School Department. \$463,732
- Providence College, at Feinstein High School, in Providence. \$135,000
- Swearer Center at Brown University, at the William D'Abate Elementary School, Providence. \$141,907
- Volunteers in Providence Schools, at the Hope High Schools. \$149,000
- Woonsocket School Department. \$420,000
- YMCA of Greater Providence, at the Robert L. Bailey IV Elementary School, \$84,000.

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These grants are to provide before-school, after-school, vacation-time, and summer programs for children and youth in high-poverty communities. The programs offer academic support, enrichment, recreation, and family-engagement services. With the new awards, there are now 26 agencies in Rhode Island that operate 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Community Learning Centers that serve a total of 8 school districts and 63 school communities. The grants are funded by the federal Title IV program under the No Child Left Behind Act. RIDE awarded the grants through a competitive application process.

RIDE administers the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Community Learning Centers program and provides technical assistance and professional development to the grant recipients to ensure that the programs are of high quality, that they are linked to academic achievement, and that they are aligned to the state standards for afterschool programs.