



Governing Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: August 13, 2026

From: Denise Linsalata, Assistant Superintendent

Subject: Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants

Priority: To provide rigorous, relevant, and innovative academics

Consent ☒ Action ☐ Discussion ☐

Background:

Marana Unified School District (MUSD) has been awarded continued FY27 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant funding for the following sites: Marana Middle School, Roadrunner Elementary School, DeGrazia Elementary School, Quail Run Elementary School, Ironwood Elementary School, Estes Elementary School, and Butterfield Elementary School.

MUSD State and Federal Programs received these grants to support lower-income, high-need school sites by providing students with academic and enrichment opportunities that extend beyond the regular school day and throughout the summer. Awarded sites are eligible to receive funding for up to five years, contingent upon continued grant compliance.

Through these grants, MUSD schools have been able to offer a wide range of programs, including tutoring, 3D printing, chess, martial arts, STEM, pottery, cooking, guitar, and archery. Family engagement opportunities are also provided through programs such as English Language Learner (ELL) classes, yoga, literacy classes, school movie nights, and take-home family activities. These programs complement the regular school day by promoting continued social-emotional learning, targeted academic support, and enrichment opportunities for both students and their families.

Source:

These are federal grants from the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Arizona Department of Education.

Amount:

Total FY2026-2027 Awards: \$780,000

Continuing 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants:

- Ironwood Elementary – Year 2 of the grant cycle: **\$120,000**
- Estes Elementary – Year 2 of the grant cycle: **\$120,000**
- Butterfield Elementary – Year 2 of the grant cycle: **\$120,000**
- Roadrunner Elementary – Year 3 of the grant cycle: **\$120,000**
- Marana Middle School – Year 3 of the grant cycle: **\$120,000**
- DeGrazia Elementary – Year 4 of the grant cycle: **\$90,000**
- Quail Run Elementary – Year 5 of the grant cycle: **\$90,000**

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve acceptance of the FY27 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board: 
Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

Questions should be directed to: Denise Linsalata, Assistant Superintendent
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Meeting Date: August 13, 2026

From: Denise Linsalata, Assistant Superintendent

Subject: Direct Student Services Grant Cohort 3

Priority: To provide rigorous, relevant, and innovative academics

Consent ☒ Action ☐ Discussion ☐

Background:

The Direct Student Services Grant – Cohort 3 provides Marana Unified School District (MUSD) with an opportunity to expand the high-quality, engaging ACT preparation programming for high school students that was implemented through two FY25–26 Direct Student Services grants approved by this Governing Board last year.

MUSD will use the additional funding to expand MasteryPrep ACT preparation opportunities for students identified through prior testing data as performing below benchmark. The program is designed to strengthen academic skills and better prepare students for college success.

Students at Marana High School, Mountain View High School, MCAT High School, and Marana Vista Academy, will have access to additional ACT preparation opportunities, providing multiple avenues to build testing confidence, strengthen subject-specific knowledge, and improve ACT performance. The program will include in-person tutoring, digital learning tools, personalized study plans, and practice exams targeting key skills in reading, math, and science. Through these expanded supports, students will have greater opportunities to improve ACT scores, qualify for scholarships, and prepare for college and career success, reflecting MUSD's commitment to preparing every student for a successful future.

Source:

Federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education, administered by the Arizona Department of Education.

Amount: \$99,914.00

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve acceptance of the FY26-27 Direct Student Services Grant – Cohort 3.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board: 
Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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