Message to Authorizers of Continuation Schools

Subject: Important Update: CSP Continuation Schools RFA Approved + Invitation to Informational Session

Dear School District Charter Representative,

We are pleased to share that the draft Request for Application (RFA) for the Great Schools Colorado-CSP Grant for Continuation Schools has been approved by our federal program officer, allowing us to move forward with the next phase of the process. As a reminder, the Continuation schools represent the six subgrant recipients active and awarded by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) in the fiscal/competition year 2023-2024.

To ensure the applicable charter schools and their district partners are well-informed, we invite you to join the League for a live video conference next Friday, April 4th, from 2:00-3:00 PM (MT) via Zoom Meeting. During this session, we will introduce the RFA for CSP Continuation Schools, walk through key details, and address any questions. You will receive a calendar invite following this message, but you can also register now to secure your spot: Zoom Registration Link.

Following this session, the finalized RFA will be available for download, allowing applicants to begin preparing their submissions. The application window will be open from **April 4th through April 30th**, with an impartial internal review panel assessing applications from **May 1st through May 9th**. Schools can expect award notifications during the week of **May 12th**.

We strongly encourage charter school representatives, including school grant contacts, board members, and authorizers, to attend the April 4th session as this will be the best opportunity to ask questions and gain clarity on the new process. While the session will be recorded, attending live will allow for interactive engagement amongst the group.

Additionally, the next **Great Schools Colorado-CSP Prospect Cohort Meeting**, which meets monthly to provide ongoing support for current and prospective grantees will cover the topic of **Allowable Use of Funds** on **Tuesday, April 8th, from 5:00-6:00 PM** (MT). This session will provide further guidance on funding availability and eligible expenses (and will be recorded as well). If you or your colleagues are interested, you are welcome and can register here: <u>April CSP Prospect Meeting Registration Link</u> and/or check back <u>here</u> to access presentation slides and recordings.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring that eligible schools can continue accessing this vital funding opportunity. Please share this information with any relevant charter school contacts within your district. NOTE: The competition for new grant recipients (i.e., new charter schools and those existing high-quality charter schools looking to replicate or expand) is organized separately and will launch later in April. Stay tuned for that announcement in the coming few weeks.

Best regards, TB