

## Great Schools Colorado-CSP Grant

Request for Application (RFA) for Continuation Schools | April 4, 2025

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New Great Schools Colorado Partner to support CSP subgrantees

## Purpose

To provide technical assistance (TA) to CSP Continuation Schools on how to access, understand, and navigate the RFA and guidance on how to successfully complete the application.

## Objectives

- Understand the structure and key sections of the RFA
- Learn how to access and navigate the application
- Identify where and how to submit required information
- Avoid common mistakes for a successful submission

## Agenda

- L) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Understanding the RFA
- 3) Accessing the Application
- 4) Completing Key Sections
- 5) Submitting & Final Checklist
- 6) Q&A and Closing

## Understanding the RFA

- What is an RFA?
- How to access the RFA?
- Key sections of the RFA:
  - o Eligibility Requirements
  - Funding Priorities & Allowable
    Uses of Funds
  - Application Instructions & Directions
  - Other Resources & Support
  - Scoring Criteria & Evaluation Process



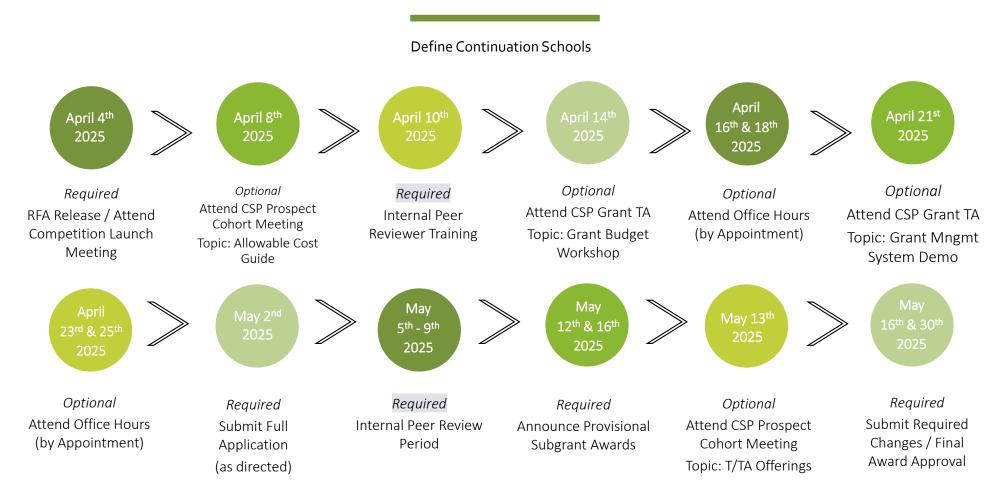
## **Continuation of CSP Funding**

Schools that received CSP funding in prior years must show ongoing effectiveness.

- Expansion projects must align with initial grant goals and demonstrate continued impact.
- Schools must demonstrate progress toward stated goals.
- Subgrantees are subject to annual performance reviews and grant compliance.
- Failure to meet benchmarks may impact future funding.

- Schools seeking additional funding should highlight measurable outcomes from past CSP support.
- Subgrantees should establish clear performance metrics and monitoring systems.
- Ongoing compliance ensures continued access to CSP funding.
- Strong past performance increases the likelihood of securing continued funding.

## **Continuation Applicant Process Timeline**



# Sections of the CSP Continuation Grant Application

Applicant Information: Organization details, primary contacts

**Project Narrative:** Goals, objectives, expected impact

**Budget & Financial Details:** Required budget format, justification

Attachments & Supporting Docs: What's required and how to upload Required Documents and Appendices

**Certifications & Compliance:** Final review before submission

# Completing the Application

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- Certifications & Compliance: Final review before submission

- Where to Find the Application
  - 。 Link to online portal
  - Account registration requirements
- Logging In & Creating an Account
  - Step-by-step guide
  - Password and security settings
- Navigating the Application Portal
  - Dashboard overview
  - Key sections to locate
- Entering Your Responses
  - 。 Required fields vs. optional fields
  - Character limits and formatting requirements

#### 2025

## Great Schools Colorado Charter School Program (CSP) Continuation Application

#### SUBGRANTEE – FEDERAL CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM EXISTING SUBGRANTEES ONLY

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# Live Previews

#1-RFA

## #2 – <u>Online Portal</u>

## **Tips for Success**

- ✓ Review the RFA and confirm eligibility
- Engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan for expansion or replication.
- Prepare necessary documentation and submit the application by the deadline.
- ✓ Save frequently and contact us for troubleshooting solutions

## Next Steps After Submission

- Internal Peer Review (panel and process)
- Verification of eligibility
- Confirmation of compliance and completeness of application
- Provisional Award Announcement (direct notification as well as online publication)
- Confirmation of grant award (subgrantee submits required changes and reconcile budget)
- Final Approval Notification (specifies the official grant period, i.e., when reimbursement can occur.

#### Helpful questions to reflect on before Submission

- ✓ Have all required fields been completed?
- ✓ Have all attachments been uploaded?
- ✓ Have you reviewed formatting and compliance requirements?

## **Questions?**

### Common Pitfalls to Avoid

- Missing deadlines
- Incomplete applications
- Not aligning with funding priorities
- Ignoring formatting or submission guidelines

## **RESOURCES & SUPPORT**

GSC Main: www.greatschoolscolorado.org

**FAQs:** Found on the GSC website, under the Resources menu which will be updated regularly

Email: greatschools@coloradoleague.org









Continuation applicants will be contacted by email following today's call with detailed information about next steps, including where to access materials and key dates, and link to the evaluation form to share your feedback.