

PEER REVIEWERS NEEDED

2025 New Expansion and Replication GSC Sub-Grant Competition

Great
Schools
Colorado

The Great Schools Colorado Program at the The Colorado League of Charter Schools seeks qualified individuals to review applications to help ensure that the investment of state and federal funds, in accordance with authorizing legislation, supports high-quality, evidence-based programs and student services; sustainable program development; and the achievement of intended outcomes.

Program Purpose

The Charter School Program Grant is a federally supported grant intended to support the demand for alternatives to existing public school options in Colorado through the Great Schools Colorado project by supporting the creation of high-quality charter school seats in communities with interest in alternative models that better meet the needs of students. The program is designed with two main objectives: increase the number of high-quality charter school seats in Colorado and improve the overall quality of Colorado's charter school sector across the state. Approximately \$16 million is available for the first year of the five-year grant. More information about this grant is available on the [GSC webpage](#).

Desired Areas of Expertise

It is preferred that reviewers are thoroughly familiar with Colorado's education system and have experience with charter school authorization, assessment, and evaluation, as well as charter school development or leadership. Also preferred experience in high-quality charter school start-up and expansion.

Expectations of Reviewers

Diverse teams of reviewers will be selected based on their experience, grant application type, proposed school models, and absence of real or perceived conflicts.

Prior to being assigned applications for scoring, peer reviewers will attend training sessions highlighting four objectives, including how the GSC project was designed to broaden opportunities for students to access high-quality learning opportunities. Applications will be reviewed in teams of three, and each team will be assigned approximately three applications for review during a given cycle.

Reviewers will read and assess their assigned applications individually and then collaborate with their team members to determine a consensus score and feedback for each of their assigned applications. The League will then debrief with each team to finalize scores, feedback, and funding recommendations. The honorarium is \$1000.

COMMITMENT TIMELINE

May 2nd Reviewers notified of acceptance. Week of May 9th training.

Weeks of May 12th and 19th reviewing approximately three applications.

Scores due and facilitated team discussions remotely via video/phone conferencing by May 28th. Team discussion sessions are anticipated to run 1.5 hours or less per team.

Exact scheduling to be determined.

Conflicts of Interest

If you are unsure if a conflict of interest will preclude your participation, please let us know, and we can help determine whether you are still eligible to participate, whether that means recusing yourself from specific applications, regions, etc. Interested parties may be ineligible to serve as reviewers if they:

- Have assisted in the preparation of an application in this competition or are employed by an eligible applicant that intends to apply or has already applied for this current competition.
- Have agreed to serve as an employee or consultant, agreed to otherwise provide assistance or advice to an applicant, or have been offered an opportunity to do so and have not yet accepted or declined, based on whether a grant is awarded.
- Have a personal financial interest affected by the outcome of this grant competition.

Tell a Friend or Colleague!

If you know someone with the appropriate qualifications who would be interested in this review opportunity, you are encouraged to share this flyer with them.

How to Make Your Interest Known

If you are available and interested in participating in this review process, please complete a short interest form regarding your experience and availability as soon as possible. This is the first step in the process to select reviewers. Responding with your availability does not guarantee your participation. Responses after the deadline will be considered for reviewer alternates, should the need arise.

APPLICATION

Confirmation of Reviewers

Reviewers are selected based on their relevant qualifications and the number of grant applications received. Those selected will be contacted with additional information no later than May 2nd, 2025.

For questions, please contact Bright Homawoo at bhomawoo@coloradoleague.org or (303) 989-5356 x108.