

**Grant Award Number:**  
S282D240005

**State or Territory:**  
Colorado

**Project Duration:**  
5 Years

**Year 1 Funding:**  
\$11,372,375

**Total Expected Funding:**  
\$37,346,414

**Year 1 Cost Sharing/  
Matching:**  
\$1,291,937

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## **Colorado Department of Education** ***State Facilities Incentive Grant***

Under Colorado's Department of Education, the Colorado Charter School Facilities Assistance Project will disseminate \$35,525,000 of Federal funds to eligible charter schools through a subgrant structure. Parallel to sub-awards provided under the State Facilities Incentive Grant, Colorado will continue to administer the state aid program (the Charter Capital Assistance Program) using existing structures but also by adding no less than \$28,336,627 in state aid over the same period. In accomplishing this goal, the Department will create a certification program to incentivize charter leaders to participate in high-quality training on charter school finance topics deemed critical for school success. The Department will also implement a dynamic management plan to ensure accountability for results and to accelerate awareness, learning, and information sharing across organizational and stakeholder channels.

Successful outcomes will include timely reimbursement of all grant funds; increases in the number of schools meeting the Federal definition of a charter school; increases in the number of charter schools that have received a facility assessment, establishment of a facility finance certification program, and increases in the number of active stakeholders earning the new certification. The project will strengthen data quality related to charter school facility conditions as well as make available more actionable data and analysis about public school facilities spending across the state and where needs for support exist.

Most Colorado charter school populations have access to the state aid program and, therefore, will be encouraged to apply for the Federal subgrant. Participation in the new training program will be encouraged by all charter executives, financial officers, authorizers, and boards.

Primary activities for the Department include enhancing state funding, facilitating finance certification program, and managing and evaluating the grant. Subrecipient activities include school facility improvements and professional developments.

**Competitive Preference Priority Addressed:** N/A

**Objective 1:** Enhance the State's Charter School Facility Aid Program.

**Objective 2:** Strengthen state capacity for high-quality school facilities management and decision-making.