

## **Bluum, Inc.**

### **Idaho's Building on Success for Future Excellence**

**State:**

Idaho

**PR Award Number:**

S282A230005

**Duration (Years):**

5 Years

**Year 1 Funding:**

\$5,273,200.00

**Total Expected Funding:**

\$24,878,000.00

**Number of Subgrants:**

13

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On a per pupil basis Idaho's public charter school sector has been one of the nation's fastest growing, rapidly diversifying, and highest achieving over the last five years. This growth was stimulated in part by a 2018 \$22 million federal Charter Schools Program (CSP) State Entities (SE) grant awarded to Bluum Inc., a statewide charter school support organization. Bluum Inc. is the lead organization for the Building on Success for Future Excellence CSP grant program. In the previous successful CSP grant, 28 charter schools received subgrant awards with an expected 11,467 seats to be created, about 33% more seats than anticipated. This CSP grant will build on the successes, systems, and lessons learned from that grant award. Bluum Inc. will work to continue expanding opportunities for Gem State students to attend excellent public charter schools that meet and exceed state academic standards for all students. Critically important to the success of this project is the continuing and ongoing support of the Idaho-based J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation (JKAF). Other key partners include the Idaho State Department of Education and the Idaho State Board of Education.

**Objective 1:** Increase the number of quality Idaho charter school seats by no less than 5,900 students, especially for our most educationally disadvantaged and rural students through start-up, replication, or expansion.

**Objective 2:** Support quality authorizing in Idaho while disseminating and supporting best authorizer practices statewide; and

**Objective 3:** Evaluate and disseminate widely the successes and lessons of high-quality charter schools to impact the broader education system.