

M E M O R A N D U M

Staff Summary No. 5

Date: March 13, 2019

To: Members of the California School Finance Authority

From: Katrina M. Johantgen, Executive Director

Re: Resolution No. 19-09 Approval of a Two-Year Grant Extension under the State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants Program (CFDA#84.282D) for Children's Community Charter School (CDS #046-15316-113765)

Children's Community Charter School (Children's Community) is a State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants Program (CFDA#84.282D) awardee that is currently in the third and final year of a Round 12 grant. Children's Community is located in Paradise, California, and lost half its campus in the recent Camp Fire. Given the destruction to both Paradise and the school's campus, Children's Community relocated, on an interim basis, to Chico, California for the remainder of the school year, at a minimum.

Children's Community has a balance of \$399,956.50 remaining out of an original grant award of \$693,000.00. Based on the current grant agreement between the school and the California School Finance Authority (Authority), that balance must be expended by August 31, 2019. Given the school's current circumstances, it's highly unlikely they will be able to expend that money by the end of their grant term.

The school contacted the Authority and requested an extension to its grant. However, Program regulations, Section 10185(d)(1) state that "*in no circumstance shall the {Incentive Grant} extension be granted beyond the three-year grant term.*" The federal program regulations allow for a term of up to five-years.

After conversation and confirmation with officials at the U.S. Department of Education regarding the extension, staff and counsel has concluded that the term of Children's Community's grant can be extended at a length acceptable to the Board. Staff is recommending a two-year extension.

Recommendation: The Authority recommends the Board adopt Resolution 19-09, approving a two-year award extension for Children's Community Charter School's State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants Program award.