

MEMORANDUM

Staff Summary No. 6

Date: January 14, 2015

To: Members of the California School Finance Authority

From: Katrina M. Johantgen, Executive Director

Subject: Approving the Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Grant Program Award for Rocketship Education in the amount Not to Exceed \$135,000

Background: The California School Finance Authority (Authority) received a grant award in 2010 under the U.S. Department of Education's Credit Enhancement for Charter Schools Facilities Program (CFDA # 84.354A), which, for purposes of the Authority's implementation has been entitled the "Charter School Facilities Enhancement Grant Program" (Program). This federal grant, authorized under Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, provides \$8,300,000 for the purpose of funding primary debt service reserves for the financing of acquisition, renovation, or construction of charter school facilities, or the refinancing of existing charter school facility debt utilized for such purposes.

Issue: On November 5, 2014, the Authority received an application for Program funds from Rocketship Education. Authority staff evaluated Rocketship Education's application and found the school to be eligible for an award of all remaining grant funds – see Exhibit A of this summary. Staff will be finalizing the exact grant amount as the sale of the bonds approaches, but the total grant amount will not exceed \$135,000.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 15-01, awarding Rocketship Education an award amount not-to-exceed \$135,000. The expiration of the award will be consistent with the current expiration dates in the bond issuance resolutions.