

MEMORANDUM

Staff Summary No. 4

**Date:** January 28, 2020

**To:** Members of the California School Finance Authority

**From:** Katrina M. Johantgen, Executive Director

**Subject:** Presentation of State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants Program (CFDA #84.282D) Round 15(A) alternates (Information Item)

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**Overview:** The California School Finance Authority (Authority) began accepting applications for the 15<sup>th</sup> funding round of the State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants Program (CFDA #84.282D) (Program) on March 18, 2019. The application period closed April 19, 2019. Staff reviewed the applications and assigned preference points according to Program regulations. Applicants were ranked in order of preference points and on August 28, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution No. 19-25, approving staff funding recommendations and authorizing the Executive Director or Deputy Treasurer to execute grant agreements and disburse funds on behalf of the Authority as well as make awards to eligible alternates.

As the Authority nears the end of its third \$50 million award from the U.S. Department of Education (Grant III), staff has identified approximately \$5.3 million in remaining funds comprised of funds returned to the program and funds not yet allocated to an awardee. The Authority intends to award these remaining funds to the Round 15 alternates, as provided in Program regulations. Given that the grant period ends in August 2022, the grant period for awards to these alternates will be a maximum of 19 months as compared to our traditional three-year awards.

As of January, 22, 2021, staff has contacted the top 25 alternates, provided in Exhibit A to this memo. The applicants were notified of the potential for additional awards and asked to provide an updated Legal Status Questionnaire, as well as updated charter, lease, project description, and project budget, if applicable. In addition, staff requested confirmation of good standing and charter compliance from their respective authorizers. As of January 22, 2021, 23 schools have provided the requested documentation, and 21 schools have been identified as in good standing with their charter authorizer and in compliance with the terms of their charter. *Staff continues to work with the remaining schools and districts to obtain the outstanding information. An update will be provided at next week's board meeting.*

**Next Steps:** As documents are received, staff will confirm continued eligibility and calculate awards based on updated information, will notify schools of the conditional grant award, confirm schools meet all funding criteria before releasing funds, distribute and execute grant agreements, and carry out all other necessary steps to disburse funds to schools. Assuming disbursements commence in February 20201, the 19-month grant period will allow the Authority to ensure all funds are disbursed by August 31, 2022, the expected extension deadline for Grant III.