# MN ASSOCIATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS – NEW LAW PRIMER 2023

# **NEW GRANTS**

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# NEW: FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT - (MN STATUTES 124D.231 subd. 2)

## **GRANT AMOUNT:**

- Up to \$100,000 per school for up to one year for planning activities
- Up to \$200,000 annually for up to three years to implement the full-service community school plan

**PURPOSE:** To plan or expand a full-service community school program.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts and Charter Schools

## **NEW: INNOVATIVE INCUBATOR SERVICE-LEARNING GRANT**

## **GRANT AMOUNT:**

Up to \$50,000 (Up to 32 grants)

**PURPOSE**: To initiate or expand and strengthen innovative service-learning opportunities for students in kindergarten through grade 12 to:

• increase student engagement and academic achievement, help close the academic achievement gap and the community, college, and career opportunity gaps, and create a positive school climate and safer schools and communities.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts and Charter Schools

# **NEW: CLOSING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GAPS GRANTS** – (MN STATUTES 120B.113)

#### **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- o \$3,000,000 in FY24
- o \$3,000,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE:** To support implementation of world's best workforce strategies that address opportunity gaps resulting from curricular, environmental, and structural inequities in schools experienced by students, families, and staff who are of color or who are American Indian.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts and Charter Schools

# NEW: GROW YOUR OWN DISTRICT PROGRAMS – (MN STATUTES 122A.73 subd. 2)

### **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- o \$25,000,000 in FY24
- \$25,000,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE:** To establish a Grow Your Own pathway for adults to obtain their first professional teaching license.

- The grant recipient must use at least 80 percent of grant funds to provide tuition scholarships or stipends for those who seek a teaching license and participate in the teacher preparation program.
- o Grant funds may also be used to pay for teacher licensure exams and licensure fees.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Districts, Charter Schools, and Cooperatives

## **NEW: PROGRAMS SERVING SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS GRANTS**

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- \$25,000,000 in FY24
- o \$25,000,000 in FY25

**GRANT AMOUNT:** Maximum award of \$500,000

**PURPOSE**: To offer other innovative programs that encourage secondary school students, especially students of color and American Indian students, to pursue teaching.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts, Charter Schools, and Cooperatives

# **NEW: SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER PIPELINE GRANTS** – (MN STATUTES 122A.731)

### **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- o \$20 million in FY24
- o \$10 million in FY25

**PURPOSE:** To develop a pipeline of trained, licensed Tier 3 or Tier 4 special education teachers through support of participants who are employed as a **paraprofessional or other unlicensed staff**, **or a teacher with a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license**, and demonstrate a willingness to be a special education teacher after completing the program.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Districts, Charter Schools, and Cooperatives

# **NEW: STATEWIDE TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM**

FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$9,940,000 in FY24

**PURPOSE**: To provide a statewide teacher induction and mentoring program.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Minnesota regional partners, including institutions of higher education, regional service cooperatives, other district or **charter collaboratives**, and professional organizations.

## **NEW: BUILDING AND CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$24,332,000 in FY24 (available until June 30, 2027)

**GRANT PURPOSE**: Funds may be used for security-related facility improvements, cybersecurity insurance premiums, and associated costs.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts, Charter Schools, and Cooperatives

## **NEW: AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING GRANT PROGRAM**

FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$30,000,000 in FY24

**PURPOSE**: To support eligible organizations to provide culturally affirming and enriching afterschool and summer learning programs for school-age youth after school or during non-school hours.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Community or nonprofit organizations, culturally specific organizations, American Indian organizations, Tribal Nations, political subdivisions, public libraries, or **school-based programs** that serve youth after school, during the summer, or during non-school hours.

# **NEW: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING GRANTS**

### **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- \$500,000 in FY24
- o \$500,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE**: **To offer students emergency medical services courses** approved by the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board to prepare students to take the emergency medical technician certification test, including an emergency medical services course that is a prerequisite to an emergency medical technician course.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts, Charter Schools, and Cooperatives

# **NEW: NATIVE LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION GRANTS TO SCHOOLS**

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- \$7,500,000 in FY24
- \$7,500,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE**: To offer language instruction in Dakota and Anishinaabe languages or another language indigenous to the United States or Canada.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts and Charter Schools

# **NEW: INCREASE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH COURSES**

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- o \$250,000 in FY24
- o \$250,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE:** To encourage low-income and other underserved students to participate in advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Districts and Charter Schools

# **NEW: ETHNIC STUDIES SCHOOL GRANTS**

#### **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- o \$700,000 in FY24
- o \$700,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE:** To develop, evaluate, and implement ethnic studies courses.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Districts and Charter Schools

# **NEW: NONEXCLUSIONARY DISCIPLINE GRANTS**

#### **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

o \$1,750,000 in FY24

o \$1,750,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE**: To provide training for school staff on nonexclusionary disciplinary practices.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts, Charter Schools, Intermediate School Districts, and Cooperatives

## **NEW: PATHWAY PREPARATION GRANTS**

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

- o \$400,000 in FY24
- o \$400,000 in FY25

**PURPOSE**: To support teachers holding a Tier 2 license and seeking a Tier 3 license through completion of a teacher preparation program or the licensure via portfolio process. A grant recipient must provide teachers holding a Tier 2 license with professional development, mentorship, and coursework aligned to state standards for teacher licensure.

**ELIGIBILITY**: Districts, Charter Schools, and Cooperatives