

## Ohio Charter Schools Program Grant Round 3 Sponsor Eligibility

### Background

The release of the Ohio Department of Education's 2017-2018 sponsor evaluation ratings on Nov. 15, 2018, resulted in one community school sponsor meeting all eligibility criteria for the Community Schools Program (CSP) grant. To address pipeline concerns while maintaining rigorous eligibility requirements, the Department proposed the use of targeted corrective actions plans (CAPs) for sponsors for the purpose of eligibility for the CSP subgrant. On March 25, 2019, the Department's proposal was accepted by the U.S. Department of Education.

Annual evaluations rate sponsors based on performance in three components: 1) academic performance of authorized community schools; 2) compliance with all applicable laws and rules; and 3) adherence to quality practices.

For Round 3 of Ohio's CSP grant and beyond, Sponsors meeting the following criteria will be considered eligible for CSP funding, allowing schools under their oversight to apply for Implementation or Expansion CSP Subgrants (if the school is eligible):

#### **Option 1:**

1. Effective or Exemplary for three most recent Sponsor Evaluations;
2. A 3 or 4 on standards D.02 Enrollment and Financial Reviews, D.03 On-site Visits, D.4 Site Visit Reports, D.05 Performance Monitoring, D.07 Annual Performance Reports, E.01 Renewal Application and E.02 Renewal and Non-Renewal Decisions or submission of a corrective action plan to Department staff that would meet the 3-point expectation for the current Sponsor Evaluation.

Or

#### **Option 2:**

1. Effective or Exemplary on the overall rating for the most recent Sponsor Evaluation;
2. A 3 or 4 on standards on a majority of Absolute Priority standard: D.02 Enrollment and Financial Reviews, D.03 On-site Visits, D.4 Site Visit Reports, D.05 Performance Monitoring, D.07 Annual Performance Reports, E.01 Renewal Application and E.02 Renewal and Non-Renewal Decisions
3. Submission of a corrective action plan to Department staff that would meet the 3-point expectation for the current Sponsor Evaluation (three or less of the above list).

Submission of a CAP does not guarantee a corresponding score on the current year Sponsor Evaluation. Targeted CAPs are a mechanism for sponsors to demonstrate the steps they have or will take to meet the 3-point expectation for the current year award. CAP determinations will be made prior to **April 17, 2019.**