



Great Schools for Nevada CSP

**CSP SUBGRANT AWARD LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

CSP Grant PR/Award Number (FAIN): S282A200009 - 20A  
CSP Subgrantee Number: CSP-2021-01-5471379493  
CSP Grantee: Opportunity 180  
Subgrantee: Strong Start Academy Elementary School (“Subgrantee”)  
Type of Subgrant: Fresh Start  
Subgrant Amount: \$750,000  
Grant Term: 12/14/21 - 7/31/24  
Date: June 16, 2022

Dear Strong Start Academy Elementary School,

Congratulations! We have concluded Cycle 2 of Opportunity 180’s CSP Grant Application and we are pleased to inform you that your application was selected for funding up to \$750,000.

**A. PURPOSE OF AWARD LETTER AGREEMENT:**

This Award Letter Agreement outlines the commitment, the terms, and conditions of Strong Start Academy Elementary School as a sub-recipient under the Charter Schools Program (CSP) authorized under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. 7221-7221j) and CFDA 84.282A. Strong Start Academy Elementary School is committed to increasing the accessibility of high-quality education to ALL students.

**B. DESCRIPTION OF THE CSP PROGRAM:**

The CSP State Entities Program is a competitive grant program that enables State entities to award subgrants to eligible applicants in their State to open and prepare for the operation of new charter schools and to replicate and expand high-quality charter schools.

In 2020, Great Schools of Nevada CSP was awarded the CSP grant to carry out the following activities in Nevada:

1. Increase the number of high-quality new, replicated, or expanded public charter schools serving the most at-risk student populations.
2. Establish Nevada’s charter sector as a leader in authorizing quality and academic performance.
3. Evaluate, collect, and widely disseminate the successes and lessons of highly-quality charter schools to impact the broader public education system.

**C. AWARD OVERVIEW:**

\$750,000 to be disbursed quarterly upon submission and approval of expenses. Grant funds must be expended in full by July 31, 2024. Strong Start Academy Elementary School will be funded with certain federal funds awarded to Opportunity 180 by the US Department of Education under the PR/Award Number referenced above (the “CSP Grant”). The Subgrant is awarded to Strong Start Academy Elementary School subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth herein. **The Subgrant award may be reduced if Strong Start Academy Elementary School does not adhere to terms of the Subgrant described herein.**

The Subgrant award calendar is as follows: the Planning Year begins 12/24/21 and can be no more than 18 months. The Implementation Years begin the first day of school in 2022 and are no more than 24 months combined. Total grant cannot exceed 42 consecutive months. Funds will be available for quarterly disbursement beginning 30 days after first reimbursement. Great Schools for Nevada CSP is a reimbursement

program, which means recipients will be reimbursed following proof of expenditures on allowable, approved activities.

#### D. DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

##### Grant Purpose and Expenditure of Funds:

Strong Start Academy Elementary School is to apply the grant funds exclusively toward the expenses as outlined in the CSP Project Budget received on February 4, 2022 including the CSP approved submitted amendments thereafter.

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##### Disbursement

Strong Start Academy Elementary School has been conditionally approved for the amount \$750,000. Disbursement of funds will be reimbursed quarterly upon Strong Start Academy Elementary School's submission of expenses, and CSP Management Team's approval of allowable expenses.

##### General Conditions

The Subgrant, and receipt of funds thereunder, is conditioned upon Strong Start Academy Elementary School's continued compliance with all applicable laws and regulations including but not limited to the items listed below. See the "[Legislation, Regulations, and Guidance](#)" section for resources and additional information regarding federal grant compliance.

1. Strong Start Academy Elementary School must be a "charter school" as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and described in the [Request for Application](#) (RFA).
2. Strong Start Academy Elementary School is authorized to operate as a charter school by an authorized Nevada state public chartering authority and is in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the charter.
3. Strong Start Academy Elementary School, its governing body and authorized representatives do not have any conflict of interest with any party that has a financial interest in the Subgrant award.
4. Strong Start Academy Elementary School complies with all of the provisions of the Certification and Assurances given by Strong Start Academy Elementary School as part of the RFA response, attached hereto as [Exhibit C](#) and incorporated herein.
5. Strong Start Academy Elementary School complies with the recruiting and admission requirements of [federal law](#), [Nevada law](#), and [Opportunity 180's weighted lottery waiver](#) including recruiting in a manner not to discriminate against students of a particular race, color, national origin (including English language learners), religion, or sex, or against students with disabilities. Strong Start Academy Elementary School must use a lottery system for admission if more students apply than can be admitted.
6. Strong Start Academy Elementary School complies with Opportunity 180's Subgrant award guardrails. The Subgrant award of up to \$750,000 in funds is contingent on the planned student enrollment number Strong Start Academy Elementary School's planned facility can accommodate.
7. Strong Start Academy Elementary School must submit the [Vendor Registration Form](#) and sign up for an account on <https://www.bill.com/> prior to requesting expense reimbursement.
8. Strong Start Academy Elementary School timely submits all reports and other requested information to Opportunity 180 and the US Department of Education to enable Opportunity 180 to satisfy its CSP Grant reporting and compliance requirements.

9. Strong Start Academy Elementary School complies with all requirements for the management of federal funds pursuant to Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200 as adopted by 2 CFR 3474, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, including procurement requirements, and 34 CFR (EDGAR) 75, 76, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98 and 99.
10. Recipient schools are required not to have expenditures that exceed the approved budget line items by more than a total of 10 percent of the total project period award. If they wish to deviate beyond 10 percent in any budget object core category, they must seek a revision of their budget prior to expenditure or legal obligation of those funds, or they should not be reimbursed for the excess amount.
11. Subgrant award funds are used only for allowable expenditures. See [“Allowable Cost Guide”](#) here. Strong Start Academy Elementary School budgets have been initially approved by the Great Schools for Nevada CSP Management Team. Strong Start Academy Elementary School must align expenditures to the categories and amounts with the approved CSP Budget. All requests for reimbursements will be checked against the approved CSP Budget, if expense categories do not align with the approved budget, or expense amounts go beyond 10 percent of the line item in the budget, the expense will not be reimbursed.
12. Strong Start Academy Elementary School CSP project budget items that are estimates and/or place holders must have final costs updated and approved by Great Schools for Nevada CSP staff. If Strong Start Academy Elementary School does not obtain prior approval for the final cost of a budget item placeholder, they risk not being reimbursed.
13. Strong Start Academy Elementary School CSP project budget items that are facilities improvement and/or building renovations that are required by state and local statutes must provide those statutes as documentation with specific proof for building renovations within the quarterly reimbursement documents.
14. Strong Start Academy Elementary School CSP project budget items that are for contracted personnel or contracted services must have scope of work documentation included within the quarterly reimbursement documents. The contracted service agreements must include budget line items with contracted work as proof of service.
15. Recipients shall ensure that none of the funds authorized under the ESEA, including funds received under this grant program, shall be used (1) to develop or distribute materials, or operate programs or courses of instruction directed at youth, that are designed to promote or encourage sexual activity, whether homosexual or heterosexual; (2) to distribute or to aid in the distribution by any organization of legally obscene materials to minors on school grounds; (3) to provide sex education or HIV-prevention education in schools unless that instruction is age-appropriate and includes the health benefits of abstinence; or (4) to operate a program of contraceptive distribution in schools, Pub. L. 107-110, section 9526).
16. Strong Start Academy Elementary School complies with specific conditions for disclosing federal funding in public announcements. See [Exhibit B](#).
17. Strong Start Academy Elementary School agrees that should a Common Application be developed to support enrollment of students from the areas of greatest need, Strong Start Academy Elementary School would participate in that Common Application process. The Common Application would be in partnership with Opportunity 180 and the Great Schools for Nevada CSP to achieve Strong Start Academy Elementary School's plan in increasing enrollment, promised student enrollment, and executing strategies for recruiting educationally disadvantaged, at-risk, diverse, and underserved families.

#### Reporting

Strong Start Academy Elementary School agrees to share all relevant information provided by the authorizer

as it relates to the school's planned opening, and any notices or conditions that may arise during the implementation period. In addition, Strong Start Academy Elementary School is expected to submit monthly and quarterly reports to the Great Schools for Nevada CSP Program Manager as requested.

**E. GRANT PERIOD:**

The following grant periods have been established:

<b>Grant Period</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Year One (Planning)	12/14/21 - 7/31/22
Year One (Implementation)	8/01/22 - 6/30/23
Year Two (Implementation)	7/1/23 - 7/31/24

**Termination of Subgrant**

The Subgrant may be withdrawn by Opportunity 180 and will not be distributed to Strong Start Academy Elementary School if (i) Strong Start Academy Elementary School fails or is unable to comply with any of the terms or conditions of the Subgrant as set forth herein, in the Great Schools for Nevada CSP RFA or pursuant to applicable law, (ii) Strong Start Academy Elementary School makes a material misrepresentation or misstatement of fact in Strong Start Academy Elementary School's Subgrant application or in any reports or other information provided to Opportunity 180 in connection with the Subgrant, or (iii) CSP Grant funds are not available or sufficient to fund the Subgrant.

In addition to any other rights of the Department of Education in connection with the CSP Grant, the CSP Grant is subject to the condition specified in 2 CFR 175.15(b) prohibiting trafficking in persons, as such condition was amended as part of the CSP Grant pursuant to Grant Attachment 8 (available upon request). Under this condition, the Department of Education may terminate the CSP Grant for violation of these provisions by Opportunity 180, its employees or Subgrantees.

Strong Start Academy Elementary School's decision to return CSP funding must be provided in writing to Opportunity 180. At the time of the decision Opportunity 180 will determine the value of funds expended and not yet fully utilized that must be repaid to the Opportunity 180 under Federal guidance. Despite dissolution, Strong Start Academy Elementary School is responsible for ongoing reporting through the grant period.

**F. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

All collected data and information is confidential and will not be used publicly without the permission of Strong Start Academy Elementary School with the exception of aggregate performance reports. All information provided becomes part of Opportunity 180's record and may be shared with USDOE as requested. The initial award letter and this Grant Award Notification does not guarantee availability of funds. Funds may be suspended or revoked if (a) Obligations as Strong Start Academy Elementary School are not being fulfilled following written notification and a 30 day window to respond, (b) A significant change in the charter contract or timelines proposed occurs, (c) Both parties agree to a return of funds based on unique circumstances, or (d) A change occurs in the appropriation of funds through USDOE.

Please sign below to acknowledge your agreement to the terms and conditions of the Subgrant. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties and becomes effective upon its signature.

Sincerely,



Jana Wilcox Lavin  
Executive Director, Opportunity 180



Danielle Batin  
Great Schools Federal Grants Manager, Opportunity 180

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED :

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit A**  
**Required clarifying information regarding the grant project and budget**

***To receive reimbursements against the grant award the following is required:***

- € Strong Start Academy Elementary School, CSP Program Manager, and Opportunity 180 Executive Director must sign the award letter.
- € Address any conditions that are discussed in the introductory call must be met.
- € For line items in Strong Start Academy Elementary School's CSP project budget requiring contracted services, Strong Start Academy Elementary School must provide the service agreement for services.
- € For line items in Strong Start Academy Elementary School's CSP budget requiring renovations for facilities, Strong Start Academy Elementary School must provide the State and local statutes to prove the allowability of the renovation. Proving that the renovation is specific for a school site.

**Exhibit B**  
**Specific Conditions for Disclosing Federal Funding in Public Announcements**

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**COMMUNICATION GUIDANCE**

This guidance is to be referenced when creating any publicity or other materials that will be made publicly available that mention or refer to Great Schools for Nevada CSP or Opportunity 180. Whether to be delivered in written or spoken form, that is prepared, produced or delivered by or on behalf of the subgrantee, all public communications that mention Great Schools for Nevada CSP must be provided to Opportunity 180 for written approval prior to the release of such materials to the public.

**Prior Approval**

Subgrantees must seek prior approval from Opportunity 180 for all public communications that mention the Great Schools for Nevada CSP program in regards to the subgrantee CSP program. All public communications, including without limitation, letters, publications, articles, press releases, narratives, reports, endorsements, quotes, photographs, slides, videos, website postings, blog postings and social media/networking postings. Subgrantees shall not take any action in making such materials public until Opportunity 180's written/email approval has been received. In preparing any such materials, the subgrantee agrees to abide by the following guidelines:

- Any public announcement including press releases must be submitted at least 3 days in advance for review and approval.
- Any public announcements or marketing materials that will use Opportunity 180's logo needs to be approved by the organization's management team before publication.
- When referencing the grant program, the first mention should be listed as "Great Schools for Nevada CSP administered by Opportunity 180" any subsequent references can refer simply to "Great Schools for Nevada CSP"
- All press materials that include mention of the Great Schools for Nevada CSP should also include up to date boilerplate verbiage for Opportunity 180 which will be provided by the organization.
- When posting to social media we request you tag Opportunity 180's channels when mentioning the Great Schools for Nevada CSP. Facebook and Twitter @Opportunity180.
- Opportunity 180 also advises that all press materials focus on student outcomes and how your CSP project positively impacts the community, versus specific dollar amounts.
- Please note that Opportunity 180 is also available for quotes or statements to be included in any relevant press materials or announcements. Please request any quotes from [greatschoolsncsp@opportunity180.org](mailto:greatschoolsncsp@opportunity180.org).

**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR DISCLOSING FEDERAL FUNDING IN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Specific Conditions for Disclosing Federal Funding guidance comes from federal statutes, all Great Schools for Nevada CSP subgrantees must comply with federal communication guidelines below. This guidance is most applicable when your school is applying to other federal grants. Please be mindful of this guidance when issuing press

releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, federal grants, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money. The U.S. Department of Education requests that grantees shall clearly state\*:

- 1) The percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money;
- 2) The dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program; *and*
- 3) The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources.

For example:

“\$9,923.02.00 (70.26%) of this project is funded by Federal CSP Grant dollars; \$4,200.00 (29.74%) of this event funded by philanthropy; total cost \$14,123.02.00.”

\*Recipients must comply with these conditions under Division H, Title V, Section 505 of Public Law 115-141, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.



**Exhibit C**  
**Certification and Assurances**

[Strong Start Academy Elementary School CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES](#)