2021-22 Community School Grant Program

Information Webinar
September 22, 2021
Agenda

• About UCF Center for Community Schools
• Community Partnership Schools 101
• About Community School Grant Program
• Application Submission Requirements
• Review Process
• Q & A – please submit questions via chat box
UCF Center for Community Schools

• Established in 2014, UCF Center for Community Schools is dedicated to the development and sustainability of high-quality community schools.
Community Partnership Schools 101

CPS 101 Video
FOUR MODEL COMPONENTS
OF THE
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS™ MODEL

- Four Core Partners (or more)
- Four Dedicated Staff Positions
- Distributive Organizational Structure
- Certification Eligible
• Formal commitment of 25+ years

Employs CPS director housed at the school
FOUR PILLARS OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Collaborative Leadership

• A culture of shared governance and collective decision-making toward a unified vision to identify needs and provide resources in the school and community
Expanded Learning

- Academic support and enrichment that take place before and after school, during weekends and summer, to augment traditional learning during the school day
Wellness Supports

• Access to a range of health and social services that are provided on the school’s campus

• Dental treatment
• Medical services
• Vision care
• Behavioral health counseling
• Health insurance access
• Food pantry
Family and Community Engagement

- Bringing families and the community into the school as partners in student’s success
- Making the school a neighborhood center that provides adult enrichment opportunities

- Parent Resource Center
- Clothes pantry
- Volunteer coordination
- School event planning
- Parent education
FOUR DEDICATED STAFF POSITIONS

OF

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

- Collaborative Leadership
  - Community Partnership School Director
- Expanded Learning
  - Expanded Learning Coordinator
- Wellness Supports
  - Wellness Coordinator
- Family & Community Engagement
  - Family & Community Engagement Coordinator
Community School Grant Program

The Community School Grant Program (CSGP) was established by the Florida Legislature to “improve student success and wellbeing by engaging and supporting parents and community organizations in their efforts to positively impact student learning and development” (s. 100.64 Fla. Stat.).
Community School Grant Program

• Defines “community school model”

• Establishes UCF Center for Community Schools as facilitator of Community School Grant Program
“Community School Model” (1362-76)

• Utilizes long-term partnership among a school district, a community organization, a college or university, and a healthcare provider

• Establishes long-term partnership through a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
Community School Grant Program

• Planning Grants
  Priority must be given to school districts that
  • do not yet have a Community Partnership School
  • demonstrate the technical and financial ability to sustain the model

• Subsequent Implementation Grants
  Awards are contingent upon matching funds secured through the partnership
Intention for Funding

- Core Positions + Administrative Costs
- Ancillary Positions + Operational Expenses (programs/services plus associated allowable costs)
- Project Support
Intention for Funding

- Core Community Partnership School (CPS) staff positions
  - director
  - expanded learning coordinator
  - wellness coordinator
  - family and community engagement coordinator

- Administrative Costs (up to 8%)
  - Salaries of administrative or clerical staff
Intention for Funding

- Ancillary CPS staff positions
  - assistant director
  - administrative coordinator
  - volunteer coordinator
  - educational case manager
Intention for Funding

- Programs and services that directly address student, family, and community needs during and outside of the school day, such as:
  - Expanded learning opportunities (tutoring, enrichment activities, other)
  - Comprehensive wellness supports (social, emotional, behavioral, primary healthcare, nutrition education)
  - Family and community engagement opportunities (parent involvement, leadership skills, parent literacy workshops and/or education)
  - Volunteer and/or Mentoring programs
  - Professional development for teachers
  - Evaluations, needs assessment, or data collection efforts and outcomes
  - Sustainability plans
Intention for Funding

- Project Support
  - Data manager
  - Supervisor for multiple sites
Planning Grant Award

• Up to 3 public elementary or secondary schools will be awarded $75,000 in planning grant funds to begin establishing a community school

• The planning year project budget must be supported through other community contributions in the amount of $18,750 (25% match of the award amount)
Match Contribution

- Cash and/or in-kind donations, such as private donations, office space, technology
Eligibility

• Partnerships including joint commitment of (at minimum) a school district, healthcare provider, nonprofit organization and a college/university

• Nonprofit has been in existence for at least three (3) years and serve’s the school district’s community

• Partnerships committed to developing MOU
  • Must be able to show final draft of MOU that will be submitted to the school board by June 30, 2022
Application Process

- Go to: https://ccie.ucf.edu/communityschools/grant-program
- Scroll towards the bottom of the page and click: Community School Grant Program
- Once the profile is complete, move on to completing application.
- Application may be saved as a draft and returned to it later
- Applicants may submit more than one application
CSGP Planning Grant Application

• Think long-term, speak to plans for multiple years of implementation

• Text only, may upload attachments as needed
CSGP Planning Grant Application

Abstract

• Summarize the proposal in 500 words or less
• Ensure **Signature Page** is signed and uploaded

Need / Community Context

• Who is to be served and impacted by implementing a community school? What are the unique challenges faced? How do you know?
Committed Core Partnership

• “Partner” involves long-term commitment to collaborative governance of the community school and fully investing in student outcomes

• Describe roles and contributions of each partner and the history of partnership between organizations

• Submit a letter of support from each core partner or submit a memorandum of understanding that broadly defines how the partners will work together (preferred)
CSGP Planning Grant Application

Supportive Community

• How has the community demonstrated support?

• Letters of support demonstrate the commitment, strongly encouraged, but not required

• Examples: faith leaders, service providers, local businesses, community members, PTO parents, school personnel
CSGP Planning Grant Application

**Project**

- CSGP Planning Grant is the doorway to long-term community school implementation
- Discuss how the community school project will unfold over time, starting with the planning year
  - What programs and services will be implemented?
  - How will existing resources be aligned to community school efforts?
  - How will the community school be integrated with school operations?
- Statement of Work should reflect **Planning Grant project year only**
CSGP Planning Grant Application

Goals, Objectives/Outcomes and Evaluation

• What are the intended goals for the project?

• How do proposed programs and services align with desired outcomes?

• How will results be measured?
Diversified and Leveraged Budget for Sustainability

• Planning Grant budget: projected budget for 2021-22 planning year (sample provided)

• Budget for 3rd year of Implementation: projected budget for a developed Community Partnership School in third year of implementation

• How will the community school avoid over-reliance on a single funding source?
Application Submission

• Applications are due on
  Friday, October 8, 2021 at 11:59 pm (EST)

• Once application is complete, the "Submit" button on the application page will become green and clickable. **Must click green "Submit" button to complete submission.**
1st Phase Application Review

• Ensure your applications are complete!
  ✓ Signature Page
  ✓ MOU or Letters of support from core partners
  ✓ Statement of Work
  ✓ Planning Grant budget
  ✓ Implementation Year 3 Projected Budget

• Incomplete or late applications are not eligible for consideration and will be eliminated

• Complete, timely applications will move to next review phase (notifications will not be sent)
2nd Phase Application Review

- CSGP Grant Committee, consisting of Florida and national community school and education experts, will score the applications and together select up to 3 successful applications to receive planning grant awards of up to $75,000
Notification

• Applicants will be notified of the award decision via email by November 12th

• Award announcements will be posted on our website: https://ccie.ucf.edu/communityschools/grant-program
Technical Assistance

• In addition to funding, school districts and communities will receive ongoing training and technical assistance from the UCF Center for Community School for community school planning, implementation and evaluation:
  ✓ Presentations
  ✓ Strategic discussion facilitation
  ✓ Learning and development events
  ✓ In-person and virtual consultation and coaching
  ✓ Resource production
Fiscal Accountability

• All project recipients are responsible for determining that all project expenditures comply with applicable laws, regulations, statutes, rules, policies, and program requirements

• Nonprofit organization will be the fiscal agent of the award

• Questions? Consult Appendix B: Fiscal and Program Accountability Guidance Sheet
Reporting

- Quarterly progress reports will be submitted to the UCF Center for Community Schools
- Must demonstrate growth towards achieving deliverables
  - Establish memorandum of understanding
  - Secure minimum of 25% of awarded amount in community match funding
  - Establish and convene at least two Community Partnership School cabinet (leadership) meetings
  - Completion of asset map
Thank you!

For any further questions, please contact:

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