# Idaho Coalition for Community Schools Exploring the Community School Strategy: Technical Assistance Grant

In an effort to expand the <u>Community School Strategy in Idaho</u>, funding partners of the Idaho Coalition for Community Schools are offering technical assistance grants to provide expert technical assistance for schools who are seeking to explore and plan the use of the Community School Strategy in their school.

Idaho public schools serving ages 0 –18 interested in exploring the use of the Community School Strategy are eligible to apply. Schools classified by the Idaho State Department of Education as Title I and/or a Rural School under Idaho Code §33-319 will receive priority. Applications for this grant process will be accepted through noon on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Awardees will be provided participation for two representatives\* for the following:

#### • Four 90-minute workshops:

Topics include: Community Schools fundamentals, assets and needs assessments, results-based planning and execution, authentic family and community engagement, staffing a Community School, and sustainability. Following each training session, grant awardees will be required to conduct specific activities unique to each training session and bring these completed materials to the following virtual training session.

- One 60-minute school specific technical assistance call from the National Center for Community Schools; and
- Two 30-minute check-ins with partners from the Idaho Coalition for Community Schools

Award estimated at an in-kind value of \$3,000.

Awarded participants who successfully complete the technical assistance will be eligible to apply for future Implementation Grants to hire a full-time Community School Coordinator hosted by the Idaho Coalition for Community Schools.

## **Proposal Requirements for Grant Applicants**

Use this checklist to ensure you have met the proposal requirements:

- Submit your proposal as a word/PDF document with your answers to the following questions to <a href="https://hregan@unitedwaytv.org">hregan@unitedwaytv.org</a> no later than noon on Thursday, January 12, 2022
   Please keep your proposal concise, proposals should be no more than 5 pages single spaced at 12pt Times Roman font.
- Use the following questions as your guide, please organize your proposal in the same order. Use the numbered questions to organize your responses and include numbers in your proposal.

#### School Information:

- 1. School Name
- 2. Does your school gualify as a Rural School under Idaho State Department of Education code §33-319? YES/NO
- 3. Does your school qualify as Title I?
- 4. School District Name and Number

<sup>\*</sup>Schools will be expected to send the same representatives to each of the meetings.

5. School Mailing Address

### **Primary Contact Information:**

- 6. Primary Contact name
- 7. Primary Contact title
- 8. Primary Contact Email
- 9. Program contact phone number

## **Description of Need and Interest:**

- 10. Describe your community's demographics (i.e. population, age, race, educational attainment, poverty, household size).
- 11. Describe your school's population in detail (i.e. number of students, Free and Reduced Lunch %, English Language Learner %, homelessness rates).
- 12. What do you see as your school population's biggest needs and how do you know these needs exist?
- 13. Describe how your school uses data to inform practice.
- 14. Describe your school's challenges in serving disadvantaged student groups.
- 15. Describe your school's assets in serving disadvantaged student groups.
- 16. Describe the current community partners your school engages.
- 17. Has your school completed training regarding the impact of trauma on students? If yes, when was the training and what trauma-informed strategies or support is your school implementing?

  Not having these programs or trainings will not disqualify you from receiving a planning grant.
- 18. Does your school have a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) strategy and/or have a Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) framework? If yes, please briefly explain.

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- 19. What previous learning or exploration around the Community School Strategy has your school engaged in (ie: conferences, webinars, Idaho Coalition for Community School meetings, conversations with other schools, reading/research etc)?
- 20. Why are you interested in the Community School Strategy for your school (discuss what you know about the strategy, why you think it is a good fit for your school, why now might be the right time to explore, who in your district is supportive)?
- 21. What do you see as potential barriers to implementation of the Community School Strategy?
- 22. What questions or curiosities do you have about the Community School Strategy? What information would be most helpful as you explore and plan?

## This opportunity is brought to you by the following partners:

















