



American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Request Form

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Agency/Point of Contact: Minnesota Department of Education, Stephanie Graff

Title of Request: Grow Your Own Grant Program

Date: 6/22/2022 Request Amount: \$ 1,500,000

Expenditure Time Period: 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

Brief Summary of Request: (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

MDE recommends funding for grants to school districts and charter schools to fund Grow Your Own programs that will diversify the educator workforce. Grantees will use funds to provide scholarships or stipends for adults to pursue a teaching license or for secondary students to explore teaching careers. This will have a specific focus on students and adults of color and American Indian students and adults.

Increasing the diversity of educators in the classroom benefits all students, especially those from historically marginalized populations, who often do not see educators who look like them during their time in school. Some GYO programs assist adults who are interested in entering the teaching profession by providing stipends, scholarships, unique student teaching or field placement experiences, and other options to help them in pursuing a career in education. In addition, many GYO programs create opportunities to help secondary students explore teaching as a profession through Introduction to Education courses, future educator clubs, and other activities that help them see teaching as a promising career field after they have completed their postsecondary education.

MDE will administer the program and award new grants or supplement or replace Grow Your Own funds under agreements with the current 22 grants under the existing state-funded program (\$6.4 million). Current grants range from \$289,000 to \$728,000, with the average being \$584,000. Any resulting state funds made available under this structure would be used for a future Grow Your Own competitive grant process.

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6/23/2022

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