

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE December 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Innovative Education Programs Grant Awards

SUBMITTED BY: Vince Yanez

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Laws 2012, Chapter 294, Sec. 29 establishes the Innovative Education Programs Grant.

The legislation appropriates \$3,000,000 to the State Board of Education to fund innovative educational programs in public schools. Grants shall be awarded only for use in school districts and charter schools for innovative education programs that have a proven track record of success in improving student achievement and on related technology, instructional delivery and materials. Each grantee shall be required to match its state grant with an equal or greater amount of private sector funding. Grantees shall submit a report on program results to the State Board of Education on or before October 1, 2013.

As established by the Board, the application criteria and guidelines include the following:

Application requirements:

- advances proven practices that significantly improve student achievement;
- includes a description of the program design, expected outcomes and specific methods for evaluating the program's success;
- provides verifiable data demonstrating the program's positive impact on student achievement;
- requests a maximum of \$1,000,000 to perform the specific actions detailed in the proposal;
- demonstrates the applicant's ability to match its state grant with an equal or greater amount of private sector funding;
- includes a plan to sustain the program beyond the funding period of the grant;
- provides a detailed program budget, including the use of matching private funds.

Application preferences:

- advances proven practices that significantly improve student achievement in mathematics;
- demonstrates a commitment to address the needs of students in rural areas of Arizona;
- is designed to increase the success of under-represented populations in academically rigorous courses and programs;
- leverages new technologies;
- is replicable and may apply to various educational settings across Arizona.

Each application was evaluated by a by a four-person panel in a manner consistent with the criteria listed above.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:

That the Board accept the recommendation of the evaluation panel and award the Innovation Education Programs grants, as follows:

Center for the Future of Arizona	\$1,000,000
Teach for America	\$1,000,000
Littleton Elementary School District (fiscal agent)	Not to exceed \$329,415.22
Nogales Unified School District	Not to exceed \$148,378
Show Low Unified School District	Not to exceed \$335,369
Paradise Valley Unified School District	\$120,000

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO[X]