The Colorado Health Foundation: Creating Healthy Schools Funding Overview

The Colorado Health Foundation Board approved a ten-year commitment to healthy schools efforts. This recommendation is designed to connect system and local level efforts to create a sustainable network that fosters health and wellness and provides a thriving environment for kids throughout Colorado. Based on historic funding levels, input from stakeholders across the state and our work in the healthy schools space, below you will find anticipated max grant amounts for an assumed 24 month grant period.

Free and reduced price lunch (FRL) participation										
0-25%					25-50%			50-100%		
District Size		Planning	Implementation		Planning	Implementation		Planning	Implementation	
Size	Number of Students	Max Grant			Anticipated max grant			Anticipated max grant	Anticipated max grant	Expected match
Small I	Less than 100	15,000	7,500	15,000	30,000	15,000	10,000	48,000	75,000	No matching dollars required for districts with 50% or higher FRL and/or majority minority enrollment
Small II	100 - 250	20,000	10,000	25,000	40,000	38,000	25,000	80,000	115,000	
Small III	250 - 1K	30,000	15,000	30,000	55,000	55,000	50,000	120,000	150,000	
Med I	1K - 10K	40,000	17,500	35,000	80,000	75,000	75,000	160,000	260,000	
Med II	10K - 50K	45,000	20,000	40,000	120,000	110,000	100,000	240,000	375,000	
Large I	50K – 75K	80,000	25,000	50,000	160,000	150,000	125,000	320,000	560,000	
Large II	More than 75K	120,000	35,000	60,000	240,000	185,000	150,000	400,000	750,000	

Some additional guidance:

- No matching dollars for planning grants regardless of FRL
- These figures are not guarantees and are subject to change. Actual grants awarded depend on several factors and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Match dollars must be non-philanthropic, district dollars. The intent of requiring matching dollars is to support healthy schools leaders in leveraging funds in districts serving a relatively lower-need population. We recognize that, given the broader context of school finance and the ever-increasing demands on schools, all schools have considerable needs. At this time, we are prioritizing implementation dollars for "high-need" districts with 50% or higher FRL and/or majority minority enrollment. The Foundation is also supporting healthy school work at the systems-level healthy schools work, which will support schools across Colorado.

