



Charter School Authorizing Program

FY 2022 Authorizer Income and Expense Report

(Statutory Reference: Minn. Stat. § 124E.05, subd 8 - Authorizer Statement of Expenditures)

Background

Per Minnesota Statutes, 124E.05, subd 8: By September 30 of each year, an authorizer shall submit to the commissioner a statement of income and expenditures related to chartering activities during the previous school year ending June 30. A copy of the statement shall be given to all schools chartered by the authorizer. Statements of income and expenditures serve multiple purposes. They provide transparency regarding the use of public funds, inform charter schools regarding the value of authorizer services and provide accurate information to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the State Legislature about the actual costs of authorizing.

Executive Summary

In 2000, Volunteers of America of Minnesota (VOA-MN) became the first non-profit charter school authorizer in the nation. The VOA-MN Charter School Authorizing Program envisions a society composed of all students achieving maximum learning while serving others. The VOA-MN Authorizing Program mission is to guide our authorized charter schools to improve all pupil learning and all student achievement with service to others.

VOA-MN has maintained a modest growth plan for authorizing new schools and approving school transfers. Smart-growth has always been our model. In FY22, PACT Charter School in Ramsey, Minnesota, submitted a change of authorizer application to the VOA-MN Charter School Authorizing Program. The PACT application was approved by VOA-MN and the VOA-MN PACT Affidavit was approved by Minnesota Department of Education. The change in authorizer effective July 1, 2022. VOA-MN presently authorizes 19 operational charter schools with the approval of PACT Charter School.

The VOA-MN Authorizing Program and Minnesota Department of Education also approved for Woodbury Leadership Academy and Harbor City International School to expand to serve additional grades and operate an additional site. The VOA-MN Authorizing Program also approved the Heartland Lakes Community School application to start a new charter school in the Park Rapids, Minnesota area.

In the years that we have been authorizing, VOA-MN has developed a model of charter school authorizing that goes beyond the compliance-based role vaguely outlined in state statute. We engage in proactive relationships and add value to the schools with which we work. The VOA-MN Charter School Authorizing Program vigilantly monitors the academics, financial, board governance and management/compliance performance of its schools through frequent communication and site visits and regular review of financial and board documents. When signs of concern arise, we work closely with the school's board and management to problem solve and identify resources that may be helpful. We routinely provide technical assistance within our authorizer role, emphasize collaboration between our schools, and our VOA-MN Charter School Leadership Conference continues to grow in participants and popularity.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 (FY22) Authorizer VOA-MN received \$399,634 in **income** attributable to authorizing fees and \$38,000 in **income** attributable to Annual Charter School Leadership Conference.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 (FY22) Authorizer VOA-MN had \$413,233 in related **expenses** for chartering activities.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, Authorizer VOA-MN had a budget surplus of \$ 33,202.

Authorizer VOA-MN FY 22 Income and Expense Report Details			
<i>(FY22 Authorizer Fee Amounts Include FY21 Adjustments)</i>			
INCOME			
	School Name	Amount Collected	Notes
1	Athlos Academy of St. Cloud St. Cloud, MN 26,912.00	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
2	Athlos Leadership Academy Brooklyn Park, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
3	Birch Grove Community School Tofte, MN	\$ 6,728.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
4	Bluffview Montessori School Winona, MN	\$ 22,262.95	FY22 Authorizer Fee
5	FIT Academy Apple Valley, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
6	Green Isle Community School Green Isle, MN	\$ 6,728.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
7	Harbor City International School Duluth, MN	\$ 24,036.44	FY22 Authorizer Fee
8	Kaleidoscope Charter School Otsego, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
9	KIPP: Stand Academy Minneapolis, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
10	Lakes International Language Academy Forest Lake, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
11	Naytahwaush Community Charter School Naytahwaush, MN	\$ 15,322.01	FY22 Authorizer Fee
12	New Century School St. Paul, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
13	Schoolcraft Learning Community Bemidji, MN	\$ 20,693.04	FY22 Authorizer Fee
14	Southside Family Charter School, Minneapolis, MN	\$ 11,265.95	FY22 Authorizer Fee
15	Spectrum High School Elk River, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
16	Twin Lakes STEM Academy (formerly Tesfa) Brooklyn Center, MN	\$ 23,478.07	FY22 Authorizer Fee
17	TrekNorth Junior and Senior High School Bemidji, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
18	Woodbury Leadership Academy Woodbury, MN	\$ 26,912.00	FY22 Authorizer Fee
Total FY22 Authorizer Fees Collected		\$ 399,634.46	
FY 22 Annual Conference Contributions to VOAMN		\$ 38,000	Vendor and non-VOA School Registrations
FY 22 TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 446,434	
EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY			
Salaries		\$ 113,131	
Other Employee Benefits		\$ 25,599	Health/Life
Payroll Taxes		\$ 7,360	
Workers Comp Insurance		\$ (992)	
Other Professional Fees		\$ 119,874	Independent Contractors:

		Governance Analyst/Constituent Services, Financial Analyst, Academic Analyst, Program Assistant, Peer Reviewers
Supplies and Expenses	\$ 1,452	Office/Food
Telephone	\$ 644	Telephone/Cell Phone/Technology
Travel	\$ 3,156	Includes travel for a minimum of two site visits per year to 18 schools, plus travel to five application interviews and the annual conference in Bemidji, MN.
Conferences and Meetings / Training	\$ 47,689	Includes Site Visit - lodging & meal expenses, school management meeting meals, and the Annual Leadership Conference.
Other	\$ 33,906	Rent/Liability Ins/Dues
	Admin Fees	\$ 61,414
	Total Expenses	\$ 413,233

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