



COLORADO
Department of Education

School Counselor Corps Grant Program

Welcome Packet

Cohort 15

2025-2026

Let's Get Started Cohort 15



Welcome to FY2025-2026 for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program (SCCGP)

As we embark on this four-year grant journey, we look forward to meeting you, learning about your programs, and experiencing the positive changes ahead.

No matter where you are starting with the implementation of comprehensive school counseling, we are here to help. The information in this packet is a brief introduction to the SCCGP, state grant terminology, and grant requirements.

**We will share more information at the SCCG Virtual Welcome
on August 27, 2025**

Contact Us



We are here to support you.
Please reach out by email or phone if you have any questions.

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SCCGP Mission and Vision



Vision Statement:

- Each Colorado Local Education Provider will have the awareness and access to apply for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program and enhance the implementation of comprehensive and sustainable school counseling programs.

Mission Statement:

- The School Counselor Corps Grant Program will support sustainable comprehensive school counseling programs through training, technical support, and assistance to SCCGP grantees according to C.R.S. 22-91-101 through 105.

Current SCCGP Grantees



- Academy 20
- Adams-Arapahoe 28J
- Aguilar Reorganized 6
- Archuleta County 50 Jt
- Arickaree R-2
- AUL Denver
- Bethune R-5
- Big Sandy 100J
- Boulder Valley Re 2: Justice High Charter School
- Branson Reorganized 82
- Brush RE-2(J)
- Burlington RE-6J
- Calhan RJ-1
- Caprock Academy
- Centennial R-1
- Center 26 JT
- Cherry Creek 5
- CIVICA Colorado
- Clear Creek RE-1
- Colorado River BOCES- Yampah Mountain High School
- Colorado Springs 11
- Cotopaxi RE-3
- CSI: Academy of Charter Schools
- CSI: Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs
- CSI: New Legacy Charter School
- Denver County 1
- District 49
- Doral Academy of Colorado
- DSST: College View High School
- Durango 9-R
- Elizabeth School District
- Estes Park R-3
- Fort Morgan Re-3
- Fountain 8
- Garfield 16
- Garfield Re-2
- Genoa-Hugo C113
- Greeley 6
- Harrison 2
- Harrison 2- Atlas Preparatory Middle School
- Idalia RJ-3
- Ignacio 11 JT
- Jefferson County R-1
- Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J
- Kiowa C-2
- La Veta Re-2
- Lake County R-1
- Lewis-Palmer 38
- Limon RE-4J
- Lone Star 101
- Mancos RE-6
- McClave Re-2
- Moffat 2
- Montezuma-Cortez RE-1: Southwest Open Charter School
- Orton Academy
- Pueblo City 60
- Pueblo County 70
- Ricardo Flores Magon Academy
- Rocky Ford R-2
- Salida R-32
- San Juan BOCES
- Sanford 6J
- Sheridan 2
- St Vrain Valley RE1J
- Steamboat Springs RE-2
- Stone Creek School
- Strasburg 31J
- Summit RE-1
- Trinidad 1
- Upper Rio Grande School District C-7
- Vilas RE-5
- Weld County School District RE-3J
- Weld RE-4
- West Grand 1-JT
- Wiggins RE-50(J)
- Wiley RE-13 Jt



SCCGP History and Background



Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S) 22-91-101 through 22-91-105

- **2008: Established the School Counselor Corps Grant Program (SCCGP) through HB08-1370**
- **SB14-150: Updates to SCCGP**
 - Additional requirements for implementing a comprehensive school counseling model, data collection to illustrate impact, etc.
- **SB17-068: Early Support for Student Success Through Access to School Counselors**
 - Addition of elementary schools
- **HB19-1187: Increasing Completion Rates of Applications for Student Financial Aid for Higher Education**
 - Appropriated funds from 2019-2022 for the purpose of educating and supporting students and families in completing and submitting the free application for federal student aid or applications for state student aid.
- **SB22-140: Expansion of Experiential Learning Opportunities Through Relationships with Employers**
 - Addition of work-based learning awareness, education, and opportunities

[Read more and access legislation here.](#)

The Why Behind the Work



Colorado Revised Statute 22-91-101

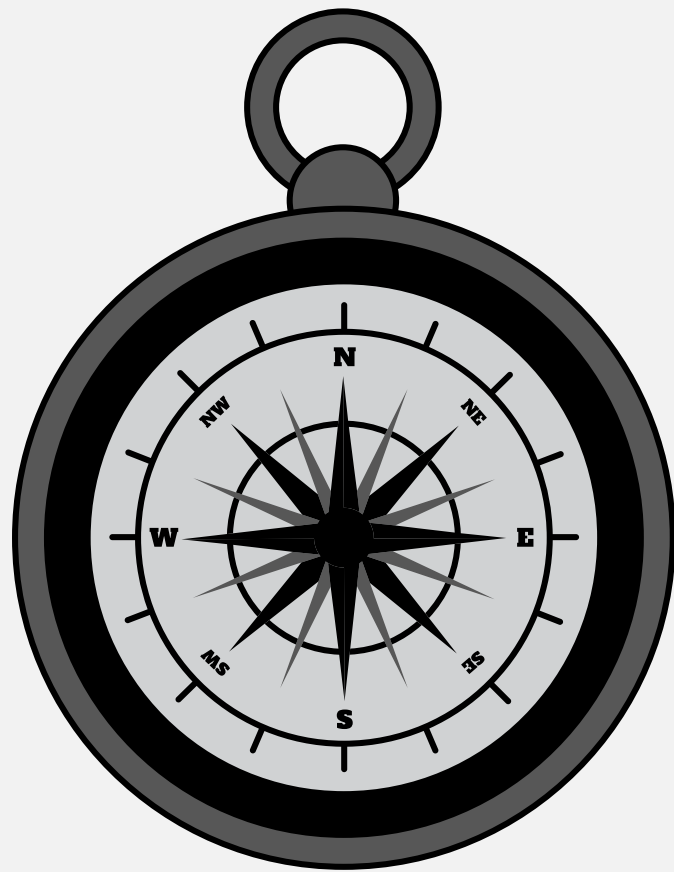


(1)(k) Reducing the student-to-counselor ratio in Colorado's public schools is a positive move toward achieving the goals of **closing the achievement gap, decreasing the dropout rate, and increasing the number of students who matriculate into postsecondary education without the need for remediation.**



(2) The general assembly concludes, therefore, that it is in the **best interests of the students** in the state to encourage and support school districts, boards of cooperative services, and charter schools in **increasing the number of school counselors available in middle, junior high, and high schools and improving the level of school counseling services** provided to students by enacting the school counselor corps grant program.

Goals of the SCCGP



Colorado Revised Statute 22-91-103

- *(1)(a)* Increase the availability of effective school counseling to help:
 - *(I)* Increase the graduation rate
 - *(II)* Increase the percentage of students who appropriately prepare for, apply to and continue into postsecondary education; and
- *(b)* Support work-based learning awareness, education, and opportunities

Grant Terminology



- **Grant Award Letter (GAL):** A letter from CDE announcing funds awarded.
- **Annual Financial Report (AFR) term updated in GAINS to “Financial Expenditure Report” (FER):** A report to show how funds were spent in a previous spending year (includes budget workbook and a general ledger).
- **Interim Financial Report (IFR):** A report to show how spending is progressing through the current fiscal year (includes budget workbook and a general ledger).
- **Continuation Budget:** A budget to show how funds will continue to be spent in the next fiscal year.
- **Budget Revision:** changes made to a budget during the school year.
- **Development Year Report:** A report for year one grantees.
- **End of Year Report (EOY):** A report for year two through four grantees to report program outcomes.

Grant Requirements



All reporting requirements, deadlines, submission links, and terms of the grant are outlined in the Exhibit A - Statement of Work that is sent with the Grant Award Letter.

- **The School Counselor Corps Grant Program requires:**
 - Attendance at mandatory trainings
 - Financial documents and reports
 - Annual program report

**Please read the Statement of Work to fully review
all terms and conditions of the grant.**

Required Trainings



- Each funded site's school administrator and grant funded school counselor (program manager if school counselor is not hired) must attend the required trainings in 2025-2026:
 - Virtual Welcome Training: August 27, 2025, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
 - Virtual Fiscal Training: September 3, 2025, from 9:00 - 10:00 AM
 - **UPDATED** Cohort 15 In-Person Meeting September 9, 2025, in Colorado Springs
 - Regional Training: information at Virtual Welcome
 - Year One Webinar Series (6 webinars): dates coming soon!

All dates are tentative and will be confirmed at the Virtual Welcome on August 27, 2025.

Required Documents and Reporting



- **Financial Documents and Reports:**
 - Complete budget workbook in GAINS and revisions as needed
 - Last day to submit a revision for FY2025-26 is May 15, 2026.
 - Submit the Interim Financial Report: due February 13, 2026
- **Program Report:**
 - Development Year Report: due May 29, 2026

Let's Talk Funding



SCCGP funds Local Education Providers to hire school counselors and enhance school counseling services.

- Funding cannot supplant or replace money that is being used to fund current school counselor FTE or services. A new school counseling position must be added.
- All budget items must be added to the budget in GAINS and receive approval before purchasing can occur.

SCCGP Funding 2025 - 26



Grant funds for FY2025-2026 must be spent by June 30, 2026.

- **Year One:** Cohort 15 awarded at \$30,000 per Local Education Provider (LEP).
- **Years Two, Three, and Four:** Anticipate award amount of \$90,000 per funded site.

All funding is contingent upon enacting pending appropriations to the SCCGP each school year.

Allowable Use of Funds



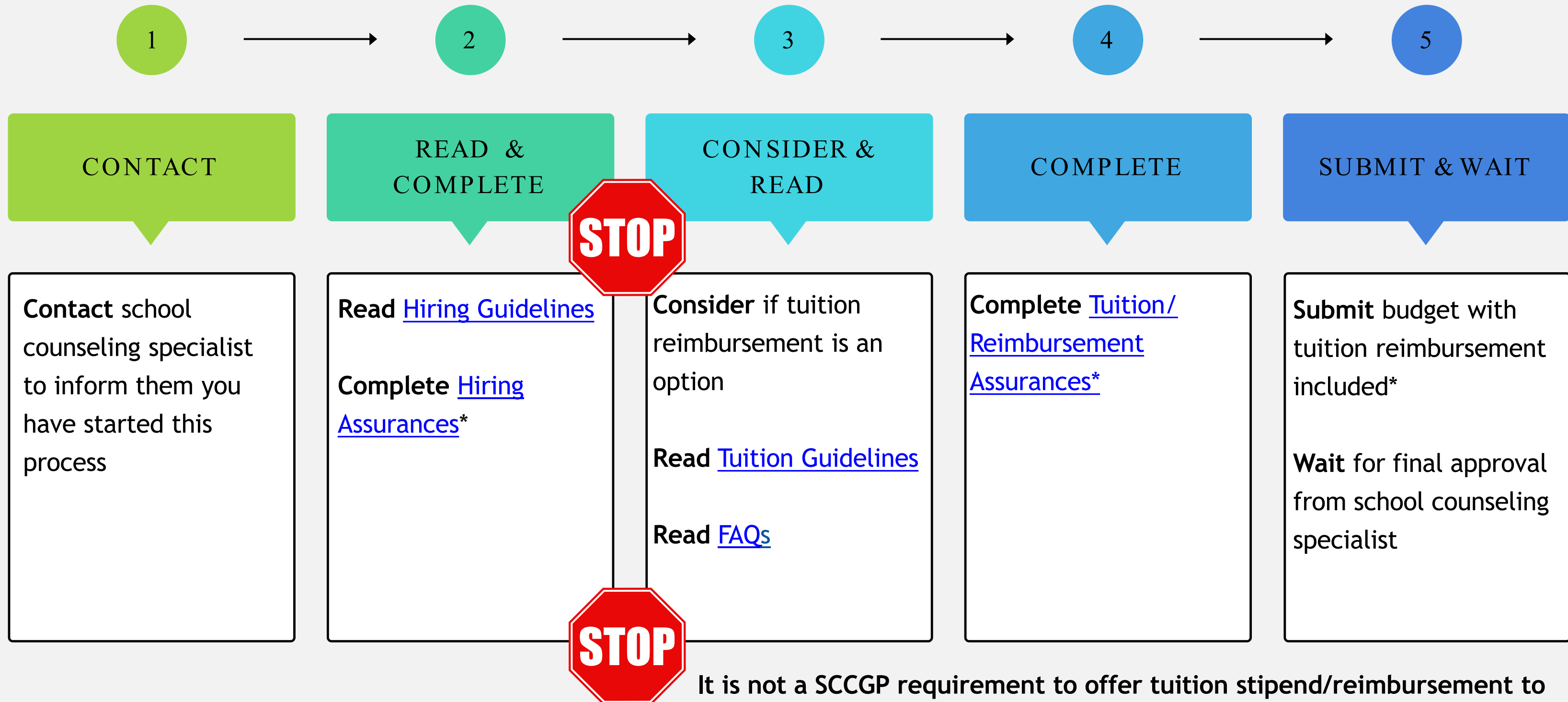
- **Licensed school counselor salaries and benefits**
 - **Year One Planning:** School counselor salaries and benefits are an optional use of funds to support grant work in year one.
 - **Years Two-Four Implementation:** **1.0 School counselor FTE** salaries and benefits are required per funded site.
- Grant related travel to in-person required training and professional development
- Career awareness and postsecondary preparatory services
- Professional development
- Events, supplies, and technology related to comprehensive school counseling program development and implementation;
- School counseling coursework and tuition for approved individuals
- Consulting services

Licensed School Counselors



- **SCCGP funds must be used to hire licensed school counselors.**
 - In years two-four: 1.0 school counselor FTE salaries and benefits are required per funded site.
- Please reach out to Jennicca and Brooke to discuss the approval process for hiring an individual working towards school counseling licensure (next slide).

Hiring Individuals Working Towards CO School Counseling Licensure



*Email approval must be obtained

It is not a SCCGP requirement to offer tuition stipend/reimbursement to those working toward school counseling licensure.

Unallowable Expenses



Funds may NOT be used for the following (including, but not limited to):



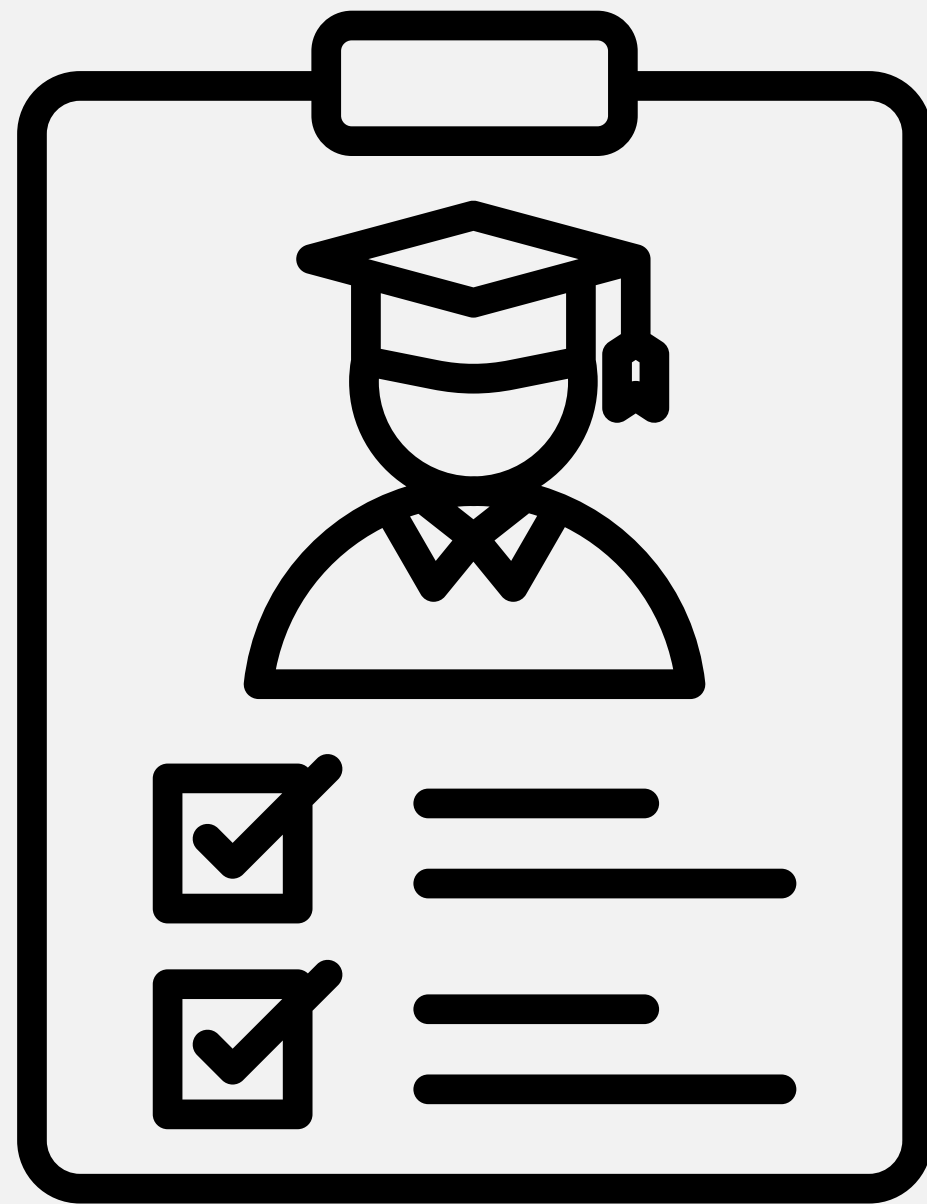
- Capital equipment: equipment valued at \$10,000 or more with a useful life of more than a year.
- Building improvements, construction, or maintenance
- Indirect costs, or incentives for students and or staff
- **In years two, three, and four:** funds cannot be used for non-licensed school counseling positions (i.e. social workers, psychologists, clinical therapists, etc.)

SCCGP Resources



- **Monthly Emails:** sent the first week each month and include grant reminders, updates, and resources.
- **SCCGP Website:** bookmark the [Current SCCGP webpage](#) for details of grant requirements, submission links, resources for trainings, etc.
- **SCCGP Resources Website:** bookmark the [resources webpage](#) for quick links related to data collection, professional development, and supports.

Next Steps



- Share this welcome packet with site-based administrators, program contacts, fiscal contacts, and any SCCGP team members.
- [Register here](#) for the:
 - SCCGP Virtual Welcome on August 27, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- [Register here](#) for the:
 - Virtual Fiscal Welcome on September 3, 2025, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM
- [Complete the SCCGP contact form](#) so we contact the right people.



Thank you

We look forward to seeing you soon!

