



**Charter School Authorizing Program**  
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**FY 2019 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 decided on a modest growth plan for authorizing new schools. In FY19, VOAMN did not make any changes to their school portfolio. VOA-MN authorized 18 operational charter schools. Smart-growth has always been our model. In FY19, one VOAMN school requested a change of authorizer and that request was granted.

In the years that we have been authorizing, VOA-MN has developed and practices 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.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 (FY19) Authorizer VOA-MN received **\$ 356,537 in income**, attributable to authorizing fees. Authorizer VOA-MN also **received \$ 3,614** through a federal CSP grant through the Minnesota Department of Education.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 (FY19) Authorizer VOA-MN had **\$ 313,013** in related **expenses** for chartering activities.

**For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 Authorizer VOA-MN had a budget surplus of \$ 47,318**

## Authorizer VOA-MN FY 2019 Income and Expense Report Details

*(FY19 Authorizer Fee Amounts Include FY18 Adjustments)*

### INCOME

|  | School Name  | Amount Collected  | Notes               |
|--|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | Athlos Leadership Academy<br>Brooklyn Park, MN           | \$ 25,015         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 2  | Athlos Academy of St. Cloud<br>St. Cloud, MN             | \$ 25,248         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 3  | Birch Grove Community School<br>Tofte, MN                | \$ 6,079          | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 4  | Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School<br>St. Paul, MN | \$ 13,348         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 5  | FIT Academy<br>Apple Valley, MN                          | \$ 25,468         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 6  | Green Isle Community School<br>Green Isle, MN            | \$ 6,196          | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 7  | Harbor City International School<br>Duluth, MN           | \$ 21,753         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 8  | Kaleidoscope Charter School<br>Otsego, MN                | \$ 25,132         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 9  | KIPP: Stand Academy<br>Minneapolis, MN                   | \$ 25,125         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 10   | Lakes International Language Academy<br>Forest Lake, MN  | \$ 24,711         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 11   | Naytahwaush Community Charter School<br>Naytahwaush, MN  | \$ 10,540         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 12   | New Century School<br>St. Paul, MN                       | \$ 25,231         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 13   | Schoolcraft Learning Community<br>Bemidji, MN            | \$ 18,915         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 14   | Southside Family Charter School,<br>Minneapolis, MN      | \$ 11,606         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 15   | Spectrum High School<br>Elk River, MN                    | \$ 25,248         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 16   | TESFA International School<br>Columbia Heights, MN       | \$ 16,313         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 17   | TrekNorth Junior and Senior High School<br>Bemidji, MN   | \$ 24,783         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| 18   | Woodbury Leadership Academy<br>Woodbury, MN              | \$ 25,826         | FY18 Authorizer Fee |
| <b>Total FY19 Authorizer Fees Collected</b>    |  | <b>\$ 356,357</b> |                     |
| <b>FY 19 FEDERAL AUTHORIZER TRAINING GRANT</b> |  | <b>\$</b>         |                     |
| <b>FY 19 TOTAL REVENUE</b>                     |  |                   |                     |

### EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

|                         |           |             |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Salaries                | \$106,801 |             |
| Other Employee Benefits | \$ 22,982 | Health/Life |
| Payroll Taxes           | \$ 7,277  |             |
| Workers Comp Insurance  | \$ 221    |             |
| Other Professional Fees | \$104,736 |             |
| Supplies and Expenses   | \$ 479    | Office/Food |

|                                     |                  |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Telephone                           | \$ 1,662         | Telephone/Cell Phone/Technology |
| Travel                              | \$ 1,979         |                                 |
| Conferences and Meetings / Training | \$ 14,111        |                                 |
| Other                               | \$ 13,460        | Rent/Liability Ins/Dues         |
| Admin Fees                          | \$ 39,305        |                                 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>               | <b>\$313,013</b> |                                 |