

Springboard Funding Group, LLC

GRANT WRITING & FUNDING STRATEGY FOR MINNESOTA PUBLIC EDUCATION

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OUR WORK

Grant writing that understands public education from the inside

Springboard Funding Group is a Minnesota-based grant consulting firm dedicated to securing funding for the programs, students, and schools that need it most. We specialize in public education grant writing — from small foundation awards to complex, multi-year state and federal grants — with a consistent focus on educational equity, college and career readiness, and expanding access for historically underserved students in Minnesota public schools.

What sets Springboard apart is not just grant writing expertise. Our founder brings two decades of K-12 curriculum coordination experience, which means every proposal is grounded in real program logic, real student outcome data, and real district context. We don't translate what clients tell us. We already speak the language.

TRACK RECORD

More than \$1.3 million in awarded funding for Minnesota public schools

Grant	Funder	Focus	Amount	Status
Expansion of Rigorous Coursework	MN Dept. of Education	AP/CTE equity expansion, 300+ students	\$617,144	Awarded
Native Language Restoration — Round 2	MN Dept. of Education	Ojibwe language and culture, college-credit bearing	\$440,000	Awarded
Native Language Restoration — Round 1	MN Dept. of Education	On-site native language implementation	\$52,995	Awarded
Youth Skills Training	MN Dept. of Labor	Paid internships for students with IEPs	\$100,000	Awarded
Advancing Computer Science	MN Dept. of Education	CS equity, curriculum cohesion, community partners	\$49,220	Awarded
ISD Foundation Grants (multiple)	Local Foundations	Work-based learning, aquatics access, lab modernization	Various	Awarded
Diverse Classroom Book Collection	MN Reading Association	Culturally relevant books for students	\$200	Awarded
Future Ready — College Readiness	MN Office of Higher Education	Post-secondary access for marginalized students	\$120,000	High score; Record pool
AP/IB/STEM Expansion	MN Dept. of Education	Rigorous coursework expansion	\$100,000	Score: 94/100

Grant	Funder	Focus	Amount	Status
MN Youth at Work	MN DEED	Career pathways, paid work, equity focus	\$396,750	High score; Not funded

Near-misses with high scores reflect competitive market conditions, not proposal quality. The OHE application competed in the largest candidate pool in that program's history. The AP/IB/STEM application scored 94/100 — a management decision redirected the award.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Deep curriculum knowledge across the program areas funders support most

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) and AP expansion
- College and career readiness systems
- Native language and cultural programming
- Computer science education
- Work-based learning and post-secondary integration
- Equity-centered course access and disparity reduction
- Gifted and talented programming
- Multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)
- K-12 curriculum review and program development
- Budget development and UFARS alignment

FUNDER RELATIONSHIPS

Direct experience writing for and working with:

State Agencies	Regional & Local	National & Specialty
MN Dept. of Education MN Office of Higher Education MN Dept. of Employment & Economic Dev. MN Dept. of Labor	Dakota County Perkins Consortium Dakota County Workforce ISD Foundations Local business partners	EdSafe AI Alliance MN Reading Association United Way Federal programs (grants.gov)

HOW WE WORK

Flat monthly retainer. No hourly billing. No surprises.

Clients receive ongoing grant identification, writing, and strategy support for a predictable monthly investment. Retainer tiers start at \$1,500/month and scale with your district's scope and ambitions.

We also offer standalone services:

- Grant portfolio audits (starting at \$750)
- Single grant applications (starting at \$1,200)
- Grant calendar and prospecting reports (starting at \$500)
- Logic model and evaluation design
- Budget development and UFARS alignment
- Grant reporting support (interim and final)

About the Founder

Miles Lawson brings 25 years of Minnesota public education experience, including two decades in curriculum coordination roles across two metropolitan districts. He has served as grant writer and project manager for more than \$1.3 million in awarded public education grants, with additional competitive submissions pending. His curriculum coordination background spans AP and CTE expansion, native language programming, computer science education, work-based learning, gifted and talented programming, and equity-centered course access. His experience with funders spans MN DOE, MN OHE, MN DEED, the Department of Labor, and multiple local and regional sources. Springboard Funding Group, LLC is registered in Minnesota.