

STATE OF WASHINGTON
Washington Student Achievement Council
SOLE SOURCE TRANSPARENCY POSTING

The Washington Student Achievement Council contemplates awarding a sole source contract to College Success Foundation to provide support service strategies to the Passport to College Promise Program with its network of postsecondary institutions and community partners to increase retention and postsecondary success of Passport students.

The Passport to College Promise RCW 28B.117.005, was authorized as a six-year pilot program in 2007 to encourage current and former foster care youth to prepare for, attend, and successfully complete a higher education; and to provide them with the educational planning, information, institutional support and direct financial resources necessary to succeed. The program was made permanent beginning July 1, 2012 and extended through June 30, 2022. During the 2018 supplemental legislative session the legislature expanded the Passport to College Promise Program (2SSB 6274) to include more categories of foster and at risk youth. It also established the Passport to Careers program with two programmatic pathways: the Passport to College Promise Scholarship program and the Passport to Apprenticeship Opportunities program.

In the 2019-2021 biennial operating budget, the WSAC was requested to work with a non-profit organization that could provide support services to postsecondary institutions, other agencies, and community partners to increase student completion in their post-secondary program.

Beginning in 2009-10, CSF was instrumental in establishing the Passport support infrastructure, and continues to expand on the foundational work, on which this effective, viable program is based. The relationship building with and between other agencies and post-secondary institutions, whose mandate is ensuring foster youth are successful in meeting their goals, has been paramount in the program's success.

The contract will be issued on or about July 25, 2019 for twelve (12) months. The dollar value is estimated at \$500,000.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

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