



**DENVER**  
THE MILE HIGH CITY

# **Denver College Success Board Agreement**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
Finance Committee

FOR CITY SERVICES VISIT | CALL  
**DenverGov.org** | **311**

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- Ordinance passed by Denver Voters in November 2018
- Created new Charitable Organization - DCSC
- Funded by .8% Sales Tax increase
  - About 1 cent on \$10 purchase
  - Total projected revenue for 2019: approx. \$11.8 million

- **Stephen Kurtz** (*DSCS Chair*), Chair/CEO MuscleSound, Inc.
- **Theresa Peña** (*DCSC Vice Chair*), Coordinator Outreach & Engagement Denver Public Schools
- **Akasha Absher** (*DCSC Secretary*), Chief Consulting Officer, Syntrinsic Investment Counsel, LLC,
- **Mark Goodman** (*DCSC Treasurer*), Chairman, Colorado Nut Company, Inc.
- **Angela Cobián**, Denver Board of Education
- **Christopher Herndon**, Denver Councilman District 8
- **John H. Kechriotis**, Former General Counsel at Denver Public Schools

**Purpose:** to increase college enrollment and degree completion by Denver Residents through support of scholarship organizations

[www.denvercollegesuccesscorporation.org](http://www.denvercollegesuccesscorporation.org)

## **Supported Organization Requirements**

- Colorado Nonprofit
- In existence for three years
- Operationally and financially independent
- Provide post secondary scholarships and support services to Denver residents
- Other requirements established by DCSC board.

## Reimbursement Guidelines

- Up to 75% reimbursement for scholarship and support services
- Students must complete academic year in good standing
- Supported organization must provide and maintain information required by DCSC
- Reimbursement 2x per year

## **Student Requirements**

- Denver resident for at least 36 months
- Less than 25 years old
- Must attend post-secondary institution in Colorado
- Meet financial aid as determined by DCSC
- Continue to achieve “satisfactory academic progress”

## **Family Income Guidelines**

- Reimbursement shall be funded based on the Federal Pell Grant program or comparable need analysis determined by DCSC
- Ordinance Limit is 2.5x Federal Pell Grant
- Sliding Scale to be set by DCSC



- Oversight provided by Office of Children’s Affairs
- Annual contract, with renewal at City’s option
  - Sunset provision after 12 years
- Administration expenses limited to 5% of tax collected (10% in first year only)
- 95% of tax reserved for reimbursement to scholarship organizations

- Sales tax distributions to DCSC monthly, with initial (2019) catch-up distribution following City Council contract approval
- Annual reconciliation of Sales Tax occurring in 2nd quarter of each year
- Provides carryover of unused funds to subsequent years

Annual presentation to Mayor, City Council, Auditor and Public including:

- Number of students receiving funds
- Metrics tracking students year over year
- Number of organizations receiving funds
- Inventory of student support services
- Financial review
- Annual audited financial statements

## Quarterly Progress Reports to OCA

- Detailed metrics and compliance reporting
- Financial reporting
- Internal controls
- Board Involvement
- Creation of standardized reports
- 1<sup>st</sup> report: Q4 2019

- City and Auditor have right to examine all books, records or documents
- City may terminate for cause (with 90-day notice for cure)
- DCSC required to maintain standard forms of insurance
- DCSC provides Indemnity to City

Established regular communication with city  
**OCA**

Hired legal counsel  
**Trey Rogers, Recht/Kornfeld**

Opened Bank Account  
**UMB Bank**

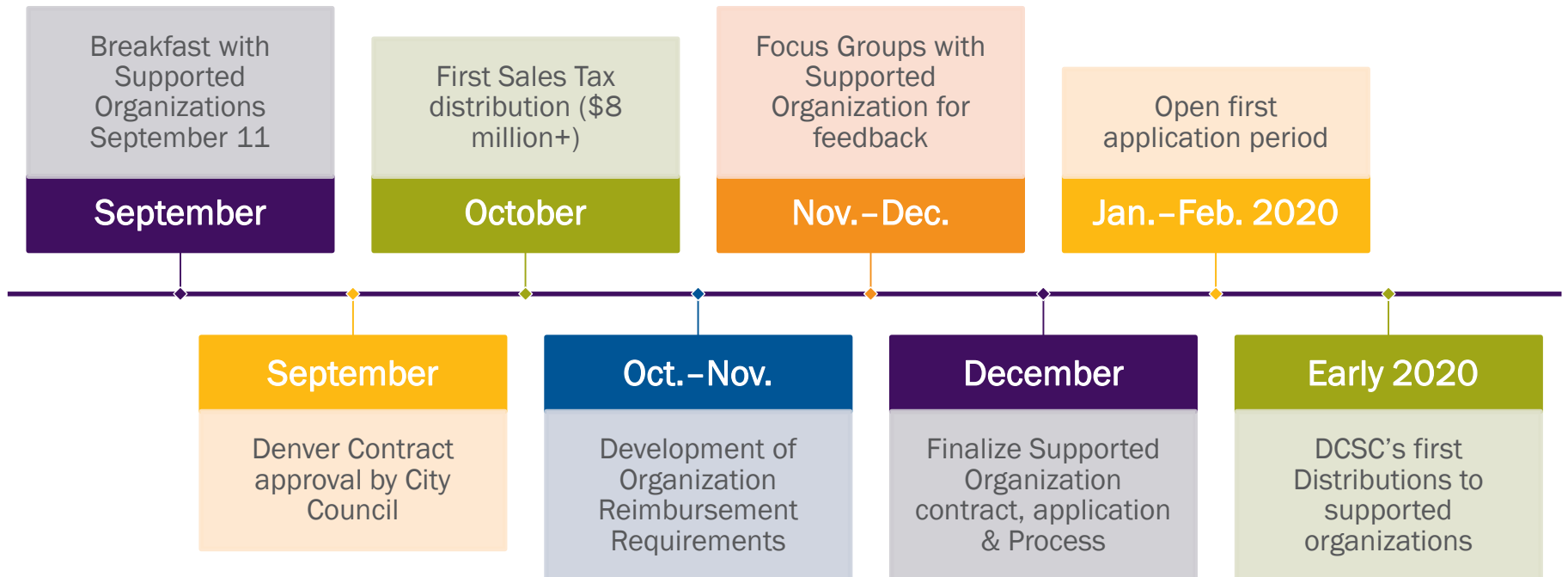
Engaged Insurance Firm  
**Lockton**

Collect information from DCSC's Supported Organizations

Engaged firm for budgeting and analysis  
**Metrix IQ**

Completed Contract with City of Denver

Website Live



- Increase number of Denver residents graduating from post secondary education and trade schools
- Increase capacity of organizations to provide scholarships & support services
- Strengthen Denver's workforce



# Questions?