



## **Soaring Education Services Receives Grant from VELA Education Fund**

*Open Sky Education and its newest division Soaring Education Services receives \$250,000 as part of VELA Fund Bridge Grant.*

**WAUKESHA** - Soaring Education Services received a \$250,000 grant from VELA Education Fund, a national nonprofit fund that launched in 2020.

The money awarded to Soaring Education Services' will fund the mission to expand access to Christian education nationally via Christian microschoools.

"We are incredibly grateful that Soaring Education Services was selected for one of only nine VELA Fund Bridge Grants awarded in this grant cycle," said CEO of Open Sky Education, Dr. Andrew Neumann. "It is with the support of groups like VELA Education Fund that we can continue to scale new forms of Christian education that are accessible and affordable to all."

According to the VELA website, bridge grants are designed to help more established organizations bridge unconventional solutions to broader adoption. Funding supports models scaling their out-of-system delivery model (new state, new region, new community); experimental, out-of-system pilots for established organizations; or products and services that build the ecosystem for learners and families assembling out-of-system learning experiences. [Learn more here.](#)

VELA is a national nonprofit fund that launched in 2020. VELA invests in everyday entrepreneurs – students, parents, educators, and community leaders – who are envisioning new approaches that meet learners' and families' needs. VELA does not dictate solutions to its grantees. Instead, VELA trusts grantees to identify what their communities need and how they can best meet those needs. VELA has awarded more than 1,800 grants totaling more than \$17.8 million to support non-traditional education models. Recipients reside in all 50 states and three U.S. territories. Visit [velaedfund.org](http://velaedfund.org) to learn more.

Soaring Education Services aims to create a model to allow families in Arizona to leverage this new school choice initiative to provide a Christian education for their children. The experts at Soaring Education Services provide customized planning for your team using a facilitated process that includes project planning, conceptualization, and prioritization of work.

SES provides coaching, tools, and materials needed for a successful launch. For more information on Soaring Education Services, visit their [website](#).

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