



2019-22 Florida Public Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant
Request For Proposals (RFP) Questions & Answers

Q1:

Will a recording of the webinar be available on your website prior to the deadline?

A1:

Yes. A copy of the technical assistance webinar and presentation is available on the *2019-22 Charter School Program Grant (CSP) Planning, Program Design and Implementation* webpage:
<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/charter-school-program-grant/1922-CSP-RFP.stml>

Q2:

Can you be in the planning stage and the implementation stage at the same time?

A2:

No, a charter school cannot simultaneously be in both the planning and implementation phases. The Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant is meant to be a continuous multi-year project (planning and implementation). The maximum planning period allowed is 12-18 months, with a maximum implementation period of 24 months. Since the total combine timeline for planning and implementation cannot exceed a maximum of 36 months (3 year period), the program period is adjusted (reduced) depending on period utilized during the planning phase.

Q3:

In regards to the Second Charter Schools Program Competition -- Planning, Design and Implementation Grants for Eligible Charter Schools, is this grant open to charter schools opening in 2019, but that are currently CSP recipients under a planning stage for this current (2018-2019) school year? In other words, can a school that has been awarded the CSP grant and which is opening in August 2019 apply for this grant as well?

A3:

No. If a charter school has an active CSP grant and is currently in the planning phase, it will simply move into implementation. It does not need to reapply.

Q4:

Will schools that were denied the CSP grant 2x before, be given the opportunity at some time in the future to apply? The school board was hoping that they would be able to apply again since they have been working on some of the deficiencies mentioned in previous grant interview.

A4:

Per the RFP, any applicant that has been denied CSP funding in both the 2017-2020 and the

2018-2021 competitions is ineligible for this current competition. No plans have been made to run a separate RFP competition to accommodate charter applicants denied twice previously.

Q5:

It was not a [district sponsor] requirement of the Charter Application that a Statement of Assurances be submitted for each individual board member, does the CSP Grant review require a signed Statement of Assurances from each Board Member for submission as a component of *Attachment L*? Or is the signed Statement of Assurances page from the Charter Application sufficient? Requiring a signed Statement of Assurances from each individual board member would be a variance from the requirements of the Charter Application process.

A5:

It is expected the CSP applicant will upload the complete Board Member Information Sheet and Statement of Assurances that was originally submitted to the local school district.

Q6:

1. Do schools that have merged count as closures in the review of the applicant/EMO's stability factor?
2. If the governing board operates more than 5 schools, and also contracts with an EMO, which organization will be the primary driver for evaluation? Will the EMO's criteria be evaluated or the applicant's?

A6:

As to #1: If an applicant has documentation supporting the merger of two or more schools, than that information will be considered when assessing the stability of a governing board or a management company. As to #2: If the governing board operates more than five schools, than the performance of the schools for that board will be considered.

Q7:

1. Overview Form: The section called Florida Public Charter School Grant Program 2019-22 RFP Competition has a form that reads "Overview Form (2018-2021)". It appears that this may be last year's form because the section asking for projected students begins with "2017-18 Projected", followed by projections for 2018-19 and 2019-20. Since our program begins in 2019-20, would we only fill in the last space on this question? Should we enter a zero for the others? Should the first space be for 2019-20, the second space for 2020-21 and the third for 2021-22? Will a revised form be provided on the site?
2. Also in the Overview Form there is the question about sharing resources with another school. The new charter school will share facilities, administration and governing board with State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, but not another charter or secondary school. (A) Does this question refer to a secondary/charter school or ANY educational institution? (B)

3. In Fluid Review, if there is an attachment or an addendum that does not apply to our institution, do we need to upload a document that states “Attachment XX – Not Applicable?”

A7:

1. The FluidReview system has been updated to reflect the correct Enrollment Projection years.
2. **A:** The Overview question, “Will the school share any of the following with one or more other schools?” is specific to other public schools.
B: There is a question specific to whether a CSP applicant is affiliated with a university or community college. Once YES is indicated, the online application system will request the name of the affiliated college/university.
3. Yes, should any of the attachments or addendum NOT APPLY it would be best to upload a document that states “Attachment XX – Not Applicable”. This will trigger the system to ‘COMPLETE’ status.

Q8:

We have in our application Addendum A and Addendum A1, but I do not see a place to upload these documents. These are included in the full copy of the charter school proposal, but I do not how to upload these two documents separately. Please advice.

A8:

Addendum A, A-1, and B are part of the Charter School Application. If the CSP applicant submitted the Addendum to their local school, the charter school application **and** the Addendum will be upload as a single PDF document.

Q9:

Where would we find a copy of the following form - Applicant History Worksheet (Addendum DD: Form IEPC-M1A)?

A9:

The Applicant History Worksheet (Addendum DD: Form IEPC-M1A) should have been part of the Charter School Application submitted to the local school district. The worksheet captures the academic and financial performance history of affiliated schools. If the worksheet is not applicable, simply upload a document saying as much.

Q10:

NOTE: error given when logged in to the link provided on page 14 of the RFP:
<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/charter-school-program-grant/csprequest-for-proposals.shtml>- This www.fldoe.org page can’t be found.

A10:

Please use the following corrected link: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/charter-school-program-grant/planning-implementation-grant.shtml>