2023-2026 Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP)
Request for Proposal (RFP)- Established Operators
Planning, Program Design, and Implementation Grant

Applicant Technical Assistance Webinar
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Introductions

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Agenda

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• During the webinar all participants can type their questions within the *Questions* box.

• E-mail questions to [charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org](mailto:charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org) with “CSP Question” in the subject header by close of business on **Monday, September 11, 2023**.

• The Department will publish on our website FAQs with answers and recording of this webinar no later than **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**.
Overview of Competition Process

- Two Stage Application Process
- Eligible Applicants
- Stage I Proposal Requirements
Two Stage Application Process

• **Stage I:**
  - Open to all eligible applicants
  - Proposal (application) is submitted online via Survey Monkey Apply

• **Stage II:**
  - By invitation only
  - Proposal is submitted via Department’s Office of Grants Management via the ShareFile system
  - Budgets submitted with proposals
Stage I - Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. Submitted a charter school application to a local school district using the Department’s model charter school application (Form IEPC-M1, effective February 2016, or later) as adopted in State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.0786; and

2. Charter application has been approved by the district; or charter application is denied and pending an appeal.

3. Must be an established operator.

4. Applicants must open no later than fall 2024.
Eligible Applicants

Definition of an Established Operator:

• An applicant that **has opened five or more** public charter schools in Florida. This includes all charter schools opened, including those that subsequently closed.

• Note: If the applicant will work with a management company/education services provider that has operated five or more charter schools in Florida, the applicant is considered an Established Operator.
Eligible Applicants

Definition of an Established Operator, continued:

• If the applicant has an established **governing board (operated at least five schools) and an established management company/education service provider**, the score will be based upon the schools operated by the governing board.

• If the applicant’s **governing board has not operated at least five charter schools in Florida, but will contract with a management company/education service provider** that has, the score will be based upon the schools managed by the management company/education service provider.

• Each calculation will be rounded to one decimal place.
Stage I - Proposal Requirements

• Eligibility Form

• Overview Form
  o Census tract number must be provided here for opportunity zone preference points, if applicable.

• Charter School Application
  o The charter school application submitted as part of this CSP proposal must be the exact application submitted to the district for its review and approval.
  o Revisions/updates are not permitted.
Stage I - Proposal Requirements

Proposal Requirements, continued

• Attachments A-Z from the model charter school application, as applicable
• Addenda A, A1, B from the model charter school application, as applicable
• Addenda AA-FF from the model charter school application, as applicable
• Attestation
Proposal Requirements, continued

• Stage I proposals do not need Superintendent signature.
• A grant budget is not required.
• Please provide a searchable PDF document (not a scanned copy).
Online Submission

• Submit online via Survey Monkey Apply: https://flcsp-apply.smapply.io/prog/2023CSP_established_operators/

• Stage I proposal due by Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 5:00 pm Eastern Time (ET).

• The due date refers to the date and time the proposal must be fully submitted through the Survey Monkey Apply online application system.
Stage I Method of Review

The Department utilizes separate and distinct review processes for **established operators** (operators who have opened at least five charter schools in Florida) and **new operators** (operators who have opened less than five charter schools in Florida).
Stage I Review

- Evaluation and scoring is based primarily upon past performance of network
  - Value Added Score
  - School Grades
  - High Need
    - Percentage of schools that are Title I
    - Percentage of students with disabilities
  - Stability
    - School Closures
  - Financial Performance

*Review pages 9-12 of the RFP for more details.*
Stage I Review - Preference Points

- Opportunity Zone and Schools of Hope
- National Charter School Growth Fund
- Rural
  - Those opening in Rural and Low-Income School Districts (RLIS)
- Service Area
  - Schools that will operate in districts that received a grade of “C” or lower for last two years that grades were issued

- Final Score: Each applicant’s final scores will be the sum of the Pre-final score and any awarded preference points.
Stage I Review - FAQs

• Is a school that previously received a CSP grant eligible for this grant? **No.**

• Would our expansion into a middle or high school be considered a new charter school and be eligible for this CSP grant? **No. This is a competition for schools that have their own contract and MSID.**

• We have applied in two districts for 3 schools. Do we apply for CSP grants separately for each school? **Yes. A separate application must be completed for each school.**

• Can schools that opened in the 2022-2023 school year and did not make it past stage one last year apply again this year? **Yes.**
Stage II Summary

• Highest scoring applications invited to submit a Stage II proposal.
• Invitation to Stage II does not a guarantee of funding.
• Stage II proposals due on **November 17, 2023**, via the Department’s ShareFile system.
Upon invitation to submit Stage II, the Department will offer webinars focused on budget completion.

The Department will only accept applications from applicants invited to Stage II.

Review RFP for all technical requirements.

- See page 12 of RFP for list of required items for a complete proposal.
Multi-year Planning, Program Design, and Implementation Project

- This is a multi-year project with a maximum combined program performance period of three years, of which not more than 18 months can be spent in planning and program design and 24 months in implementation.

- The project effective date will be the date that the prioritized funding list (PFL) is approved by the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education. The Department anticipates a project effective date during the month of December 2023.
Pre-award Costs

- The Department may approve, or allow reimbursement for, expenses on allowable items incurred no more than 90 days before the start of the project effective date. Such costs are defined as pre-award costs, and are allowable only to the extent that they would have been allowable if incurred after the project effective date and are allowable only with approval of the Florida Department of Education.

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Demonstration of Application System

Survey Monkey Apply
1. First-time Survey Monkey Apply users will need to create an account.
1.1 Survey Monkey Apply will require user information to register for an account.
1.2 User’s email address will need to be verified.

SurveyMonkey Apply Account Email Verification

Dear First and Last Name,

In order to validate your SurveyMonkey Apply account we require you to verify your email address. Please click the link below to help us validate that it’s really you and your account should be ready to go.

Thanks,
The SurveyMonkey Apply Team

Confirm email address

Thanks!
Your email address is now verified.

Continue
2. Existing Survey Monkey Apply Account but can’t recall password

Log in with

OR

Email

Password

Forgot your password?

Log in

Forgot your password?

Enter the email address associated with your account and we will send you instructions.

Email

Send Instructions

Back to Log In
3. Select the 2023-26 RFP Competition.

No applications.

Please choose a program from our program listings page to get started.

View programs

Programs

2023-2026 Public Charter School Program...

Accepting applications from Mar 6 2023 08:00 AM (EST) to Mar 17 2023 05:00 PM (EST)
2023-2026 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program RFP Competition for New Operators

MORE >
4. To start the application, click Apply.

2023-2026 Public Charter School Program Grant (CSP) Planning, Program Design and Implementation for New Operators

The Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP) is a competitive grant awarded to charter schools for planning, program design, and initial implementation of the charter school and for supporting the dissemination of successful practices and other information about charter schools.

5. Enter the school’s name as it appears on the charter application submitted to your district.
6. Home page.

Florida Department Of Education

Application Status Indicator → Add collaborator → List of Tasks
7. Complete each task.

To be eligible to receive this grant, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Submitted a charter school application to its Sponsor (district) using the new model charter school application (Form IEPC-M1, adopted February 2016)

Applicants must also meet one of the following criteria:
- Charter application has been approved by its Sponsor; or
- Charter application has been denied and applicant has a pending appeal.

Only those charter schools that are approved by their Sponsor will be eligible to receive funds under this grant.

Does the applicant meet the eligibility criteria above?
- Yes
- No

Mark as Complete to finish task
Tasks may be downloaded, reset, or edited before the application is submitted.
8. Submit the application.

Completed Task

36 of 38 required tasks complete
Last edited: Mar 6, 2023 09:06 PM (EST)
Deadline: Mar 17, 2023 05:00 PM (EDT)

REVIEW
SUBMIT

2023-2026 Public Charter School...

Test Application
ID: 2023-0000000002

APPLICATION
ACTIVITY

Your tasks

- Eligibility Form
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:18 PM (EST)

- Overview Form
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:37 PM (EST)

- Charter School Application
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:45 PM (EST)

- Attachment A: Evidence of teacher and parental support for conversion
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:45 PM (EST)

- Attachment B: Sample daily school schedule and annual school calendar
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:45 PM (EST)

- Attachment C: Sample curriculum scope and sequence
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:46 PM (EST)

- Attachment D: Reading curriculum
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:46 PM (EST)

- Attachment E: Pupil progression plan
  Completed on: Mar 5, 2023 08:47 PM (EST)
9. Application Submission Confirmation

Submit application

Please confirm submission of your application.

If you wish to take a look at the application before submitting, please Review it.

Submit

Application Submitted!

Thank you. The application for the Charter School Program (CSP) grant has been submitted.

Go to My Applications

OR

View more Programs
Quick Tips

• Upload attachments as a single **clear** PDF document.
  o When possible, create a PDF instead of scanning a printed document.

• System locks on **September 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm ET**
  o Application submissions or changes to applications will not be accepted after this deadline.
Reminders

• Email questions to: charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org

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• Submit Stage I proposal must be submitted through Survey Monkey Apply by Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm ET.
Thank you for participating.

Contact us at charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org