



**2021-2026 Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program (CSP)
Request for Proposal (RFP)
PLANNING, PROGRAM DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

Applicant Technical Assistance Webinar

February 15, 2021



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INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- Method for Answering FAQs
- Funding Authority
- Overview of Competition Process
 - Two Stage Application Process
 - Eligible Applicants
 - Proposal Requirements
- Stage I Method of Review
- Stage II Summary
- Highlights of the RFP
- Demonstration of System

Method of Answering Frequently Questions

- During the webinar all participants can type their questions within the *Questions* box
- E-mail questions to charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org with “CSP Question” in the subject header by Thursday, February 18, 2021.
- **Completed list of FAQs and answers** will be posted no later than 12:00 p.m. February 19, 2021.



Funding Authority

Federal Funds: Title IV, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. 7221-7221j).



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OVERVIEW

Two Stage Application Process

- Stage I
 - Open to all Eligible Applicants
 - Stage I Proposal Submitted Online
- Stage II
 - Invitation Only
 - Budgets submitted with proposals

STAGE I –Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants must meet the following conditions:

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

STAGE I –Eligible Applicants

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- Applicants **must open a school no later than fall 2022.**
- Applicants that submitted the Department’s model charter school application to a local school district and subsequently applied to and were denied funding in any CSP competition held between 2016 and the present time cannot submit a revised charter application for this competition.

STAGE I Proposal Requirements

Florida Survey Monkey Website: <https://flcsp-apply.smapply.io/prog/CSP21-26>

- Eligibility Form
- Overview Form
- Charter School Application
- Attachments A-Z from the model charter school application, as applicable
- Addenda AA-FF from the model charter school application, as applicable
- Attestation

STAGE I PROPOSAL DUE BY February 26, 2021

The due date refers to the **date and time** the proposal must be fully submitted through the Survey Monkey online application system.

- System will lock at 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time
- Stage I proposals do not need Superintendent signature
- No budget required



STAGE I METHOD OF REVIEW

The Department will utilize 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 – New Operators

- **Completeness Review**
 - Completed by Department staff
 - Confirms all required sections are included and complete
- **Capacity Review**
 - Completed by external review team
 - Full comprehensive review of complete application
 - Including attachments, addenda and applicant history
 - Invited to Capacity Interview (conducted virtually this year)

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Completeness Review

- DOE will be looking for:
 - Eligibility Form
 - Overview Form
 - Charter School Application
 - Application Cover Sheet
 - Executive Summary
 - Educational Plan (subsections 1-9)
 - Organizational Plan (subsections 10-15)
 - Business Plan (subsections 16-22)
 - Addendum A – Replications
 - Addendum A1 – High-Performing Replications
 - Addendum B – Education Service Providers

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Completeness Review - (continued)

- DOE will be looking for:
 - Attestation
 - Spot checks with district sponsors to ensure the application submitted to the CSP competition is the same as that submitted to the district

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Capacity Review – page 8 of RFP

- Each proposal will be evaluated in full by three independent reviewers with combined expertise in educational, organizational and business planning for charter schools.
- Each evaluator will review each of the 22 subsections as well as relevant attachments, appendices or addenda, including the Applicant History Worksheet, if applicable.
- After individual reviews, *CSP Proposal Review team* will discuss and rate each subsection of the application. Each subsection will receive one of the following ratings:
 - ✓ Falls Far Below Expectations
 - ✓ Does Not Meet Expectations
 - ✓ Approaches Expectations
 - ✓ Meets Expectations
 - ✓ Exceeds Expectations

STAGE I Review – New Operators

Capacity Interview

- After the CSP Proposal Review, applicants will be invited to an interview with the review team
- Applicant may have up to eight people attend the interview; the applicant group should reflect the leadership of the charter school effort yet be small enough that each person will contribute substantively
- Applicants are encouraged to invite, at a minimum, key board members and the proposed school leader (if he or she is identified)
- Individuals who will play an active role in the day-to-day operations and governance of the school should attend the interview
- Evaluation rubric on pages 9-16 in RFP

STAGE I Review – Established Operators

- 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

Established Operators Defined

Established Operators

- An applicant that has opened five or more public charter schools in Florida. This includes all charter school opened, including those that subsequently closed.
- 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.
- 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 Review – Preference Points New & Established

- **Opportunity Zone and Schools of Hope**
- **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
- **Student Recruitment and Enrollment**
 - Applicants who score a rating of “Exceeds Expectations” on relevant section of the model charter application



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STAGE II SUMMARY

- Highest scoring applications invited to submit Stage II proposal
- Invitation to Stage II does not a guarantee of funding
- Stage II due **May 14, 2021**

STAGE II

- 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 pages 19 and 20 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 five years, of which not more than 18 months can be spent in planning and program design.**
- 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 **May 2021.**
- The Florida Department of Education 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 the written approval of the Florida Department of Education.**



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DEMONSTRATION

Survey Monkey Apply ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

1. Create an account. Click “Register”.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL flcsp-apply.smapply.io/prog/CSP21-26/. The page header includes a navigation bar with "Log In" and a prominent green "Register" button, which is circled in yellow. Below the header is the Florida Department of Education logo and the text "Florida Department Of Education" and "Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice (IEPC)".

**Public Charter School Program Grant (CSP)
Planning, Program Design and Implementation
(2021-2026)**

The Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program 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.

The following competition is for the 2021-26 Charter Schools Program (CSP) grant. Applicants must fully read the Request for Proposals (RFP) prior to submitting a proposal. The full RFP can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/charter-school-program-grant/planning-implementation-grant.stml>.




Stage I proposal is due by February 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
The due date refers to the date and time the proposal must be fully submitted through the Survey Monkey Apply online application system.

APPLY
Opens
Feb 9 2021 08:00 AM (EST)
Deadline
Feb 26 2021 05:00 PM (EST)

2. Enter account information.

Register for an applicant account

Register with

OR

First name


Last name

Email


Password

Confirm password

By registering for an account, you agree to our [terms of service](#) and [privacy policy](#).

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CREATE ACCOUNT



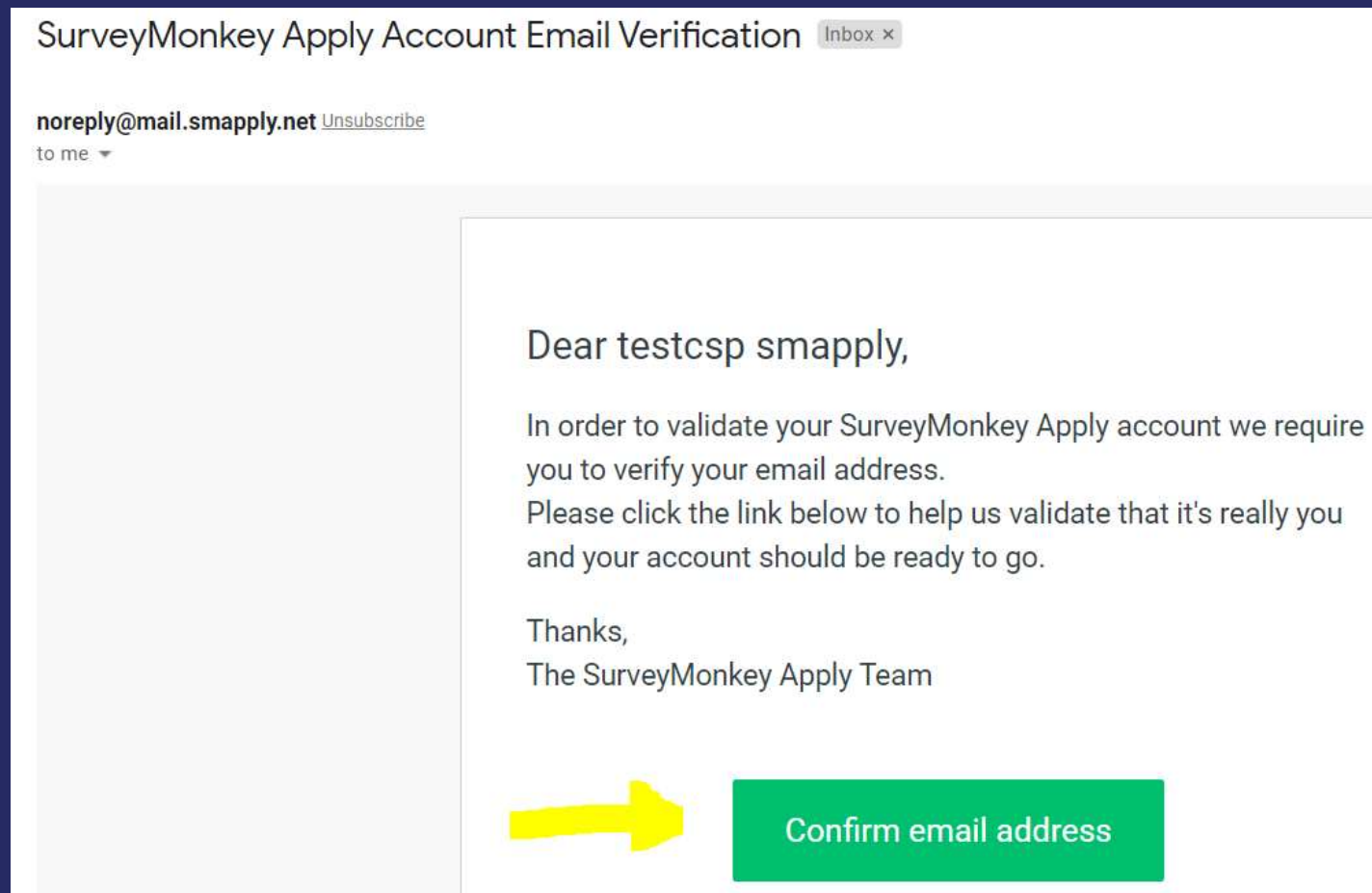
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You have successfully registered for a SurveyMonkey Apply account for Florida Department Of Education

We've sent a confirmation link to your email. You won't be able to submit applications or complete certain tasks until your email address has been verified.

Continue to site


3. Check your email and confirm the email address.




4. Select the 2021-26 RFP Competition.

No applications.




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Florida Public Charter School Grant Program **2021-26 RFP** Competition



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5. Click Apply.



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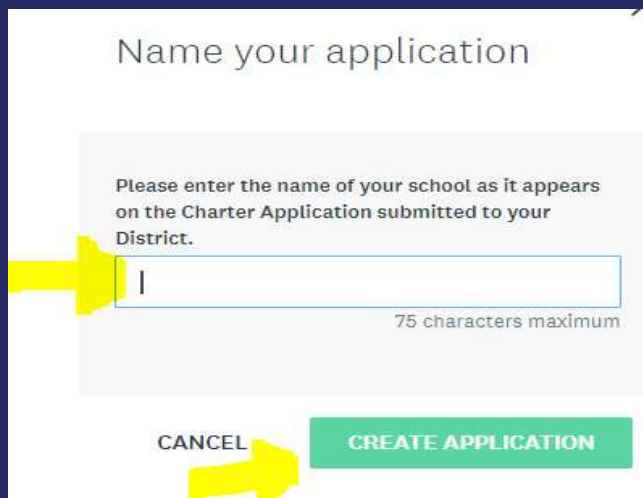
The Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program is a competitive grant

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6. Enter the school name as it appears on the Charter Application submitted to your district.



Name your application

Please enter the name of your school as it appears on the Charter Application submitted to your District.

75 characters maximum

CANCEL **CREATE APPLICATION**

7.Home page.

Application Status Indicator →

0 of 30 required tasks complete

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REVIEW **SUBMIT**

Deadline: Feb 26 2021 05:00 PM (EST)

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APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Your tasks

- [📄 Eligibility Form](#) >
- [📄 Overview Form \(2020-2023\)](#) >
- [📄 Charter School Application](#) >
- [📄 Attachment A: Evidence of teacher and parental support for conversion \(if applicable\)](#) >
- [📄 Attachment B: Sample daily school schedule and annual school calendar](#) >
- [📄 Attachment C: Sample curriculum scope and sequence](#) >
- [📄 Attachment D: Reading curriculum](#) >

← List of Tasks

8. Complete each task.

Incomplete Task →

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REVIEW SUBMIT

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Eligibility Form

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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

Clear

Mark as Complete to finish task

SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING MARK AS COMPLETE

9. Submit the application.

Completed Task →

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[REVIEW](#) [SUBMIT](#) ← **Submit**

Eligibility Form Completed Feb 12 2021 04:49 PM (EST) ⋮

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Does the applicant meet the eligibility criteria above?

Tasks may be downloaded, reset, or edited.

The screenshot displays a grant application interface. On the left, a sidebar lists tasks: 'Eligibility Form' (checked), 'Overview Form (2020-2023)', 'Charter School Application', and two attachment tasks. The main area shows the 'Eligibility Form' task, which is completed. A dropdown menu is open over the task, showing 'Download', 'Reset', and 'Edit' options. A progress bar at the bottom indicates '1 of 30 required tasks complete' and shows a 'REVIEW' and 'SUBMIT' button. A deadline of 'Feb 26 2021 05:00 PM (EST)' is also visible.

← Download Task
← Reset Task
← Edit Task

Survey Monkey Apply Quick Tips/Reminders

- Upload ATTACHMENTS as a single clear PDF document.
 - When possible, create a PDF instead of scanning a printed document
- System locks on **February 26, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**
 - Edits/applications will not be accepted after the deadline.



REMINDER

- Email Questions to: charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org
- RFP questions must be submitted by close of business day **Thursday, February 18, 2021**
- Stage I Proposals due on February 26, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your participation.