

Applicant Technical Assistance Webinar

May 15, 2019





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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 <u>charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org</u>
 with "CSP Question" in the subject header by Monday,
 May 20, 2019
- Completed list of FAQs will be posted close of business day. Answers will be posted no later than 12:00PM EST May 22, 2019.



Funding Authority

CFDA #84.282A — Title V, Part B, Subpart 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by No Child Left Behind Act of 2001



OVERVIEW

Two Stage Application Process

- Stage I
 - Open to all Eligible Applicants
 - Stage I Proposal Submitted Online
- Stage II
 - Invitation Only
 - Proposals Must be Submitted in Hard Copy Format



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) as adopted in State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.0786; and
 - Charter application has been approved by the district;
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STAGE I – Eligible Applicants

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- Applicants must open a school no later than 2020-21.
- 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.
- Any applicant that has been denied CSP funding in any two prior CSP competitions held between 2016 and the present time is ineligible for this competition.



STAGE I Proposal Requirements

Florida FluidReview Website: https://flcsp.fluidreview.com

- 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 MAY 29, 2019

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

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

Florida FluidReview online application system at https://flcsp.fluidreview.com/



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).



Completeness Review

- Completed by Department staff
- Confirms all required sections are included and complete

Threshold Review

- Completed by external reviewers
- Partial application review
- Focus on eight subsections of application
 - Rating: Substantially Inadequate or Minimally Adequate

Capacity Review

- Completed by external review team
- Full comprehensive review of complete application
 - Including attachments, addenda and applicant history
 - Invited to in-Person Capacity Interview



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



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



Threshold Review – page 9 of RFP

- Evaluators assess each individual section and assign a rating of either "substantially inadequate" or "minimally adequate"
 - Substantially Inadequate: Plainly fails to address the model charter school application requirements, plainly fails to meet the criteria for approval or wholly lacks merit (a "substantially inadequate" rating must include specific evidence and justification and be validated by a second evaluator).
 - Minimally Adequate: At least minimally addresses the model charter school application requirements and warrants a full review to assess the extent to which it meets the application criteria.
- If any section is judged "substantially inadequate," a second evaluator will review and rate the section as well.
- If the Threshold Review results in a Substantially Inadequate rating on any individual section (validated by second evaluator), the proposal will not be moved to the Capacity Review stage and will be ineligible for funding.



Capacity Review – page 9 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
- ✓ Meets Expectations
 - ✓ Does Not Meet Expectations
- ✓ Exceeds Expectations
- ✓ Approaches Expectations



In-Person Interview – page 10 of RFP

- After the CSP Proposal Review, applicants will be invited to an inperson 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)
- Applicant attendees to in-person interview should be prepared to participate actively during the interview
- Individuals who will play an active role in the day-to-day operations and governance of the school should attend the interview



At the conclusion of the interview the Review Team will meet to discuss the interview responses and will come to a final consensus rating on each subsection of the charter school application. Each qualitative rating will be equated to a numerical score as described below.

Criteria						
Weight	Rubric Criteria	4	3	2	1	0
					Does Not	
		Exceeds	Meets	Approaches	Meet	Falls Far Below
		100%	80%	60%	40%	0%

3.00%	Mission, Guiding Principles, and Purpose	3.00%	Student Recruitment and Enrollment
5.00%	Target Population and Student Body	3.00%	Parent and Community Involvement
7.00%	Educational Program Design	5.00%	Facilities
5.00%	Curriculum and Instructional Design	3.00%	Transportation Service
3.00%	Student Performance	3.00%	Food Service
5.00%	Exceptional Students	5.00%	School Safety and Security
5.00%	English Language Learners	9.00%	Budget
3.00%	School Culture and Discipline	3.00%	Financial Management and Oversight
3.00%	Supplemental Programming	7.00%	Start-up Plan
9.00%	Governance	3.00%	Addenda A: Replication
5.00%	Management and Staffing	3.00%	Addendum A1: High-Performing Replications
3.00%	Human Resources and Employment	5.00%	Addendum B: Education Service Providers
3.00%	Professional Development		



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.

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STAGE | Review - Preference Points | New & Established

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

District Partnerships

 Applicants that will open a charter school as part of district-charter compact partnership

See Page 19 of RFP for details of Preference Points

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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 October 4, 2019



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 Page 20 of RFP for list of required items for a complete proposal



Highlights of the RFP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) is the Governing Document

http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/charter-schools/charter-schools/charter-schools/charter-schools/school-program-grant/planning-implementation-grant.stml



RFP HIGHLIGHTS



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Request for Proposal (RFP Discretionary)

Bureau / Office

Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice (OIEPC)

Program Name

Public Charter School Program Grant (CSP) Planning, Program Design and Implementation (2019-

Specific Funding Authority(ies)

Federal Funds: CFDA #84.282A - Title V, Part B, Subpart 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Funding Purpose / Priorities

The general purpose of the Public Charter School Grant Program (CSP) is to:

- Provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of high quality charter schools; and.
- Expand the number of high quality charter schools in Florida.

Total Funding Amount

Approximately \$22,450,000 is available for project awards. All funding is dependent on availability of funds. Based upon availability of funds and the number and type of applications received the following is an example of how funds may be awarded to schools selected for funding.

New Operators (see definitions below):

- Approximately 18 awards
- Approximately \$550,000 per grant award

Established Operators

- Approximately 17 awards
- Approximately \$525,000 per grant award

High-Impact Schools in High-Need areas

- Approximately 5 awards
- Approximately \$800,000 per grant award

Type of Award

Discretionary Competitive

Due Dates

- √ Stage I May 29, 2019
- ✓ Stage II October 4, 2019

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Must open a charter school no later than August 2020.
- ✓ All Stage I applicants must submit their charter application using the Model Florida Charter School Application effective February 2016.

FAQs

✓ Questions must be received at FLDOE by close of business on May 20, 2019. Answers will be posted online.

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MULTI-YEAR PLANNING, PROGRAM DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

For charter schools that will open during the 2020-21 school year, this is a multi-year project with a <u>maximum combined program performance period</u> for all project phases of 36 months.

The maximum allowable program performance period for each funding phase:

- Planning and Program Design (18 months) occurs prior to the opening of the charter school
- <u>Implementation</u> (24 months) may begin three months prior to school opening

The maximum Implementation program period will be reduced on a month for month basis for schools that remain in Planning and Program Design more than 12 and less than 18 months.

The Department reserves the right to make final determination of all grant awards and funding.



DEMONSTRATION

Florida FluidReview ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

https://flcsp.fluidreview.com/

Help

Florida Department Of Education

Florida Public Charter School Grant Program

Florida Public Charter Schools Grant Program

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 2019-22 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/1922-CSP-RFP.stml as well as the Resources Page in your Review Room (upper right corner of web page).

Stage I proposal is due by August 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. The due date refers to the data and time the proposal must be fully submitted through the Florida FluidReview online application system at https://flcsp.fluidreview.com/.

Eligible Applicant(s)

To be eligible to apply to and receive this grant, an applicant must meet the following conditions:

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

Applicants that submitted the Department's model charter school application to a local school district and subsequently applied to and were denied funding during the 2017-2020 or the 2018-2021 CSP Planning, Program Design and Implementation (P&I) competitions cannot submit a revised charter application for this current competition. However, for any applicant who wishes to apply again, the Department will review the applicant's original charter application that was submitted to the last CSP P&I competition. Any applicant that has been denied CSP funding in both the 2017-2020 and the 2018-2021 competitions is ineligible for this current competition.

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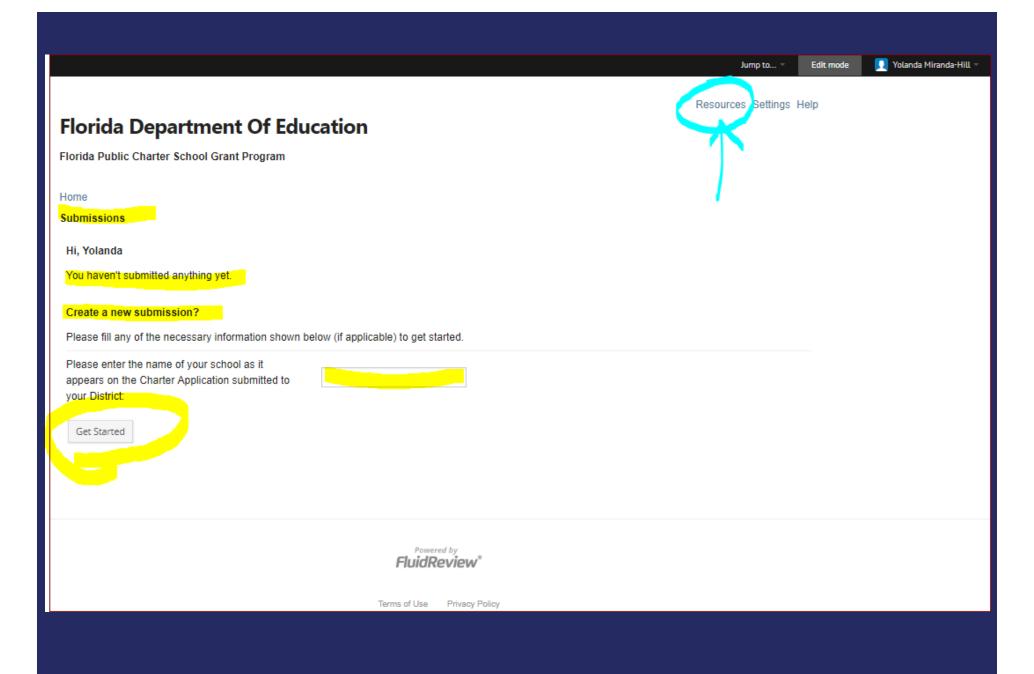
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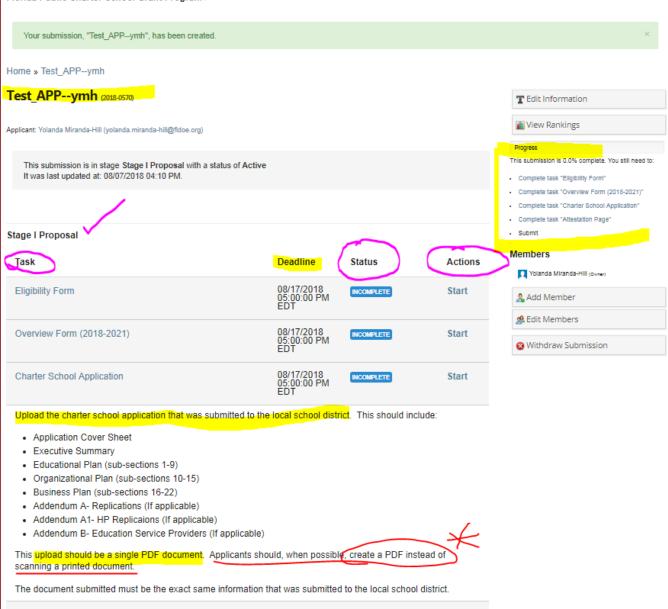
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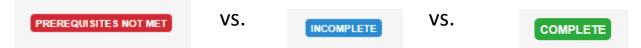
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FluidReview Quick Tips Reminders

- Upload ATTACHMENTS as a single <u>clear</u> PDF document.
 - when possible, create a PDF instead of scanning a printed document
- Status button will change from PREREQUISITES NOT MET to INCOMPLETE to COMPLETE once applicant has met all prerequisites and is ready to submit application



FluidReview system locks at 5:00pm May 29, 2019



Attachment Uploads

*upload Attachments as clear PDF copies

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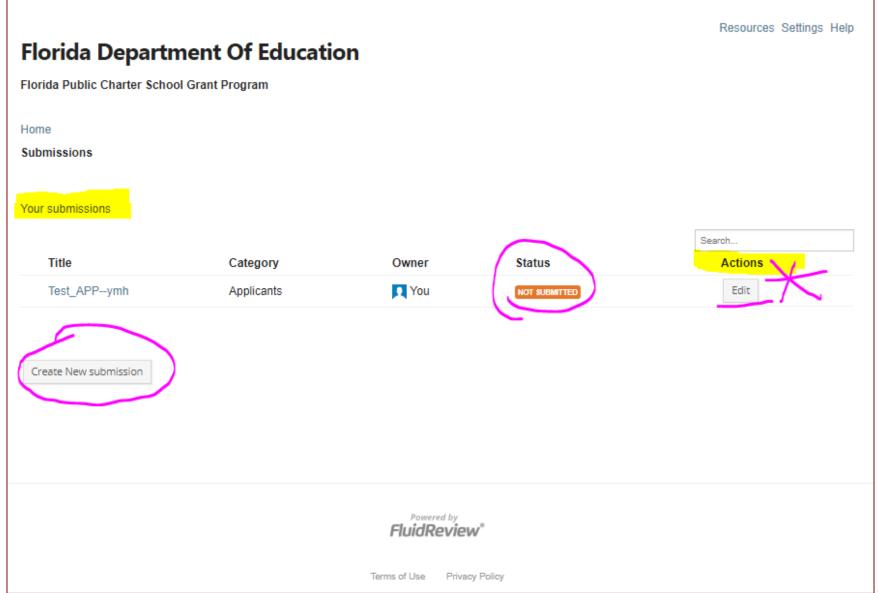
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Please note that xlsx, docx and pptx formats are not entirely supported.

Please save your file types as xls, doc and ppt respectively before uploading.







REMINDER

- Email Questions to: charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org
- RFP questions must be submitted by close of business day Monday, May 20, 2019
- Stage I Proposals due on May 29, 2019, 5:00pm EST

Thank you for your participation.