



Florida Public Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant


**2020-2023 Request for Proposal (RFP) Applicant
Technical Assistance Webinar**

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INTRODUCTIONS

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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 Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
- Completed list of FAQs will be posted no later than Friday, March 6, 2020.

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Funding Authority

- Reauthorized under 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)
- Funds to be utilized for planning, program design, and initial implementation of new high-quality charter schools
- Maximum of 24 months in Implementation. All projects will begin in the Implementation Phase in 2020-21 school year



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Competition Process

Two Stage Application Process

- Stage I- Open to all Eligible Applicants
 - Proposal Submitted Online
- Stage II- Invitation Only
 - Proposals submitted in Hard Copy Format (budget & superintendent signature required)

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Stage I Overview

- Eligible Applicants
- Deadline to submit online: March 13, 2020, 5:00 pm EST
- Proposal Requirements
- Online Application System Demonstration
- Stage I Method of Review- new vs. established operators

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Stage I- Eligible Applicants

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;
 - Charter application is pending; or
 - Charter application is denied and pending an appeal.
- Eligible applicants that meet the definition of a new operator must have successfully gone through a previous CSP grant competition review but had to rescind its award because it could not open a charter school by a time specific in that previous RFP.
- Further, eligible applicants **must open no later than August 2020**, or have opened a school in the 2017-18 or 2018-19 school years and have not previously received a CSP grant.

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STAGE I PROPOSAL DUE BY MARCH 13, 2020, 5:00 pm EST

The due date refers to the **date and time** the proposal must be fully submitted through the *Florida FluidReview* online application system- <https://flcsp.fluidreview.com>

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

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Stage I- Proposal must include:

- 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 (*Excel file is required for Addendum DD: Applicant History Worksheet*)
- Attestation

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Florida Fluid Review Online Application System, <https://flcsp.fluidreview.com/>

Florida Department Of Education

Florida Public Charter School Grant Program 2020-23 RFP Competition

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 2020-23 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> as well as the Resources Page in your Review Room (upper right corner of web page).

Stage I proposal is due by Friday, March 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. The due date refers to the date 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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Please fill any of the necessary information shown below (if applicable) to get started.

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

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SchoolName (2020-2023)

Stage I Proposal

Task	Deadline	Status	Actions
Eligibility Form	03/13/2020 05:00:00 PM EST	INCOMPLETE	Start
Overview Form (2020-2023)	03/13/2020 05:00:00 PM EST	INCOMPLETE	Start
Charter School Application	03/13/2020 05:00:00 PM EST	INCOMPLETE	Start

Progress

This submission is 0.0% complete. You still need to:

- Complete task "Eligibility Form"
- Complete task "Overview Form (2020-2023)"
- Complete task "Charter School Application"
- Complete task "Attachment Page"
- Submit

Members

Upload the charter school application that was submitted to the local school district. This should include:

- Application Cover Sheet
- Executive Summary
- Educational Plan (sub-sections 1-9)
- Organizational Plan (sub-sections 10-15)
- Business Plan (sub-sections 16-22)
- Addendum A- Replications (If applicable)
- Addendum A1- HP Replications (If applicable)
- Addendum B- Education Service Providers (If applicable)

This upload should be a single PDF document. Applicants should, when possible, create a PDF instead of scanning a printed document.

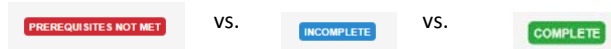
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FluidReview Quick Tips & Reminders

- Upload ATTACHMENTS as a single **clear** 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 March 13, 2020



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

- 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- 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)

- **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 RFP for details on Preference Points**



Stage II Overview

- Highest scoring applications invited to submit Stage II proposal
- Invitation to Stage II is not a guarantee of funding
- Stage II proposal due **April 17, 2020**



Stage II Proposal Submission Deadline

- Hard Copy due by **April 17, 2020**
- Required Original Signatures
 - Superintendent
 - Charter Governing Board Chair
- Mail to FDOE, Office of Grants Management
 - Office of Grants Management
 - Florida Department of Education
 - 325 W. Gaines Street, Room 332
 - Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Submit to district early for review and superintendent approval

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Stage II – Proposal Requirements (pg. 11 of RFP)

1. **Eligibility Form** (from Stage I Proposal)
2. **Charter School Overview Form** (from Stage I Proposal)
3. **DOE 100A** Project Application Form with Original Signatures (Attachment II-A)
4. **Executive Summary** (from Stage I Proposal)
5. **Proposed Budget** (DOE 101S Budget Narrative Form (Attachment II-B))
 - Applicants will be notified of the funding amount
6. **Assurances** page with original signature (Attachment II-C) (2 pages)
7. **Signed ED 80-0013** - Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements form (Attachment II-D) (3 pages)
8. **General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Plan** (1 page)
9. **Voluntary Agreement for Indirect Costs** (Attachment II-E), *if applicable*
10. **CSP Funding Distribution Agreement** (*optional but highly recommended*)

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Highlights of the RFP

****REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) is the Governing Document****

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7694/urlt/2023CSPRFP.PDF>



RFP HIGHLIGHTS



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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 (2020-2021 Supplement)

Specific Funding Authority(ies)
Federal Funds: CFDA #84.202A - 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 / Priority(ies)
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 \$6,400,000 is available for eight 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 Operations (see definitions below): Approximately \$800,000 per grant award
- Established Operators: Approximately \$800,000 per grant award

Type of Award
Discretionary Competitive

Budget / Program Performance Period
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 sometime during the month of May 2020.

- **Due Dates**
 - ✓ Stage I – March 13, 2020, 5:00 pm
 - ✓ Stage II – April 17, 2020
- **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 March 3, 2020. Answers will be posted online.



Reminder

- Email Questions to: charterschoolgrant@fldoe.org
- RFP questions must be submitted by close of business day **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**
- Stage I Proposals due on **March 13, 2020, 5:00pm EST**
- Stage II Proposal (invitation only) due **April 17, 2020**

Thank you for your participation.

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