

Charter School Grant Program (CSGP) – Q & A

Week of 10/22/19

Overview:

- This is a 2-part grant – Planning/Implementation and Dissemination, please read carefully
- One-year grant period – all awarded funds must be expended not later than September 30, 2020

Questions and Answers, Week of 10/22/19 – 10/25/19:

1. Since there is no differentiation between planning and implementation years, do we combine the requests we would typically make for planning (salary, benefits, temporary office space) with what we typically request for implementation (curriculum, technology, etc...) in one budget?

Answer: Yes. For this grant application, please combine your goal(s), activities, and overall needs/requests to execute/implement on or before September 30, 2020.

2. Is there a maximum amount we can request total?

Answer: No. There is no maximum amount to request.

3. We have a system that is a 6-12 campus, but is expanding enrollment to k-5, would they be eligible for replication funding. They were previously awarded funding for the 6-12.

Answer: Yes. You would be eligible for funding under Replication. Replication significantly increases enrollment or add one or more grades to a/the high-quality charter school. However, is this campus still under CSP grant? If so, they can not apply for grant money. If not, then they can.

4. We have another system that replicated 2 new campuses. They system has the most 5-star schools in the state than any other charter school system; however they do have some 2-star schools. Would they be excluded from applying? One of the new campuses is a 5 star elementary and 5 star middle and the other new campus is a 2 star elementary (missed by one point!) and a 5 star middle school. Both were opened 2018-19 school year. The system has been in operation over 3 years.

Answer: The Charter School Grant Program is focused on high-quality charter schools. If a grantee wants to expand or replicate a 5 star school model, a grantee should apply based on that model. The grantee should be very clear when applying for funding to speak to the high-quality model they want to use, expand and/or replicate so it is clear to the grant reviewers.

5. Does the application need to be postmarked by November 20 or received in Carson City by November 20?

Answer: The application must be received in Carson/Las Vegas by November 20, 2019.

6. Is there going to be future CSP grant awards after the no-cost extension for our schools opening in 2012 and beyond?

Answer: As of October 2019, we have not been informed by the Federal Government either way, yes or no, regarding additional Charter School Grant funding opportunities.

7. How does the September 30, 2020 end date affect our current CSP grant recipients? Specifically Pinecrest Horizon Dissemination grant year 2 implementation and Pinecrest Sloan Canyon year 3 implementation? Will we have access to those funds still as long as we spend them by September 30, 2020?

Answer: The funds awarded from this current grant application must be expended not later than September 30, 2020. Any previously awarded funds should be expended based on the subgrant award parameters or by September 30, 2020, whichever comes first. We will be reaching out to subawardees that are affected by this new end date.

8. It was our understanding that charter schools are exempt from the ESSA evidence-based strategies and activities. Typically the majority of requests from our schools meet ESSA evidence levels 1-3, but in the case that we have a request that does not have ESSA evidence, is this no longer allowable?

Answer: AB7 from 2017 legislature states all state funding and ESSA states all federal funding are required to be used for evidence-based strategies only. Can meet level 1-4.

9. Is there an LOI that is due this cycle?

Answer: No.