



2022-2025 Florida Public Charter School Program (CSP) Grant for Planning, Program Design and Implementation

Request for Proposals (RFP) Questions and Answers

- Q 1. Are schools who submit a charter application to the district between now and March 31 eligible to apply for this CSP round?**
Yes.
- Q 2. Is a school that previously received a CSP grant eligible for this grant?**
No.
- Q 3. Our charter school submitted both a middle school application and our elementary charter renewal at the same time. Both were under the same elementary school MSID. Would our expansion into middle school be considered a new charter school and be eligible for this CSP grant? We are in the process of building a new wing/addition onto our existing building to support the expansion into middle school.**
No. This is a competition for new schools, or those which were established in the past few years, with their own contract and MSID.
- Q 4. What if we don't remember our Survey Monkey login info? Can we create a new account?**
Applicants with an existing Survey Monkey Apply account may select the **"Forgot your password?"** on the login page to request a password reset.
- Q 5. Will this webinar be recorded and available?**
Yes, the webinar was recorded. The webinar recording may be viewed here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3255190357663837712>.
- Q 6. We participated in the 2021 CSP application cycle, but did not receive an award. We see that the RFP for the 2022 application cycle has been posted, and upon initial review, it appears that the Stage I Proposal requirements are identical to last year, i.e., the original, unaltered state charter school application is to be submitted. Are reapplicants meant to participate as new applicants again, or is there an alternate application for applicants who already have received a CSP proposal review, completed a CSP interview, and developed the school plan accordingly?**
The Stage I application process is the same for all schools, including schools that applied in previous years.
- Q 6. With regard to the second eligibility criteria for schools who have an application pending, if a group were to submit an application between now and March 31, would they be considered eligible for the CSP grant, since theoretically their application is pending with the district? (Assuming of course, their intention is to open in the fall of 2023).**
Yes.



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Q 7. We have submitted an application to our local school district, however, we're considering withdrawing and going through the newly created Charter Review Commission starting July 1st. How will this affect our application for the CSP grant?

In order to be considered for the CSP grant, the application submitted by March 31 to apply must meet the following criteria:

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

If the school's application is withdrawn, the school will not be eligible for a CSP grant under this competition.

Q 8. We have applied in two districts for 3 schools, opening in 2023 and 2024. Do we apply for CSP grants separately for each school?

Yes. A separate application must be completed for each school.

Q 9. We are working with ResponsiveEd as an ESP. While they have not operated any schools in FL, they operate 82 schools in Texas and Arkansas. How should we address this in our application(s)?

The Department will consider the performance history of all the schools the ESP has managed. However, if this is the first school the company operates/manages in Florida, the CSP proposal will be subject to the new operator review process which will include a capacity interview.

Q 10. If an established operator opened a school in the 2021-2022 school year, would they be eligible to apply for this grant?

Yes. The CSP grant may assist with charter school start-up costs within the first five years of operation.

Q 11. We are currently at the end of our CSP Grant that we received on opening our school. My question: We are opening a Middle School on our property in 2023. Would we be eligible for this CSP Grant?

No. This is a competition for new schools, or those which were established in the past few years, with their own contract and MSID.

Q 12. As a recent recipient of funds from FLDOE for the Early College CTE Program, is our institution eligible to apply for these grant funds to establish a new charter school?

Yes, as long as the school meets the eligibility criteria.



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- Q 13.** Can schools that opened in the 2021-2022 school year and did not make it past stage one last year of the CSP application apply again this year?
Yes.
- Q 14.** Our board is submitting three CSP grant applications this cycle. One application was approved when we had three other charter schools opened, therefore we are applying as a new operator. The other two are High Performing Replications that are pending approval. When they were submitted, we had five other charter schools open; therefore, we are applying as an established operator. Is this correct/acceptable?
Yes.
- Q 15.** What is the anticipated competition rate this grant cycle?
The Department does not have an anticipated competition rate. Applications are being accepted until March 31 at 5 pm EDT.
- Q 16.** I will be applying for 2 grants this year: one which is to open this August, and another one is for the school which will open next August. Are there any implications because of this? Will I be able to apply for two different school grants from the same account?
The same Survey Monkey Apply user account may be used to submit multiple applications.