

Louisiana Believes

**Summer 2016 Charter Schools Program
Planning and Implementation Grant
Competition**

Objectives

- Ensure all eligible applicants understand the components of the CSP grant
- Ensure all eligible applicants understand the timelines and resources available to support completion of the grant

Agenda

1. Progress in Expanding Access to High-Quality Schools
2. Charter Schools Program Grant Purpose
3. Planning and Implementation Grant Eligible Expenditures
4. Application Requirements
5. Timeline
6. Contact Information

Turnaround Progress Over Time

Louisiana has made substantial progress turning around its lowest performing schools and creating new options for students who attend those schools.

Since 2012 the number of failing non-alternative schools has dropped by nearly half, resulting in 24,000 fewer students attending F schools.

More than 50,000 fewer students attend D and F schools now than in 2012.

Charter Schools Program Grant

Louisiana received an \$8 million federal grant, to be used over 3 years to expand parent choice and access to better educational opportunities. Specifically, the grant will be used to:

- Support the launch of 30 new high-quality charters over a three-year period by providing access to start-up funding for new charter schools;
- Fund existing high-quality charter schools to share best practices for serving educationally disadvantaged students; and
- Train districts who want to authorize charter schools to do so in a high-quality way

Current CSP Grant Opportunity

In the summer 2016 award cycle, BESE will award 3-year Planning and Implementation grants of up to \$275,000 each to newly authorized charter schools in either the pre-opening period or during their first semester of operation.

Planning and Implementation grants can be used for:

- Data tracking systems
- Professional development
- Community outreach
- Materials and supplies
- Curriculum development
- Other initial operational costs

Find more detail about eligible expenditures in Federal CSP Guidance available on the LDE's webpage: <http://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/charter-schools/charter-schools-program-grant>.

Application Requirements

1. A high-quality and detailed start-up plan, including how funds will be used to support start-up activities
2. Information demonstrating that the school conducts equitable admissions and enrollment policies and will satisfy legally required at-risk percentages
3. [For Type 1 and Type 3 charter schools only] Evidence of the district authorizer's effectiveness, including the applicant's approved charter application, the district's pre-opening checklist, oversight policies, oversight framework, and charter contract

CSP Awards Timeline

Application due July 6

BESE awards made August 9

Next Steps

Contact David Shepard (david.shepard@la.gov) with questions.