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Community Schools Funding Application
Public Charter School Program (PCSP) Overview

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Sources: CFDA 84.282, Discretionary/Competitive Grants, also known as Public Charter School Program (PCSP) or CSP authorized under Title V, Part B, Subpart 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Non-Regulatory Guidance July 2004, updated 2007.
Key Words: Public Charter Schools Program, grant, eligibility, overview, CCIP Competitive Application
Summary: Brief summary of potential applicants, conditions for application and timeframe for application

Description:

This federal grant is to be used to start new high-quality community (charter) schools in Ohio.

Requirements:

This grant is available only to a charter (community) school developer that has applied to an authorized public chartering authority to operate a charter school, and has provided that authority with adequate and timely notice of its application for funding under the Charter School Program (CSP). A charter school is a public school that provides a program of elementary or secondary education, or both; is nonsectarian and does not charge tuition; complies with Federal and State civil rights laws; is a school to which parents choose to send their children; and that admits students on the basis of a lottery, if more students apply than can be accommodated. The term "developer" means an individual or group of individuals (including a public or private nonprofit organization), which may include teachers, administrators, and other school staff, parents, or other members of the local community in which a charter school project will be carried out. A for-profit entity does not qualify as an eligible applicant for purposes of the CSP. However, a CSP grant recipient may enter into a contract with a for-profit entity for the day-to-day management of the charter school (20 USC 7221i)."

Dates:

Because the new community school must be initially established before a competitive application for funding can be submitted through the CCIP, work by the developer should be started before January and certain important documents must be finished to enter the CCIP. A detailed timeline is available in the PCSP grant guidance in the CCIP Doc Library by clicking here. Please review the guidance documents carefully. The Office of Community Schools Web site also contains information about the steps necessary to establish a new school.

For instructions on how to enter a Competitive Grant, please click here and review the first two pages.

All Competitive grants must be in LEA Authorized Representative Approved status by the final Friday in April to be considered for funding. An applicant must successfully pass the grant read and other legal criteria before funding is available. No funding will be available before July 1, and the budget must be approved before spending is started.

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Please review the recommended guidance. Specific questions can be sent to William Nelson at william.nelson@ode.state.oh.us or by phone at (614) 644-3533.

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