CSP Grant Overview
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Georgia CSP Grant Overview

What are the details?

• New FY2022 CSP grant for Georgia awarded to the State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia (ending CSP grant administered by GaDOE)
• Five-year grant awarded to continue & expand the Charter Growth Initiative
  • 90% for subgrants - $34,465,500
  • Co-applicants: State Charter Schools Commission & the Georgia Department of Education

Goals
1. Support the replication, expansion, or creation of 32 high-quality charter schools that are responsive to community need in Georgia with technical assistance and grants.
2. Educate and engage communities across Georgia about charter schools with community outreach events and a comprehensive charter school website (FindaGaCharter.org).
3. Promote consistent, quality charter school authorizing.
4. Disseminate charter school best practices and offer additional support to high-need public schools.
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Subgrants
- Planning (replication)
- New School Leader Stipend
- Start-up/Replication
- Expansion

New School Leader Fellowship

Replication & Expansion Cohort

Engagement/Communications

Best Practice Dissemination

Authorizer Standards
CSP Grant Objectives

The Georgia FY22 State Entity CSP Grant has 4 objectives.

1. **32 high-quality charter schools opened, expanded, replicated by 2027**
   - 10 in rural or SCSC priority communities
   - 4 high schools

2. **Educating communities about charter schools with convenings & FindaGaCharter.org**
   - Commitment to supporting FindaGaCharter.org
   - Charter school information throughout the state
     - Virtual info sessions
     - In-person charter school information sessions
     - I Love My Ga Charter merchandise
     - Articles/op-eds
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3. Promote quality authorizing & support the Georgia Principles & Standards for Charter School Authorizing
   - Online training module for charter school authorizers
   - Regular meetings with authorizers
   - Authorizer manual

4. Disseminate charter school best practices and offer additional support to high-need public schools, with an emphasis on supporting TSI, ATSI, and Promise schools.
   - Online toolkit with new best practices added annually

Leadership provided by GaDOE on Objectives 3 and 4.
Community Focus

CSP will now require community engagement.

Priority communities include the following: communities with no other charter schools serving the same grade band in a ten-mile radius, including rural communities; census tracts designated as low-income; communities with low-performing public schools according to CCRPI; and areas outside of Greater Atlanta.

All subgrant & cohort applicants are required to engage in a community needs analysis and demonstrate ongoing meaningful engagement with the community.

- Application will require evidence of a community needs analysis & engagement
- Subgrantee applications will be graded on “responsiveness to the community” – scored based on location, needs analysis, community engagement
CSP Subgrant Awards

Subgrants to Charter Schools/Networks

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Maximum award of $1,500,000 for any school/network from this CSP grant

All subgrants will be awarded on a competitive basis. The amounts above are maximum awards based on fund availability.
CSP Subgrant Details

There will be several changes from past CSP grants.

- Subgrant payments will be disbursed directly to subgrant awardee schools (not to a district).
- Schools must have an approved facility to receive implementation grant funds, but a facility code is not needed.
- The SCSC’s School Portal will be used for subgrant applications, management, draws, monitoring.
- Schools can “stack” awards, but the total amount cannot exceed $1.5 million.
- Expansion grant eligibility:
  - New grade band (approved by authorizer)
  - Enrollment cap lift of at least 150 (approved by authorizer)
  - Very rare – other expansion that would allow at least 150 more students to attend the school outside of already planned addition of a grade a year (i.e. set up of additional facility space)
Georgia CSP Cohorts

Two cohort programs will be offered in addition to subgrants.

• Replication & Expansion Cohort program – before subgrant eligibility (approx. 10 months)
  • Intensive strategic planning with national consulting firm
  • Group convenings & visit to at least one school network
  • Facility & finance consulting services
  • Incubator services to help carry out strategic plan

• New School Leader Fellowship – year prior to school opening (10 months)
  • In-person & virtual group convenings
  • Problem solving & planning for successful school opening
  • Designed to complement other technical assistance with a focus on the “how”
  • Acceptance includes leader stipend
Next Steps

We are finalizing the subgrant process & other components.

• Three different applications:
  1. Subgrants for new schools, replications, expansions (early summer)
  2. New School Leader Fellowship program (early summer)
  3. Replication & Expansion Cohort program (May)

• Information will be distributed in several places:
  • FindaGaCharter.org
  • SCSF emails & social media
  • Charter School listserv
  • Partner newsletters, emails, social media
We are here for Georgia’s charter schools!

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