

CSP Grant Overview

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**GEORGIA STRATEGIC
CHARTER SCHOOL
GROWTH INITIATIVE**

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.

Georgia CSP Grant Overview



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

CSP Grant Objectives



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

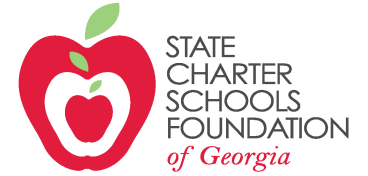


Subgrants to Charter Schools/Networks						
	Leader Stipend	Planning	Implementation	Rural Supplement	High School Supplement	
Start-up	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	
Replication	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	
Expansion (150+ seats or grade band)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	

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



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