

### PRE-APPLICATION WEBINAR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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FY 2019 Pre-Application Webinar: Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools(CFDA 84.282B/E) (Developer Grants)Competition

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## **MEETING LOGISTICS**

### WEBINAR

- 1. LISTEN ONLY
- 2. THE WEBINAR WILL BE RECORDED
- 3. USE CHAT FUNCTION FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS; Q&A TO FOLLOW PRESENTATION
  - a. WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR QUESTIONS, PLEASE "REPLY TO ALL PRESENTERS"
- 4. FOLLOW-UP WITH EMAIL



### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

#### FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE AND THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

- The Federal Register notice contains important information. Applicants should read the entire notice in the Federal Register. Applicants must follow the Application Procedures as described in the Federal Register notice announcing the grant competition. <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/07/03/2019-</u> <u>14267/applications-for-new-awards-expanding-opportunity-through-quality-charter-schools-program-csp-grants</u>
- The Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) is available here: The Notice of Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria (NFP) is available here: : <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/07/03/2019-14263/final-priorities-requirements-definitions-and-selection-criteria-expanding-opportunity-through</u>
- The application package instructions (on grants.gov) is provided for convenience, but you should not use that as your only source. It does NOT contain all the information you need to submit a complete application. It is available here<u>https://innovation.ed.gov/files/2019/07/FY-19-CSP-Developer-Application-Package-Instructions.pdf</u>
- The information provided in this webinar should also not be your only source. It does NOT contain all the information you need to submit a complete application. Please read the NIA.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

For information on how to submit an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768) and available here: www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf



### **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY:**

### August 2, 2019, at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time

**Important Note:** The Grants.gov helpdesk is not available on weekends. You are strongly encouraged to submit early! You can always resubmit your application (prior to the closing date at 11:59:59 p.m.) if you need to update your application.

If you miss the deadline, your application will not be reviewed.



### AGENDA

GRANTS TO CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPERS FOR THE OPENING OF NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS AND FOR THE REPLICATION AND EXPANSION OF HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS (84.282B/E)

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### **DEVELOPER GRANTS COMPETITION**

#### CFDA 84.282B

Grants to Charter School Developers for the **Opening of New Charter Schools** 

#### CFDA 84.282E

Grants to Charter School Developers for the **Replication and Expansion** of High-Quality Charter Schools

Under both CFDAs, applicants may only propose to support one charter school per grant application.



## PURPOSE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM (CSP)

The major purposes of the CSP are to:

- Expand opportunities for all students, particularly traditionally underserved students, to attend charter schools and meet challenging State academic standards;
- 2. Provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of public charter schools;
- 3. Increase the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the United States;
- 4. Evaluate the impact of charter schools on student achievement, families, and communities;
- 5. Share best practices between charter schools and other public schools;
- 6. Encourage States to provide facilities support to charter schools;
- 7. And support efforts to strengthen the charter school authorizing process.



### **PURPOSE OF THIS COMPETITION**

Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants) are intended to support charter schools that serve early childhood, elementary school, or secondary school students by providing grant funds to eligible applicants for the opening of new charter schools (CFDA number 84.282B) and for the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools (CFDA number 84.282E).



### ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are developers that have—

(a) Applied to an authorized public chartering authority to operate a charter school; and

(b) Provided adequate and timely notice to that authority. (Section 4310(6) of the ESEA).

#### 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. (Section 4310(5) of the ESEA)

\*\*Please be sure to review the definition of charter school and developer in the NIA and ESEA.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for a grant under this competition is limited to charter school developers in States that do not currently have a CSP State Entity grant (CFDA number 84.282A) under the ESEA, as amended by ESSA. Eligibility in a State with a CSP State Educational Agency (SEA) grant (CFDA 84.282A) under the ESEA, as amended by NCLB, is limited to charter school developers applying for grants for the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools (CFDA 84.282E) and only if the Department has not approved an amendment to the SEA's approved grant application authorizing the SEA to make subgrants for replication and expansion. The list of ineligible States is included in the NIA for this competition.



### SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY FOR STATES WITH ACTIVE CSP GRANTS, BY STATE AND ACTIVITY (REPLICATION AND EXPANSION)

State	84.282B and 84.282E – Replication Eligibility	84.282E — Expansion Eligibility	State	84.282B and 84.282E – Replication Eligibility	84.282E Expansio Eligibility
Arizona	Not eligible	Not eligible	Minnesota	Not eligible	Not eligib
Arkansas	Not eligible	Not eligible	Mississippi	Not eligible	Not eligib
California	Not eligible	Not eligible	Nevada	Not eligible	Not eligib
Colorado	Not eligible	Not eligible	New Mexico	Not eligible	Not eligib
Delaware	Not eligible	Not eligible	New York	Not eligible	Not eligib
District of Columbia	Not eligible	Not eligible	North Carolina	Not eligible	Not eligib
Florida	Not eligible	Eligible	Ohio	Not eligible	Not eligib
Georgia	Not eligible	Eligible	Oklahoma	Not eligible	Not eligib
Idaho	Not eligible	Not eligible	Oregon	Not eligible	Not eligib
Illinois	Not eligible	Eligible	Rhode Island	Not eligible	Not eligibl
Indiana	Not eligible	Not eligible	South Carolina	Not eligible	Eligible
Louisiana	Not eligible	Eligible	Tennessee	Not eligible	Eligible
Maryland	Not eligible	Not eligible	Texas	Not eligible	Not eligib
Massachusetts	Not eligible	Not eligible	Washington	Not eligible	Eligible
Michigan	Not eligible	Not eligible	Wisconsin	Not eligible	Not eligib



### ELIGIBILITY

As a general matter, the Secretary considers charter schools that have been in operation for more than five years to be past the initial implementation phase and, therefore, ineligible to receive CSP funds under CFDA number 84.282B to support the opening of a new charter school or under CFDA number 84.282E for the replication of a high-quality charter school; however, such schools may receive CSP funds under CFDA number 84.282E for the expansion of a high-quality charter school.

Note: If an applicant has applied to an *authorized public chartering agency* to operate a new school and has not yet been approved, it should include information in its application addressing the plan and timeline to receive notification from the authorizer on the final decision. Additionally, an applicant should delineate any costs in its proposed budget that are projected to be incurred prior to the date the applicant's charter school application is approved by the *authorized public chartering agency*.



### **COMPETITION BASICS**

**IMPORTANT DATES** 

Applications Available:

Date of Pre-Application Meeting:

**July 8, 2019** 12:30pm – 2:00pm

July 3, 2019

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 2, 2019 (11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time)

Application Review: August/September 2019

Grant Performance Period Begins: October 1, 2019



## **COMPETITION BASICS**

AWARD INFORMATION

<u>Type of Award</u>: Discretionary grants <u>Estimated Available Funds</u>: \$14,460,000 <u>Estimated Range of Awards</u>: \$150,000–300,000/year <u>Estimated Average Size of Awards</u>: \$300,000/year <u>Maximum Total Award Size</u>: \$1,500,000 <u>Estimated Number of Awards</u>: 30–45 <u>Project Period</u>: Up to 60 months

The Department is not bound by any estimates in the NIA. The estimated range and average size of awards are based on a single 12-month budget period. We may use FY 2019 funds to support multiple 12-month budget periods for one or more grantees.



## **COMPETITION BASICS**

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically, unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in the Notice.

Applications are due no later than August 2, 2019 by 11:59:59 PM.



### AGENDA

84.282B/E – DEVELOPER GRANTS

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### APPLICATION DETAIL

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The application package can be found on Grants.gov under the opportunity number ED-GRANTS-070319-001 for new schools and ED-GRANTS-070319-002 for the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools. Instructions can be found on grants.gov website at:

<u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-</u> <u>grants.html</u>

### <u>A complete application consists of the following</u> <u>components:</u>

- 1. Required Forms:
  - ED Standard Forms
  - Assurances and Certifications
- 2. Other Attachments (see application package)

- 3. Application Narrative:
  - Abstract Narrative Form
  - Budget Narrative Form
  - Project Narrative Form



#### REQUIRED FORMS – PLEASE SEE APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR FULL INFORMATION ED Standard Forms

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424)
- Department of Education Supplement for SF 424
- Department of Education Budget Summary Form (ED 524)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Abstract, Project Narrative And Budget Narrative Forms

### **Assurances and Certifications**

- GEPA Section 427
- Assurances Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B)
- Grants.gov Lobby form (formerly ED 80-0013 form)
- Certification Regarding Lobbying



#### SF 424

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		State Use Only:									
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8c – Organizational DUNS. This must be the same DUNS number used when you registered with Grants.gov

16a-b – Congressional District. Enter the district the applicant organization is located in, and the district in which activities will occur.

17a-b – Proposed Project Start and End Dates. This grant can be for up to 5 years, so the end date should reflect how many years are requested.

18 – Estimated Funding. This should only reflect the first year of the project.

19 – EO 12372. This program is subject to the Executive Order.



### ED 524

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#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET INFORMATION NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Control Number: 1894-0008 Expiration Date: 08/31/2020

Name of Institution/Organization A Charter School

Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS									
Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)			
1. Personnel	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000			
2. Fringe Benefits	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$165,000			
3. Travel	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$20,000			
4. Equipment	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$250,000			
5. Supplies	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$125,000			
6. Contractual	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$180,000			
7. Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-			
8. Other	-	-	-	-	-	-			
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)	\$248,000	\$248,000	\$248,000	\$248,000	\$248,000	\$1,240,000			
10. Indirect Costs *Enter Rate <u>Applied 81%</u>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000			
11. Training Stipends	-	-	-	-	-	-			
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000			

\*Indirect Cost Information (To Be Completed by Your Business Office):

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, please answer the following questions:

(1) Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government? Yes X.No.

(2) If yes, please provide the following information: Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement: From: \_\_/\_\_ To: \_\_/ \_\_ (mm/dd/yyzy) Approving Federal agency: \_\_ED \_\_Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ The Indirect Cost Rate is \_\_\_\_\_

(3) If this is your first Federal grant, and you do not have an approved indirect cost rate agreement, are not a State, Local government or Indian Tribe, and are not funded under a training rate program or a restricted rate program, do you want to use the de minimis rate of 10% of MTDC? <u>Ves X.No</u>. If yes, you must comply with the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.414(f).

(4) If you do not have an approved indirect cost rate agreement, do you want to use the temporary rate of 10% of budgeted salaries and wages? <u>Yes X No. If</u> <u>yes</u>, you must submit a proposed indirect cost rate agreement within 90 days after the date your grant is awarded, as required by 34 CFR § 75.560.

(5) For Restricted Rate Programs (check one) -- Are you using a restricted indirect cost rate <u>that:</u> Is included in your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement? Or \_\_\_\_\_ Complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2)? The Restricted Indirect Cost Rate is \_\_\_\_\_\_%

(6) For Training Rate Programs (check one) -- Are you using a rate that: \_\_\_\_\_ Is based on the training rate of 8 percent of MTDC (See EDGAR § 75.562(c)(4))? Or Is included in your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, because it is lower than the training rate of 8 percent of MTDC (See EDGAR § 75.562(c)(4)).



#### ED 524

- Section A is required; complete all years for which funds are requested.
- Funds requested should match the detailed budget narrative required in another segment of the application.
- A couple things to note:
  - If you have an approved indirect cost rate, provide the details in the budget narrative as well as in the bottom of this form.
  - Construction is not an allowable cost.
- Section B should only be completed if you are making a matching commitment. This program does not require a match.



#### GEPA STATEMENT

- Section 427 of GEPA requires an applicant for federal funds to include a description of the steps they will take to ensure equitable access to and participation in the grant project.
- To meet this requirement, applicants must include a statement that does two things:
  - 1. Identify at least one barrier that would prevent someone from participating in grant activities.
  - 2. Explain what will be done to overcome the barrier.

TIP: It must be a barrier that you would encounter related to the CSP grant proposal.



#### OTHER ATTACHMENTS/APPENDIX

- Applicants should attach all appendices to the Other Attachments Form.
- For each appendix, applicants must attach any attachment of your application file in either **.pdf** (Portable Document Format) or Microsoft Word. See the application package instructions for additional guidance.
- Label each file with the Appendix name (e.g., Appendix A Resumes) and upload the file to the Other Attachments Form.
- The Other Attachments Form can support up to ten attachments; therefore, please merge appendices into one document as necessary. Please review the application package for details on each of these.

\*\*Please note – special characters could impact your ability to submit because grants.gov does not properly process special characters. Therefore please use do not use colons and backslashes when naming your documents.



84.282B/84.282E - OTHER ATTACHMENTS/APPENDIX

**Appendix A: CSP Assurances** 

**Appendix B: Resumes or Curriculum Vitae** 

**Appendix C: Letters of Support** 

Appendix D: Proof of Non-Profit Status, or Not-For-Profit Status

Appendix E: Schools Operated by Applicant (if applicable)

Appendix F: Supplemental Organizational Budgets and Financial Information (if applicable)

Appendix G: Additional Information (if applicable)



#### 84.282E - OTHER ATTACHMENTS/APPENDIX

### **Appendix E: Schools Operated by Applicant**

Provide information to show which school(s) the applicant operates or manages, ((a) of the Application Requirements under 84.282E). Information should include school name, grade levels, location, whether the school holds a separate charter, and authorizer for each charter school operated or managed by the applicant. Application Requirement (a) under 84.282E states that, for each charter school currently operated or managed by the applicant, the applicant must provide:

- Information that demonstrates that the school is treated as a separate school by its authorized public chartering agency and the State, including for purposes of accountability and reporting under Title I, Part A of the ESEA;
- (2) Student assessment results for all students and for each subgroup of students described in section 1111(c)(2) of the ESEA;
- (3) Attendance and student retention rates for the most recently completed school year and, if applicable, the most recent available four-year adjusted cohort graduation rates and extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rates; and
- (4) Information on any significant compliance and management issues encountered within the last three school years by the existing charter school being operated or managed by the eligible entity, including in the areas of student safety and finance.



APPLICATION NARRATIVE

# The Application Narrative consists of the following components:

- Abstract
- Budget Narrative
- Project Narrative
  - Absolute Priority (must choose one)
  - Competitive Preference Priorities (optional)
  - Selection Criteria
  - Application Requirements



### APPLICATION PACKAGE OVERVIEW ABSTRACT NARRATIVE

#### **ED** Abstract

The abstract narrative must include the name and address of the organization and the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the contact person for this project.

The abstract narrative should not exceed one page and should use language that will be understood by a range of audiences. For all projects, include the name and address of the organization; name, email, phone number of contact person for the project; project title; goals; expected outcomes; and any contributions for research, policy, practice, etc.



### APPLICATION PACKAGE OVERVIEW BUDGET NARRATIVE

#### **Budget Narrative**

- Applicants must ensure that all costs included in the proposed budget are reasonable and necessary in light of the goals and objectives of the proposed project. Any costs determined to be unreasonable or unnecessary will be removed from the final budget.
- 2. The budget should include only costs that are allowable, reasonable, and necessary. In the Budget Narrative Attachment, provide an itemized budget narrative, by project year, for each budget category, in addition to a justification for costs included.



#### **BUDGET RESOURCES:**

- 2 CFR Part 200 (previously OMB Circular A-87 (State) and A-122 (non-profit)) \*Additional information on uniform guidance can be found at: <u>www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200 main 02.tpl</u>
- CSP Funding and Legislation page: <a href="https://innovation.ed.gov/what-we-do/charter-schools/charter-schools-program-non-state-educational-agencies-non-sea-planning-program-design-and-initial-implementation-grant/funding-and-legislation/">https://innovation.ed.gov/what-we-do/charter-schools/charter-schools-program-non-state-educational-agencies-non-sea-planning-program-design-and-initial-implementation-grant/funding-and-legislation/</a>
- CSP Nonregulatory guidance: <u>https://innovation.ed.gov/programs/charternonsea/fy14cspnonregguidance11</u> <u>0215.doc</u>



BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS

- This is a non-construction grant.
  - CSP funds may not be used for construction, or to add to the permanent value of a property or appreciably prolong its life.
- Please note, applicants should use the budget period of the grant, NOT your fiscal year budget period. Successful applicant's grant period will start October 1, 2019.

An applicant may only propose to support one charter school per grant application.



#### BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS

Grantees must use the grant funds to open and prepare for the operation of a new charter school; to open and prepare for the operation of a replicated high-quality charter school; or to expand a high-quality charter school. Grant funds must be used to carry out allowable activities, described in section 4303(h) of the ESEA, which include the following—

- (a) Preparing teachers, school leaders, and specialized instructional support personnel, including through paying costs associated with—
  - Providing professional development; and(ii) Hiring and compensating, during the applicant's planning period specified in the application for funds, one or more of the following:
    - (A) Teachers,
    - (B) School leaders, and
    - (C) Specialized instructional support personnel.



#### BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS

(b) Acquiring supplies, training, equipment (including technology), and educational materials (including developing and acquiring instructional materials).

(c) Carrying out necessary renovations to ensure that a new school building complies with applicable statutes and regulations, and minor facilities repairs (excluding construction).

(d) Providing one-time, startup costs associated with providing transportation to students to and from the *charter school*.

(e) Carrying out community engagement activities, which may include paying the cost of student and staff recruitment.

(f) Providing for other appropriate, non-sustained costs related to the replication or expansion of *high-quality charter schools* when such costs cannot be met from other sources.



BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS

A grant awarded by the Secretary under this competition may be for a period of not more than five years, of which the grantee may use not more than 18 months for planning and program design. (Section 4303(d)(1)(B) of the ESEA). Applicants may propose to support only one charter school per grant application.

We reference additional regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this Notice Inviting Applications.



BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS

Applicants must ensure that all costs included in the proposed budget are authorized under the CSP and are reasonable and necessary in the context of the goals and objectives of the proposed project. The budget should include only costs that are allowable, reasonable, and necessary. Any costs determined by the Secretary to be unauthorized, or otherwise unreasonable or unnecessary, will be removed from the final approved budget.

In the Budget Narrative Attachment, provide an itemized budget narrative, by project year, for each budget category, in addition to a justification for costs included.



#### BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS

Other CSP Grants: A charter school that previously has received CSP funds for replication or expansion or for planning or initial implementation of a charter school under CFDA number 84.282A or 84.282M (under the ESEA) may not use funds under this grant for the same purpose.

However, such charter school may be eligible to receive funds under this competition to expand the charter school beyond the existing grade levels or student count. Likewise, a charter school that receives funds under this competition is ineligible to receive funds for the same purpose under section 4303(b)(1) or 4305(b) of the ESEA, including opening and preparing for the operation of a new charter school, opening and preparing for the operation of a replicated high-quality charter school, or expanding a high-quality charter school (i.e., CFDA number 84.282A or 84.282M).



**BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS** 

For this competition, the maximum limit of grant funds that may be awarded per new, replicated, or expanded charter school is \$1,500,000.



BUDGET NARRATIVE - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS AND BUDGETS

**Project Directors Meeting:** Applicants approved for funding under this competition must attend a two-day meeting for project directors during each year of the project. Applicants are encouraged to include the cost of attending this meeting in their proposed budgets.



PROJECT NARRATIVE

- **Project Narrative:** To facilitate the review of the application, please organize your Project Narrative in the following order and include a Table of Contents.
- 1. Absolute Priority (must choose one)
- 2. Competitive Priorities (optional)
- 3. Selection Criteria
- 4. Application Requirements

We recommend that applicants limit the project narrative to 50 pages.



# **ABSOLUTE PRIORITIES**

This notice includes one absolute priority.

Each subpart of this Absolute Priority constitutes its own funding category. Applicants must clearly indicate under which subpart of the Absolute Priority they are applying. The Secretary intends to award grants under both subparts of the Absolute Priority, provided that applications of sufficiently high quality are submitted.

#### Absolute Priority 1--Rural Community.

Under this priority, applicants must propose to open a new charter school or to replicate or expand a high-quality charter school in one of the following:

- (a) A rural community.
- (b) A community that is not a rural community.

\*\*\* IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO SIMPLY STATE THAT YOU MEET THE ABSOLUTE PRIORITY. YOU MUST SHOW HOW YOU MEET THE PRIORITY AND PROVIDE DATA TO SUPPORT THAT. WE HAVE TAKEN APPLICATIONS OUT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A GRANT AWARD IN THE PAST BECAUSE APPLICANTS DID NOT PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.\*\*\*



<u>Competitive Priorities</u>: We will award additional points to an application, depending on how well the application meets one or more of these priorities.

84.282B (New)	84.282E (Replication or Expansion)
<b>Competitive Preference Priority 1—</b>	<b>Competitive Preference Priority 1—</b>
<b>Spurring Investment in Opportunity Zones</b>	<b>Spurring Investment in Opportunity Zones</b>
0 or 10 points	0 or 10 points
Competitive Preference Priority 2—	Competitive Preference Priority 2—
Opening a New Charter School or	Opening a New Charter School or
Replicating or Expanding a High-quality	Replicating or Expanding a High-quality
Charter School to Serve Native American	Charter School to Serve Native American
Students	Students
Up to 10 points	Up to 10 points
Competitive Preference Priority 4—	Competitive Preference Priority 3—Single
Novice Applicants (Only 84.282B)	School Operators (Only 84.282E)
0 or 10 points	0 or 10 points



# Competitive Preference Priority 1—Spurring Investment in Opportunity Zones. (0 or 10 points)

Under this priority, an applicant must propose to open a new charter school or to replicate or expand a high-quality charter school in a qualified opportunity zone as designated by the Secretary of the Treasury under section 1400Z-1 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 115-97).

An applicant must provide the census tract number of the qualified opportunity zone in which it proposes to open a new charter school or replicate or expand a high-quality charter school. A list of qualified opportunity zones, with census tract numbers, is available at <a href="http://www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/Opportunity-Zones.aspx">www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/Opportunity-Zones.aspx</a>.



Competitive Preference Priority 2—Replicating or Expanding High-quality Charter Schools to Serve Native American Students. (Up to 10 points)

Under this priority, applicants must—

(a) Propose to open a new charter school, or replicate or expand a highquality charter school, that--

(1) Utilizes targeted outreach and recruitment in order to serve a high proportion of Native American students, consistent with nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Constitution and Federal civil rights laws;

(2) Has a mission and focus that will address the unique educational needs of Native American students, such as through the use of instructional programs and teaching methods that reflect and preserve Native American language, culture, and history; and

(3) Has or will have a governing board with a substantial percentage of members who are members of Indian Tribes or Native American organizations located within the area to be served by the new, replicated, or expanded charter school;



Competitive Preference Priority 2—Replicating or Expanding High-quality Charter Schools to Serve Native American Students. (Up to 10 points) (cont'd)

Under this priority, applicants must—

(b) Submit a letter of support from at least one Indian Tribe or Native American organization located within the area to be served by the new, replicated, or expanded charter school; and

(c) Meaningfully collaborate with the Indian Tribe(s) or Native American organization(s) from which the applicant has received a letter of support in a timely, active, and ongoing manner with respect to the development and implementation of the educational program at the charter school.



Competitive Preference Priority 3--Single School Operators (0 or 10 points under CFDA number 84.282E)

Under this priority, applicants must provide evidence that the applicant currently operates one, and only one, charter school.



# Competitive Preference Priority 4—Novice Applicants. (0 or 10 points under CFDA number 84.282B)

This priority is for applications submitted by novice applicants.



# **INVITATIONAL PRIORITY**

This priority is an invitational priority. We do not give an application that meets this invitational priority any preference over other applications.

#### Invitational Priority — Opportunity Funds.

This priority is for applicants that have received or will receive financial assistance from a qualified opportunity fund under section 1400Z-2 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, for one or more of the following, as needed to open or to replicate or expand the school:

(1) The acquisition (by purchase, lease, donation, or otherwise) of an interest (including an interest held by a third party for the benefit of the school) in improved or unimproved real property;

(2) The construction of new facilities, or the renovation, repair, or alteration of existing facilities;

(3) The predevelopment costs required to assess sites for purposes of subparagraph (1) or (2); and

(4) The acquisition of other tangible property.

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In addressing this priority, an applicant must identify the qualified opportunity fund from which it has received or will receive financial assistance.

#### SCORING ALLOCATION CHART

Selection Criteria	Point Allocation
(1) Significance of contribution in assisting educationally disadvantaged students	Up to 15 points
(2) Quality of the Project Design	Up to 30 points
(3) Quality of the Project Personnel	Up to 20 points
(4) Quality of the Management Plan	Up to 20 points
(5) Quality of the Continuation Plan	Up to 15 points
Selection Criteria Total	Up to 100 points



(1) SIGNIFICANCE OF CONTRIBUTION IN ASSISTING EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (UP TO 15 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the significance of contribution in assisting educationally disadvantaged students for the proposed project. In determining the significance of the contribution the proposed project will make in expanding educational opportunity for educationally disadvantaged students and enabling those students to meet challenging State academic standards, the Secretary considers the quality of the plan to ensure that the charter school the applicant proposes to open, replicate, or expand will recruit, enroll, and effectively serve educationally disadvantaged students, which include children with disabilities and English learners.



(2) QUALITY OF THE PROJECT DESIGN (UP TO 30 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable; and

(ii) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs.



(3) QUALITY OF PROJECT PERSONNEL (UP TO 20 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project. In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers:

(i) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability (**up to 2 points**); and

(ii) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel (**up to 18 points**).



### (4) QUALITY OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN (UP TO 20 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the applicant's management plan, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks (**up to 15 points**);

(ii) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and principal investigator and other key project personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project (**up to 3 points**); and

(iii) How the applicant will ensure that a diversity of perspectives are brought to bear in the operation of the proposed project, including those of parents, teachers, the business community, a variety of disciplinary and professional fields, recipients or beneficiaries of services, or others, as appropriate (**up to 2 points**).



(5) QUALITY OF THE CONTINUATION PLAN (UP TO 15 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the continuation plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the continuation plan, the Secretary considers the extent to which the eligible applicant is prepared to continue to operate the charter school that would receive grant funds in a manner consistent with the eligible applicant's application once the grant funds under this program are no longer available.



## **84.282E SELECTION CRITERIA** SCORING ALLOCATION CHART

Selection Criteria	Point Allocation
(1) Quality of the eligible applicant	Up to 30 points
(2) Significance of contribution in assisting educationally disadvantaged students	Up to 15 points
(3) Quality of the Project Design	Up to 25 points
(4) Quality of the Project Personnel	Up to 10 points
(5) Quality of the Management Plan	Up to 10 points
(6) Quality of the Continuation Plan	Up to 10 points
Selection Criteria Total	Up to 100 points



## (1) QUALITY OF THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT (UP TO 30 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the eligible applicant for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the eligible applicant, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the academic achievement results (including annual student performance on statewide assessments and annual student attendance and retention rates and, where applicable and available, student academic growth, high school graduation rates, postsecondary enrollment and persistence rates, including in college or career training programs, employment rates, earnings, and other academic outcomes) for educationally disadvantaged students served by the charter school(s) operated or managed by the applicant have exceeded the average academic achievement results for such students served by other public schools in the State (**up to 10 points**);



## (1) QUALITY OF THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT (UP TO 30 POINTS)CONT.

(ii) The extent to which one or more charter schools operated or managed by the applicant have closed; have had a charter revoked due to noncompliance with statutory or regulatory requirements; or have had their affiliation with the applicant revoked or terminated, including through voluntary disaffiliation (**up to 5 points**);

(iii) The extent to which one or more charter schools operated or managed by the applicant have had any significant issues in the area of financial or operational management or student safety, or have otherwise experienced significant problems with statutory or regulatory compliance that could lead to revocation of the school's charter (**up to 10 points**); and

(iv) The extent to which the schools operated or managed by the applicant demonstrate strong results on measurable outcomes in non-academic areas such as, but not limited to, parent satisfaction, school climate, student mental health, civic engagement, and crime prevention and reduction (**up to 5 points**).



## (2) SIGNIFICANCE OF CONTRIBUTION IN ASSISTING EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (UP TO 15 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the significance of the contribution in assisting educationally disadvantaged students for the proposed project. In determining the significance of the contribution the proposed project will make in expanding educational opportunity for educationally disadvantaged students and enabling those students to meet challenging State academic standards, the Secretary considers the quality of the plan to ensure that the charter school the applicant proposes to open, replicate, or expand will recruit, enroll, and effectively serve educationally disadvantaged students, which include children with disabilities and English learners.



## **84.282E SELECTION CRITERIA** (3) QUALITY OF THE PROJECT DESIGN (UP TO 25 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable; and

(ii) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs.



(4) QUALITY OF PROJECT PERSONNEL (UP TO 10 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project. In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers:

(i) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability (**up to 2 points**); and

(ii) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel (**up to 8 points**).



## (5) QUALITY OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN (UP TO 10 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the applicant's management plan, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks (**up to 6 points**);

(ii) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and principal investigator and other key project personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project (**up to 2 points**); and

(iii) How the applicant will ensure that a diversity of perspectives are brought to bear in the operation of the proposed project, including those of parents, teachers, the business community, a variety of disciplinary and professional fields, recipients or beneficiaries of services, or others, as appropriate (**up to 2 points**).



(6) QUALITY OF THE CONTINUATION PLAN (UP TO 10 POINTS)

The Secretary considers the quality of the continuation plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the continuation plan, the Secretary considers the extent to which the eligible applicant is prepared to continue to operate the charter school that would receive grant funds in a manner consistent with the eligible applicant's application once the grant funds under this program are no longer available.



## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS 84.282B/E

Applications for grants under CFDA number 84.282B or 84.282E <u>must address the following application requirements</u>. An applicant must respond to the requirements in paragraph (a) in a stand-alone section of the application or in an appendix.

<u>Please see NIA for complete application requirements.</u>



### 84.282B/E

(a) Describe the eligible applicant's objectives in running a quality charter school program and how the program will be carried out, including--

(1) A description of how the eligible applicant will ensure that charter schools receiving funds under this program meet the educational needs of their students, including children with disabilities and English learners (Section 4303(f)(1)(A)(x) of the ESEA);

(2) A description of the roles and responsibilities of eligible applicants, partner organizations, and charter management organizations, including the administrative and contractual roles and responsibilities of such partners (Section 4303(f)(1)(C)(i)(I) of the ESEA);

(3) A description of the quality controls agreed to between the eligible applicant and the authorized public chartering agency involved, such as a contract or performance agreement, how a school's performance in the State's accountability system and impact on student achievement (which may include student academic growth) will be one of the most important factors for renewal or revocation of the school's charter, and how the authorized public chartering agency involved will reserve the right to revoke or not renew a school's charter based on financial, structural, or operational factors involving the management of the school (Section 4303(f)(1)(C)(i)(II) of the ESEA);



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(4) A description of how the autonomy and flexibility granted to a charter school is consistent with the definition of a charter school in section 4310 of the ESEA (Section 4303(f)(1)(C)(i)(III) of the ESEA);

(5) A description of how the eligible applicant will solicit and consider input from parents and other members of the community on the implementation and operation of each charter school that will receive funds under the grant (Section 4303(f)(1)(C)(i)(IV) of the ESEA);

(6) A description of the eligible applicant's planned activities and expenditures of grant funds to support the activities described in section 4303(b)(1) of the ESEA, and how the eligible applicant will maintain financial sustainability after the end of the grant period (Section 4303(f)(1)(C)(i)(V) of the ESEA);

(7) A description of how the eligible applicant will support the use of effective parent, family, and community engagement strategies to operate each charter school that will receive funds under the grant (Section 4303(f)(1)(C)(i)(VI) of the ESEA); and

(8) A description of how the eligible applicant will ensure that each charter school receiving funds under this program has considered and planned for the transportation needs of the school's students (Section 4303(f)(1)(E) of the ESEA).



### 84.282B/E

(b) Describe the educational program that the applicant will implement in the charter school receiving funding under this program, including--

(1) Information on how the program will enable all students to meet the challenging State academic standards;

(2) The grade levels or ages of students who will be served; and

(3) The instructional practices that will be used.

(c) Describe how the applicant will ensure that the charter school that will receive funds will recruit, enroll, and retain students, including educationally disadvantaged students, which include children with disabilities and English learners.

(d) Describe the lottery and enrollment procedures that the applicant will use for the charter school if more students apply for admission than can be accommodated and, if the applicant proposes to use a weighted lottery, how the weighted lottery complies with section 4303(c)(3)(A) of the ESEA.

(e) Provide a complete logic model (as defined in 34 CFR 77.1) for the grant project. The logic model must include the applicant's objectives for implementing a new charter school or replicating or expanding a high-quality charter school with funding under this competition.



### 84.282B/E

(f) Provide a budget narrative, aligned with the activities, target grant project outputs, and outcomes described in the logic model, that outlines how grant funds will be expended to carry out planned activities.

(g) If the applicant proposes to open a new charter school (CFDA number 84.282B) or proposes to replicate or expand a high-quality charter school (CFDA number 84.282E) that provides a single-sex educational program, demonstrate that the proposed single-sex educational programs are in compliance with the title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681, et seq.) ("Title IX") and its implementing regulations, including 34 CFR 106.34.

(h) Provide the applicant's most recent available independently audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(i) Provide--

(1) A request and justification for waivers of any Federal statutory or regulatory provisions that the eligible entity believes are necessary for the successful operation of the charter school to be opened or to be replicated or expanded; and

(2) A description of any State or local rules, generally applicable to public schools, that will be waived or otherwise not apply to the school that will receive funds.

(j) Describe how each school that will receive funds meets the definition of charter school under section 4310(2) of the ESEA.



#### 84.282E

In addition to the preceding application requirements, applicants for grants under 84.282E for replication or expansion must respond to the following additional application requirements:

(a) For each charter school currently operated or managed by the applicant, provide—

(1) Information that demonstrates that the school is treated as a separate school by its authorized public chartering agency and the State, including for purposes of accountability and reporting under title I, part A of the ESEA;

(2) Student assessment results for all students and for each subgroup of students described in section 1111(c)(2) of the ESEA;

(3) Attendance and student retention rates for the most recently completed school year and, if applicable, the most recent available four-year adjusted cohort graduation rates and extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rates; and

(4) Information on any significant compliance and management issues encountered within the last three school years by the existing charter school being operated or managed by the eligible entity, including in the areas of student safety and finance.



## **ASSURANCES**

Applicants for CSP Developer grants must provide the following assurances. These assurances are from section 4303(f) of the ESEA. The source of each assurance is provided in parentheses following each assurance.

Applicants for funds under this program must provide assurances that--

(a) Each charter school receiving funds through this program will have a high degree of autonomy over budget and operations, including autonomy over personnel decisions (Section 4303(f)(2)(A) of the ESEA);

(b) The eligible applicant will support charter schools in meeting the educational needs of their students, as described in section 4303(f)(1)(A)(x) of the ESEA (Section 4303(f)(2)(B) of the ESEA); and



## **ASSURANCES**

(c) The eligible applicant will ensure that each charter school receiving funds under this program makes publicly available, consistent with the dissemination requirements of the annual State report card under section 1111(h) of the ESEA, including on the website of the school, information to help parents make informed decisions about the education options available to their children, including--

(i) Information on the educational program;

(ii) Student support services;

(iii) Parent contract requirements (as applicable), including any financial obligations or fees;

(iv) Enrollment criteria (as applicable); and

(v) Annual performance and enrollment data for each of the subgroups of students, as defined in section 1111(c)(2) of the ESEA, except that such disaggregation of performance and enrollment data shall not be required in a case in which the number of students in a group is insufficient to yield statically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student.



## DEFINITIONS

OVERVIEW OF SOME DEFINITIONS INCLUDED IN THE NIA:

- 1. Academically poor-performing public school
- 2. Educationally disadvantaged student
- 3. High proportion
- 4. Indian Tribe
- 5. Individual from a low-income family
- 6. Institution of higher education
- 7. Native American
- 8. Native American language
- 9. Native American organization
- 10.<u>Rural community</u>

\*Please see the NIA for a full list of definitions. These are not the only terms defined.



# **CSP PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

#### GPRA

(a) The primary goal of the CSP is to support the creation and development of a large number of *high-quality charter schools* that are free from State or local rules that inhibit flexible operation, are held accountable for enabling students to reach challenging State performance standards, and are open to all students.

(1) The number of charter schools in operation around the Nation, and
(2) the percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade charter school students who are achieving at or above the proficient level on State assessments in mathematics and reading/language arts.

Additionally, the Secretary has established a third measure to examine the efficiency of the CSP: Federal cost per student in implementing a successful school (defined as a school in operation for three or more consecutive years).



## **CSP PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

#### PROJECT-SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE MEASURES

(b) Project-Specific Performance Measures. Applicants must propose project-specific performance measures and performance targets consistent with the objectives of the proposed project.
Applications must provide the following information as directed under 34 CFR 75.110(b) and (c):

- (1) Performance measures.
- (2) Baseline data.
- (3) Performance targets.
- (4) Data collection and reporting.

All grantees must submit an annual performance report with information that is responsive to these performance measures. Please see the NIA for more information.



# APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AND STATUTE

- Title IV, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (https://innovation.ed.gov/files/2017/03/Statute-for-website.pdf)
- ii. The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 76, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99.
- iii. The OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; and
- iv. The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended in 2 CFR part 3474.
- v. The NFP (published at the same time as the NIA)



### **AWARD NOTICES**

If your application is successful, we will notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally, as well.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we will notify you.





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### **OPEN LICENSING**

#### NEW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGULATION COVERING CSP GRANTEES

All Department of Education grantees awarded competitive grant funds, unless an exception applies, must openly license to the public all copyrightable grant deliverables that are created with Department grant funds, including such deliverable as educational software, curriculum materials, professional development training materials, assessment systems, etc. This requirement applies to CSP grants.

Purposes:

- Promotes efficient dissemination of grant-funded works.
- Promotes innovation through creative re-use of grant funded works.

The Rule:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/19/2017-00910/open-licensing-requirement-for-competitive-grant-programs



### WHAT DOES OPEN LICENSING MEAN?

Under an open license, the public is given permission...

- to access, reproduce, publicly perform, publicly display, and distribute the copyrightable work;
- to prepare derivative works, as defined in the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. 101, and to reproduce, publicly perform, publicly display and distribute those derivative works; and
- to otherwise use the copyrightable work, created in whole or in part with competitive grant funds provided by the Department, provided that in all such instances <u>attribution</u> is given to the copyright holder.

Note: Grantees may use any open licenses that comply with the rule (see additional conditions n the actual rule), including a license that limits use to noncommercial purposes.



# WHAT IS A "DELIVERABLE" COVERED BY THE OPEN LICENSING RULE?

- Copyrightable grant deliverables, or deliverables, are <u>final</u> versions of a work developed to <u>carry out</u> <u>the purpose of the grant</u>, as specified in the grant announcement (i.e., notice inviting applications or application package).
- The [open licensing] <u>requirement will apply both to</u> <u>the deliverables themselves and to any final version</u> <u>of program support materials</u> necessary to the use of the deliverables.



### **MORE ABOUT THE OPEN LICENSING RULE**

- The rule does not apply to pre-existing works, or to those that are created without use of grant funds.
- When pre-existing works are modified under grant funding, the rule only applies to the modifications.
- A grantee or subgrantee that is awarded competitive grant funds <u>must have a plan to disseminate</u> the openly licensed copyrightable works.
- In some limited cases, exceptions to the rule may be granted by the Department. However, such exceptions will not be considered until after grant awards are made, and applicants must not assume that an exception would be granted.



### **QUESTIONS?**

# Closing Date: August 2, 2019, 2019, at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time

**Important Note**: You are strongly encouraged to submit early! You can always resubmit your application on the closing date by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time if you need to update your application.





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### **GRANTS.GOV (REGISTER AND SUBMIT EARLY!)**



## WHAT IS GRANTS.GOV?

- An external application system used throughout the Federal government
- Available at <u>www.grants.gov</u>





### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Please be sure to check the CFDA# (84.282B or 84.282E), Opportunity Number and title before you download the application package. While you can view the application on the CSP webpage or grants.gov, you MUST register in grants.gov to submit your application.



The Grants.gov registration process involves five (5) basic steps:

- 1. Obtain a DUNS number
- 2. Register with SAM. You must register with SAM annually!
- 3. Set up your Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) profile
- 4. Get authorized as an AOR by your organization's e-Biz POC
- 5. Track your AOR status



- The complete Grants.gov registration process takes up to 4 weeks to complete.
- You do not have to register with Grants.gov if you only want to find grant opportunities or to download application packages – <u>but you MUST register to SUBMIT</u>!



#### **Step 1:** Register Your Organization

To register, your organization will need to obtain a DUNS number. If your organization does not have a DUNS number, you can call 1-866-705-5711. Check with your organization's grants office before obtaining a DUNS number. Use the same DUNS number used on the SF 424 form.

#### Step 2: SAM Registration

 Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the System for Award Management (SAM) (formerly the Central Contractor Registry (CCR)) .Your organization must have a DUNS number to register with SAM. SAM registration takes approximately 7 business days, but may take up to several weeks, to complete. Once your SAM registration is active, you will need to allow 24 to 48 hours for the information to be available in Grants.gov and before you can submit an application through Grants.gov. SAM requires an annual registration – you will be unable to submit if this has not been updated. This may take three or more business days.



#### Step 3: AOR Registration

• Create your Authorized Organization's Representative (AOR) registration to obtain your username and password. You will need your organization DUNS number to complete the profile.

#### **Step 4:** Confirm AOR Registration

The E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) at your organization will receive your registration from Grants.gov. The E-Biz POC will then authorize you as an AOR. The E-Biz POC is usually someone in your grants office. Only an AOR may submit an application.



#### Step 5: Track Your AOR Status

- The length of time is contingent upon how long it takes your E-Biz POC to authorize you as an AOR. There may be more than one AOR at the organization.
- All 5 registration steps can be found on the Grants.gov website.

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html



### **GRANTS.GOV APPLICATION PACKAGE**

- Review "Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants" in application package.
- Applicant must download the correct version of Adobe in order to read any Grants.gov application packages.
- In Adobe, applicants must move all mandatory forms from left to right, in order to open each form.
- Once the form is on the right side, applicant can complete and **SAVE** each form; while in process, the application package is saved offline.
- Press the final **SAVE & SUBMIT** button before the final submission of the application.



### **GRANTS.GOV APPLICATION PACKAGE**

- Once you download the application, multiple people can work on it, and you work offline.
- Save often.
- Includes both forms and attachments.
- Submit all documents as read-only, flattened PDF files.
- Once the application is complete, the "save and submit" button becomes active.



### **GRANTS.GOV APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

#### SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION

- Applicants should receive a confirmation email with a time and date stamp and an assigned tracking number from Grants.gov.
- Applicants should receive a validation email from Grants.gov. This means the application is ready for Department pickup.
- Applicant should receive an email with their assigned PR Award # (U282\_19XXXX).

#### UNSUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION

- Applicants should receive a confirmation email with a time and date stamp and an assigned tracking number from Grants.gov.
- If the application is received after 11:59:59 pm on August 2, 2019 or validation is not successful, applicant should receive an error email.
- 3. Email may list the error, or applicant can use their tracking number to find the submission error.



## **GRANTS.GOV**

#### APPLICATION PACKAGE - VERIFYING SUBMISSION

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- Verify submission is on time and validated successfully.
- To check, login to Grants.gov and click on the Track My Application link.
- Date/time received should be earlier than 11:59:59 p.m. on August 2, 2019.
- Application status should be "Validated".
- Do not rely solely on email to confirm whether your application has been received on time and validated successfully.



DOI Project #SA067; Hurricane Sandy; Beach Resiliency Studies; Fire Island;



Fish and Wildlife Service

### **GRANTS.GOV SUBMISSION**

- Save a copy of your application.
- We may request original signatures on forms at a later date.
- Applications cannot be "unsubmitted".
- Users may resubmit their application at any point up until the closing date and time; we review the most recent submission before the due date and time.

#### • Closing Date August 2, 2019, 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time



### **GRANTS.GOV AVAILABILITY**

- If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk at 800-518-4726. You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.
- If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 11:59:59 p.m. (Eastern Time), the following day to enable you to transmit your application electronically, by hand delivery, or through the mail following the instructions in the Notice.



### **GRANTS.GOV AVAILABILITY**

- If you submit an application after 11:59:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on August 2, 2019, contact the person listed in the Notice and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your explanation if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that a problem affected your ability to submit your application by the deadline.
- The Department will contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.



### **GRANTS.GOV AVAILABILITY**

 These extensions apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application on Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.



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