



FY 2023 CSP Developer Pre-Application Competition **Office Hours Webinar**

ALNs 84.282B and 84.282E

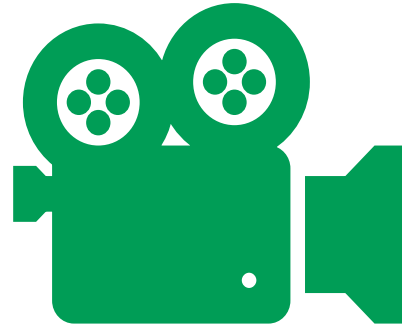
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Webinar Logistics



Today's webinar is listen-only.



Today's webinar is being recorded and will be posted on the CSP Developer competition website.



We have allotted time for questions at the end of today's webinar. Use the Zoom Q&A feature to type your questions.



Meet the CSP Developer Grants Program Team

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1. CSP Developer Grants Competition Recap

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IMPORTANT – Webinar Disclaimer

- This slide deck does not contain the full text of the FY 2023 CSP Developer Grants **NIA** published in the *Federal Register* on June 5, 2023.
- Before applying for this grant, interested applicants should **thoroughly review** the—
 - [NIA \(PDF link\)](#),
 - [Application package instructions \(PDF link\)](#), and
 - [CSP Developer competition website \(link\)](#).
- Applicants should not rely solely on today's webinar for information and guidance on the NIA. Use the webinar as a resource in conjunction with the NIA.

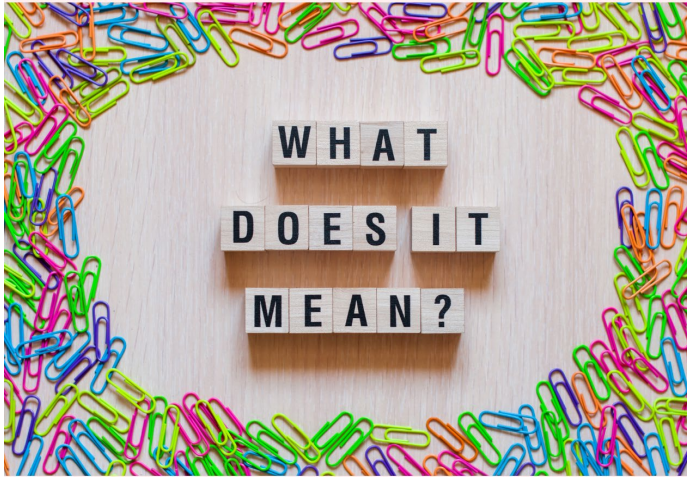


The screenshot displays the Federal Register website interface. At the top, the National Archives logo and the text 'FEDERAL REGISTER The Daily Journal of the United States Government' are visible. A circular seal of the Department of Education is also present. A blue banner at the top right contains the text 'Notice'. The main heading of the notice reads: 'Applications for New Awards; Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)--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)'. Below the heading, it states 'A Notice by the Education Department on 06/05/2023'. The document is categorized as a 'PUBLISHED DOCUMENT'. The 'AGENCY:' field is 'Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.' The 'ACTION:' field is 'Notice.' The 'SUMMARY:' field states: 'The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for two types of grants: CSP Developer Grants, Assistance Listing Numbers 84.282B (for the opening of new charter schools) and 84.282E (for the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools). This notice relates to the approved information collection under'. On the right side, the 'DOCUMENT DETAILS' section includes: 'Printed version: PDF', 'Publication Date: 06/05/2023', 'Agency: Department of Education', 'Dates: Applications Available: June 5, 2023.', 'Document Type: Notice', and 'Document Citation: 88 FR 36544'.

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Definitions



We will define terms when possible during today's webinar. The terms listed are all explained in the NIA's "Definitions" section.

- Ambitious
- Authorized public chartering agency
- Baseline
- Charter management organization
- Charter school
- Child with a disability
- Community assets
- Demonstrates a rationale
- Developer
- Disconnected youth
- Early childhood education program
- Educationally disadvantaged student
- Educator
- English learner
- Expand
- High-quality charter school
- Logic model
- Parent
- Performance measure
- Performance target
- Project component
- Relevant outcome
- Replicate
- Underserved student



IMPORTANT – Application Deadline

11:59:59 p.m. ET on July 7, 2023

Both the date and time are critical!

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

Grants.gov Applicant Support ([link](#)) is available 24/7 but not on federal holidays. **You are strongly encouraged to submit early!** You can resubmit your application at any point until the closing date and time. ED will review the most recent submitted application.



Developer Grants Program Purpose

- Through CSP Developer Grants, the Department provides financial assistance to charter school developers **to enable them to open and prepare for the operation of new or replicated charter schools or to expand high-quality charter schools** in States that do not currently have a CSP State Entity grant (ALN 84.282A) under the ESEA.
- The charter schools provide programs of **elementary** or **secondary education**, or both, and may also serve students in **early childhood education programs** or **postsecondary students**, consistent with the terms of their charter.
- **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*)
- Applicants may only propose to support **one charter school per grant application.**



ALN 84.282B vs. ALN 84.282E



**ALN 84.282B –
Opening of New
Charter Schools**



**ALN 84.282E –
Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools**

More seats

More grades



Expand, when used with respect to a high-quality charter school, means to **significantly increase enrollment** or **add one or more grades** to the high-quality charter school. *(Section 4310(7) of the ESEA)*

Replicate, when used with respect to a high-quality charter school, means to **open a new charter school**, or a **new campus** of a high-quality charter school, based on the educational model of an existing high-quality charter school, under an existing charter or an additional charter, if permitted or required by State law.

(Section 4310(9) of the ESEA)



Eligibility Requirements

- **Eligible applicants** are **developers** that have—
 - Applied to an authorized public chartering authority to operate a charter school; **and**
 - Provided adequate and timely notice to that authority. (*Section 4310(6) of the ESEA*)
- **Location Requirements:** The charter school **must** be located—
 - In a State with a State statute specifically authorizing the establishment of charter schools (as defined in section 4310(2) of the ESEA) and
 - In which a State entity currently does **not** have a CSP State Entity grant (ALN 84.282A) under section 4303 of the ESEA. (*Section 4305(a)(2) of the ESEA*)
- **Charter Schools Already in Operation:** 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 ALN 84.282B to support the opening of a new charter school or under ALN 84.282E for the replication of a high-quality charter school; however, such schools **may receive CSP funds under ALN 84.282E for the expansion of a high-quality charter school.**
- **Nonprofit Status Evidence:** The NIA describes the various ways in which a nonprofit organization may demonstrate its nonprofit status, including the documentation that must be submitted with your application.



FY 2023 Developer Eligibility Table

Eligibility under the FY 2023 CSP Developer competition is limited to charter school developers in States that do **NOT** currently have a CSP State Entity grant (ALN 84.282A).

Please review the NIA [\(link\)](#) for the complete eligibility information.

States & Territories	Eligibility Status	States & Territories	Eligibility Status
Alabama	Not eligible	Mississippi	Not eligible
Alaska	Eligible	Missouri	Eligible
Arizona	Not eligible	Nevada	Not eligible
Arkansas	Not eligible	New Hampshire	Not eligible
California	Not eligible	New Jersey	Not eligible
Colorado	Not eligible	New Mexico	Eligible
Connecticut	Not eligible	New York	Not eligible
Delaware	Not eligible	North Carolina	Not eligible
District of Columbia	Not eligible	Ohio	Eligible
Florida	Not eligible	Oklahoma	Eligible
Georgia	Not eligible	Oregon	Eligible
Hawaii	Eligible	Pennsylvania	Not eligible
Idaho	Eligible	Puerto Rico	Eligible
Illinois	Not eligible	Rhode Island	Eligible
Indiana	Eligible	South Carolina	Not eligible
Iowa	Eligible	Tennessee	Not eligible
Kansas	Eligible	Texas	Not eligible
Louisiana	Eligible	Utah	Eligible
Maine	Eligible	Virginia	Eligible
Maryland	Eligible	Washington	Not eligible
Massachusetts	Not eligible	West Virginia	Eligible
Michigan	Not eligible	Wisconsin	Eligible
Minnesota	Eligible	Wyoming	Eligible



2. Office Hours: Responses to Your Questions

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Question Categories

The questions we received are categorized as follows:

A. Application Submission

B. Eligibility Requirements

C. Opening, Replicating, & Expanding Charter Schools

D. Allowable Activities & Use of Funds

E. Miscellaneous Questions



Topic A: Application Submission

A-1. How do I apply for a FY 2023 CSP Developer grant?

ED published an [NIA](#) in the Federal Register on June 5, 2023, for the grant competition. **To apply, applicants should review the NIA thoroughly for competition purpose, eligibility requirements, and other information.**

Additionally, the application package instructions for this competition are available on Grants.gov (ALNs [84.282B](#) and [84.282E](#)) and the [competition website](#). The instructions include a section entitled “Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants,” which describes the submission procedures to ensure that your application is received in a timely and acceptable manner.

Applications must be submitted electronically using the government-wide [Grants.gov](#) system unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in the NIA. The deadline for submission of a grant application under this competition is 11:59:59 p.m., ET, on July 7, 2023.



Topic A: Application Submission

A-2. Is it possible to revise any or all parts of the application after submission?

You can **resubmit** your application in Grants.gov at any point until the closing date and time. ED will review the most recent submitted version of the application.



Topic A: Application Submission

A-3. When will the grants be awarded?

Awards will be made by September 30, 2023. As stated in the “1. Award Notices” section of the [NIA](#), if your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also. If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we will notify you.

You can view a list of past awardees on the [CSP website](#).



Topic A: Application Submission

A-4. How often does ED conduct a CSP Developer Grants competition? Are competitions conducted annually?

The extent to which ED conducts annual CSP Developer Grants competitions is driven by the program's annual Congressional appropriation. **Every year, after receiving an approved budget from the U.S. Congress, ED updates its grants forecast.** Check the ED grants forecast, [*Federal Register*](#), and [CSP website](#) periodically for information on ED and CSP grant competitions.



Topic A: Application Submission

A-5. Are we required to stay within the page limit?

No. As stated in the “5. Recommended Page Limit and English Language Requirement” section of the [NIA](#), **the 50-page limit is recommended** and applies only to the project narrative. Standards (e.g., spacing, font type) are described in the NIA.



Topic B: Eligibility Requirements

B-1. Are charter schools in my state eligible to apply?

Eligibility under this year's CSP Developer competition is limited to charter school developers in States that do NOT currently have a CSP State Entity grant (ALN 84.282A). A list of states that have an active CSP State Entity grant is included in the [NIA](#). **An eligibility table is also available on the [competition website](#).** Please review the NIA for the complete eligibility information. If your state is ineligible, please consider applying through your state's CSP State Entity subgrant competition.



Topic B: Eligibility Requirements

B-2. Do we have to have an approved charter by the application deadline date to be eligible to apply for the competition?

No, as long as the applicant qualifies as a developer. Application Requirement (I) in the [NIA](#) states an applicant must provide—

- 1) The name and address of the authorized public chartering agency that issued the applicant's approved charter or, **in the case of an applicant that has not yet received an approved charter, the authorized public chartering agency to which the applicant has applied** (*emphasis added*);
- 2) A copy of the approved charter or, **in the case of an applicant that has not yet received an approved charter, a copy of the charter application that was submitted to the authorized public chartering agency**, including the date the application was submitted, and an estimated date by which the authorized public chartering agency will issue its final decision on the charter application (*emphasis added*);
- 3) Documentation that the applicant has provided notice to the authorized public chartering agency that it has applied for a CSP grant; and
- 4) A proposed budget, including a detailed description of any post-award planning costs and, for an applicant that does not yet have an approved charter, any planning costs expected to be incurred prior to the date the authorized public chartering agency issues a decision on the charter application. (*2022 NFP*)



Topic B: Eligibility Requirements

B-3. Are charter schools that are in their first or second year of operation eligible to apply for a grant to open a new charter school (i.e., ALN 84.282B)?

Possibly. **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 ALN 84.282B to support the opening of a new charter school or under ALN 84.282E for the replication of a high-quality charter school; however, such schools may receive CSP funds under ALN 84.282E for the expansion of a high-quality charter school. **An applicant may apply for a grant under ALN 84.282B for the remaining number of years of the five-year initial implementation phase.**

Additionally, the applicant must meet the other eligibility requirements, including qualifying as a “developer,” and grant funds can only be used to carry out allowable activities. Please review the [NIA](#) for eligibility, allowable activities, and other competition information.



Topic C: Opening, Replicating, & Expanding Charter Schools

C-1. To expand, does a charter school have to add grades? For example, if a charter school currently enrolls 400 students in K-6, can we propose to expand to 700-800 students in K-6? Or do we have to expand our grades served as well?

An existing high-quality charter school does not have to add grades to expand. **Expand**, when used with respect to a high-quality charter school, means **to significantly increase enrollment** or add one or more grades to the high-quality charter school (*emphasis added*) (Section 4310(7) of the ESEA).



Topic C: Opening, Replicating, and Expanding Charter Schools

C-2. Is there a particular number of students you are targeting for the increase in the number of seats in an expansion grant? If so, what is that number? We focus on highly successful small charter schools and have an opportunity to expand one of those charter schools by 225 seats. Is that an adequate number, or are you looking to fund proposals seeking to expand in the 1,000s?

The [NIA](#) does not prescribe any specific number of seats or grades for a proposed project. An applicant should determine what is appropriate to achieve the project's goals and objectives.



Topic D: Allowable Activities & Use of Funds

D-1. How much funding can be awarded per year?

The [NIA](#) does not prescribe a maximum award amount per project year nor for the total project period (up to five years). **The NIA has established a maximum award amount per charter school of \$2,000,000.**

Additionally, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.404, 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 by the Secretary to be unreasonable or unnecessary will be removed from the final approved budget.



Topic D: Allowable Activities & Use of Funds

D-2. If we are awarded a grant, when will the funds be dispersed?

Funds will be awarded by September 30, 2023.

However, a new grantee must comply with various specific conditions in its first project year before it is allowed to begin drawing funds from its G5 account. For example, every new grantee must complete a post-award performance conference call with its new CSP Program Officer that includes reviewing the proposed budget and addressing any necessary changes and requests for additional information or clarification.



Topic D: Allowable Activities & Use of Funds

D-3. Can I use this grant for capital projects and construction for my existing charter school?

No. **This is a non-construction program.** As stated in the [NIA](#), grant funds can be used for carrying out necessary renovations to ensure that a new school building complies with applicable statutes and regulations, and minor facilities repairs (excluding construction). Funds may not be used for construction, to add to the permanent value of a property, or to appreciably prolong its life.

As stated in the [“New Flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act Frequently Asked Questions”](#) released in December 2017 (December 2017 FAQs), **ED interprets “new school building” to include an existing building that is a new (or first-time) site for a charter school that is opening or expanding.**

The CSP authorizing statute does not define the term “construction.” As also stated in the December 2017 FAQs, ED encourages grantees and subgrantees to refer to the definition of “construction” in section 7013(3) of the ESEA for guidance: (A) the preparation of drawings and specifications for school facilities; (B) erecting, building, acquiring, altering, remodeling, repairing, or extending school facilities; (C) inspecting and supervising the construction of school facilities; and (D) debt service for such activities (20 U.S.C. 7713(3)).



Topic D: Allowable Activities & Use of Funds

D-4. What are examples of minor facilities repairs that could be allowable?

Under section 4303(h)(3) of the ESEA, funds may be used for minor facilities repairs (excluding construction).

Examples of minor facilities repairs include repairing a leak in the roof, replacing a broken window, and repairing a furnace or air conditioning unit. In essence, minor facilities repairs neither add to the permanent value of the property nor appreciably prolong its intended life, but rather, **keep it in efficient operating condition** (*emphasis added*) (2 CFR 200.452).



Topic E: Miscellaneous Questions

E-1. What if I do not meet the Invitational Priority: Collaborations between Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools or Districts that Benefit Students and Families across Schools?

An applicant does not have to “meet” the invitational priority in this year’s competition, **it is optional, and no additional points are given to applicants that address the priority**. Specifically, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), ED does not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications. As stated in the [NIA](#), using an invitational priority allows ED to encourage beneficial collaborations without giving applications that meet this priority preference over other applications.



Topic E: Miscellaneous Questions

E-2. Must the designated Project Director attend the Project Directors' Meeting each year, or could someone else from the organization stand in their place?

As stated in the "7. Project Directors' Meeting" section of the [NIA](#), **applicants approved for funding under this competition must attend a meeting for project directors either virtually or at a location to be determined in the continental United States during each year of the project.** Applicants may include, if applicable, the cost of attending this meeting in their proposed budgets as allowable administrative costs. If a Project Director is unable to attend, the Project Director must inform ED and request permission to send an alternate. Also, applicants may budget for personnel to attend in addition to the Project Director.



3. Competition Resources

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Where to Find Competition Materials

- ✓ **NIA:** [PDF version](#) and [Federal Register website version](#)
- ✓ **Application Package Instructions:** Grants.gov funding opportunity direct links for ALNs [84.282B](#) and [84.282E](#) and [CSP Developer competition website version](#)
- ✓ **Registrations:** Register on SAM.gov ([link](#)) and Grants.gov ([link](#)) immediately to ensure you can submit an application by the closing date.
- ✓ **CSP Developer Competition Website and Competition Webinars:**
 - Access the recording, slide deck, and transcript for the “Pre-Application Competition Webinar” that was held on June 14, 2023, on the CSP Developer competition website ([link](#)).
 - Access CSP’s two pre-recorded webinars, “Budgets” and “Logic Models and SMART Performance Measures,” on the CSP Developer competition website ([link](#)).
 - You will be able to access today's webinar materials on the CSP Developer competition website ([link](#)).



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