

**Grantee Name:**

Red Granite Charter School Inc.

**Grant Award Number:**

S282B230007

**ALN:**

84.282B – Opening a New Charter School

**State:**

Wisconsin

**Project Duration:**

5 Years

**Year 1 Funding:**

\$538,118

**Total Expected Funding:**

\$1,974,544

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**Red Granite Charter School Inc.**

***Creation and development of Red Granite Charter School Inc., a new charter school development, which will be authorized by the Wausau School District of Wausau, Wisconsin***

Red Granite Charter School Inc. (Red Granite) is a tuition-free public charter school opening to serve a diverse population of students within central Wisconsin. The school will be providing outdoor and environmental education while working out of the core principles of Public Waldorf Education. The charter contract was approved by the Wausau Board of Education on June 12, 2023, with an opening date for the 2024-25 school year. Red Granite will admit all students who apply and conduct a public lottery if the number of applications exceeds the number of available spots.

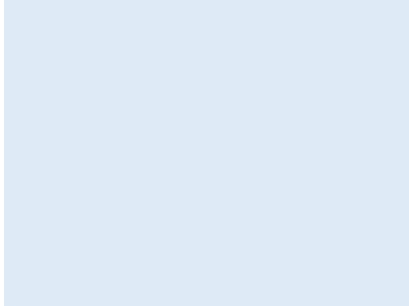
**Proposed project outcomes:**

1. Red Granite will serve an educationally disadvantaged population of students in alignment with Wausau and surrounding school districts' demographics.
2. The school will provide an educational pedagogy that does not currently exist in this part of central Wisconsin, where there is a strong foundation of desire for outdoor, developmentally appropriate, Waldorf-inspired schooling.
3. Students will graduate as confident, curious, and independent thinkers who will lead a life of purpose, contribution, and direction.

**Number of participants to be served:** The school will open its doors for the 2024-25 school year to 96 students in PK-2nd grade. In year two, the school will expand to serve 240 students in PK-7th grade.

**Location of the proposed site:** Red Granite will be in the Wausau School District at the Hewitt Texas Elementary School, 164475 Granite Road, Wausau WI 54403. This location was approved by the Wausau Board of Education on June 12, 2023.

**Competition Priorities Addressed:**



- ***Competitive Preference Priority*** – Promoting High-Quality Educator and Community-Centered Charter Schools to Support Underserved Students
- ***Invitational Priority*** – Collaborations between Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools or Districts that Benefit Students and Families across Schools.