

CSP Microgrants for Local Authorizers

The CSP grant awarded in September 2023 aimed to expand quality authorizing across the state. It included funding in the form of Microgrants for districts that participate in the Excellence in Authorizing Consortium and contribute to the Community of Practice. CSP Microgrants are intended to support the local authorizer's pursuit of quality authorizing.

Who can apply for a CSP microgrant?

- Local districts that maintain an up-to-date charter authorization schedule with procedures that are made publicly available on their district websites and actively participate in the Excellence in Authorizing Community of Practice.
 - The Excellence in Authorizing Community of Practice 2025 Cohort schedule is as follows.

March 3, 2026, 10:00 AM - Virtual

May 5, 2026, 10:00 AM -Virtual

July 14, 2026, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - In-Person - Location TBD

September 1, 2026, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - In-Person - Location TBD

November 3, 2026, 10:00 AM - Virtual

January 19, 2026, 10:00 AM - Virtual

- Districts will need attendance at a minimum of 75% (5 out of 6) convenings.

How can a district benefit from a CSP Microgrant?

- By participating in the Community of Practice, districts can share experience, gain knowledge, and develop best practices to improve charter school authorizing and accountability across the state.
- Receive reimbursement of the costs of statutorily required third-party charter application review.
- Receive reimbursement of the costs of authorizing personnel attending NACSACON (Houston).

How can a district apply for and receive a CSP Microgrant?

- Districts will complete the CSP Microgrant Application, documenting their participation in the Community of Practice
- Submit paid invoices for third-party review vendor services provided in the 2026-2027 Application Cycle, by January 31, 2027.
- Submit evidence of registration, attendance, and travel expenses for the 2026 NACSA Conference.
- The CSP grant manager will verify website requirements, Community of Practice participation, third-party vendor invoices, and travel receipts. LDOE will then send applicants a notice of award.
- All Microgrant funding will be dispersed via eGMS. To withdraw funds from eGMS, invoices/receipts will be necessary.

How much CSP Microgrant funding will be dispersed?

- Authorizers may be awarded between 25% and 100% of costs incurred for third-party application review for the specified application year and expenses incurred for travel and registration to the NACSA Conference (2026), up to CSP budgetary limits and Microgrant application demands.

Will there be future Community of Practice and Microgrant opportunities?

- Yes, as is true for the 2026 Cohort, local districts that maintain an up-to-date charter authorization schedule with procedures that are made publicly available on their district websites and actively participate in the Community of Practice will be eligible.
- 2025 Cohort participants may continue participation in the Community of Practice and reapply for CSP Microgrants in subsequent application cycles.