

Louisiana Public Charter School Program (LPCSP)

Program Description

As part of the LDOE’s priority to expand educational choice for students and families, the Charter School Program grant objectives include adding 5,000 charter school seats throughout the 5-year grant period. The competitive grant program will cultivate a pipeline of charter school developers capable of opening, expanding, or replicating innovative schools that will meet community needs in:

- districts where multiple schools have been designated as AUS 3+;
- districts with a ‘D’ or ‘F’ rating;
- rural districts or
- districts where free public school choice options are currently limited.

CSP competitive application cycles are open to both Bese-authorized charter schools and those schools authorized by their local districts. The Request for Applications, along with other relevant forms, can be found on the LDOE’s [Charter School Program Grant](#) page. The Department will host Informational webinars at the start of each cycle.

Who can apply?

New schools, including schools that have been in operation less than 18 months, expanding schools that are adding grade levels or significantly increasing capacity, and replicating schools that seek to open a new school or campus.

- All subgrant applicants must first be authorized to open, expand, or qualify for replication. Schools that are locally authorized must be able to submit evidence of their authorization and inform their authorizer of their intent to apply for CSP subgrant awards.
- All subgrant applicants must be located in at least one of the districts identified in the “Eligible Districts” section on page 2.
- Subgrant applicants seeking to expand or replicate must also:
 - meet the state and federal definitions of “high-quality charter school” and
 - meet the state-required special population percentages.

How can CSP funding be used?

Planning Funding	Implementation Funding
<p>For new schools that have been authorized but have yet to begin serving students, planning funding can be applied to certain pre-opening activities, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pre-opening salaries for essential staff, ● refinement of the desired educational results and the method for measuring progress toward achieving those results, and ● professional development of teachers and other staff who will work in the charter school. 	<p>For schools that are already serving students, implementation funding can be applied to certain operational activities, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● informing the community about the school, ● acquiring necessary equipment, educational materials, and supplies, ● acquiring or developing curriculum materials, and ● other initial operational costs further described in the RFA.

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Eligible Districts (Based on 2024 Performance and Data)

Multiple AUS 3+ Districts (Based on 2024 SPS)			
Caddo	City of Baker	City of Monroe	East Baton Rouge
Madison	Morehouse	Richland	St. Helena

'D' or 'F' Districts (Based on 2024 SPS/DPS)			
City of Baker	Madison	RSD - Baton Rouge	St. Helena

Rural Districts (Based on 2020 Census)			
Bienville	Caldwell	Cameron	Catahoula
Claiborne	East Carroll	East Feliciana	Grant
LaSalle	Red River	Richland	Sabine
St. Helena	Tensas	Union	West Carroll
West Feliciana			

Limited Choice Districts (Based on October 2024 Enrollment Data)			
Acadia	Allen	Ascension	Assumption
Beauregard	Bienville	Bossier	Caldwell
Cameron	Catahoula	Central Community	City of Monroe
Desoto	East Carroll	Evangeline	Franklin
Grant	Iberia	Jackson	Jefferson Davis
LaSalle	Livingston	Madison	Natchitoches
Ouachita	Pointe Coupee	Rapides	Sabine
St. Bernard	St. Charles	St. Helena	St. James
St. John	St. Martin	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa
Tensas	Terrebonne	Vernon	Washington
Webster	West Baton Rouge	West Carroll	West Feliciana
Winn	Zachary Community		