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**LDE Monthly Call for  
Local Charter Authorizers**  
January 11, 2023

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# Agenda

1. 22-23 Charter RFA Deadlines
2. Local Authorizer Required Actions
3. Funding Opportunity
4. Local Authorizer Resources
5. 22-23 State RFA Timeline
6. 2023-2024 Tentative RFA Timeline

# Louisiana Charter School Types: Locally Authorized

Charter Type	Definition	Authorizer	Governance
<b>Type 1</b>	A new school operated as a result of a charter between the nonprofit corporation created to operate the school and a local school board	Local School Board	Non-profit Board of Directors
<b>Type 3</b>	A preexisting public school converted and operated as the result of and pursuant to a charter between a nonprofit corporation and the local school board	Local School Board	Non-profit Board of Directors
<b>Type 3B</b>	A former Type 5 charter school transferred from the Recovery School District to the administration and management of the transferring local school system	Local School Board	Non-profit Board of Directors

# Louisiana Charter School Types: BESE Authorized

Charter Type	Definition	Authorizer	Governance
<b>Type 2</b>	A new school or a preexisting public school converted and operated as the result of a charter between the nonprofit corporation created to operate and BESE	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors
<b>Type 4</b>	A preexisting public school converted and operated or a new school operated as the result of and pursuant to a charter between a local school board and BESE	BESE	Local School Board
<b>Type 5</b>	A preexisting public school transferred to the Recovery School District (RSD) as a school determined to be failing pursuant to state statute and operated as the result of and pursuant to a charter between a nonprofit corporation and BESE	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors

# 2022-23 Charter Application Upcoming Deadlines

Date	Process
January 20, 2023	Local school boards deadline to consider Type 1 and Type 3 charter applications
February 1, 2023	Report any charter entered into; the number of schools chartered; the status of those schools, and any recommendations relating to the charter RFA process to <a href="mailto:charters@la.gov">charters@la.gov</a>
April 21, 2023	LDE submission deadline for the full application for Types 2, 4, and 5 applicants
August 22, 2023	Types 2, 4, and 5 Applicants: BESE considers applications for new charter schools

# Required Authorizer Actions

- Prior to approving a charter for a Type 1 or Type 3 school, to hold a public meeting for the purpose of considering the proposal and receiving public input
- Notifications of charter proposal denied shall include written explanation of the reasons for such denial.

# New School Choice Pandemic Response Funding

## Overview

- NSC Funds will be available to Type 1, 2, 3, 3b, 4, and 5 charter schools in the first two years of operation with the purpose of providing evidenced-based interventions to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of students.
- Awards will utilize the Louisiana Department of Education's ESSER funding allocated to the SEA. The maximum allocation will be up to \$250,000 to be distributed in accordance with the timeline below, upon a successful application.
- The charter school must comply with all funding requirements related to ESSER funds, including any additional ESSER funding through their authorizer

# New School Choice Pandemic Response Funding

## Eligibility

- Charter schools that have been approved to open by the local authorizer or the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education are eligible to apply.
- Schools in the planning year prior to opening of the school are eligible to apply for planning and implementation funding and schools in their first semester of operation are eligible to apply for implementation funding.
- Funding must be spent by September 30, 2023
- Applications will open again in February 2023.
- Check the [District Charter Authorization webpage](#) for updates



# Resources for Local Authorizers

- Local Authorizer [webpage template](#)
  - Outlines what should be included on websites
- [Bulletin 126](#)
- National Association of Charter School Authorizers
  - [Principles and Standards](#)
  - [12 Essential Practices](#)

## KEY DATES FOR BESE APPROVED CHARTER APPLICATIONS (TYPES 2, 4, AND 5 CHARTERS)

**February 22, 2023:** LDOE application window opens for Types 2, 4, and 5 applicants

- Letter of Intent Due

**March 8, 2023**

- Eligibility Determination Forms Due

**April 21, 2023**

- LDOE submission deadline for the full application for Types 2, 4, and 5 applicants

**August 22, 2023**

- Types 2, 4, and 5 Applicants: BESE considers applications for new charter schools

## Tentative Timeline for the 2023-2024 RFA Process

August 2023	BESE approves and LDOE releases application
<b>September 2023</b>	<b>Local authorizer applications open</b>
<b>November 2023</b>	<b>Local authorizer application due</b>
<b>February 2024</b>	<b>Local authorizer decisions made</b>
March 2024	BESE Authorized charter LOI and eligibility
May 2024	BESE Authorized charter applications due
August 2024	BESE authorized charter decisions made

# February Authorizer Monthly Call

1. Preparing for upcoming 2023-2024 RFA Process
2. Steps for opening charters for fall 2023 and the pre-opening process

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