

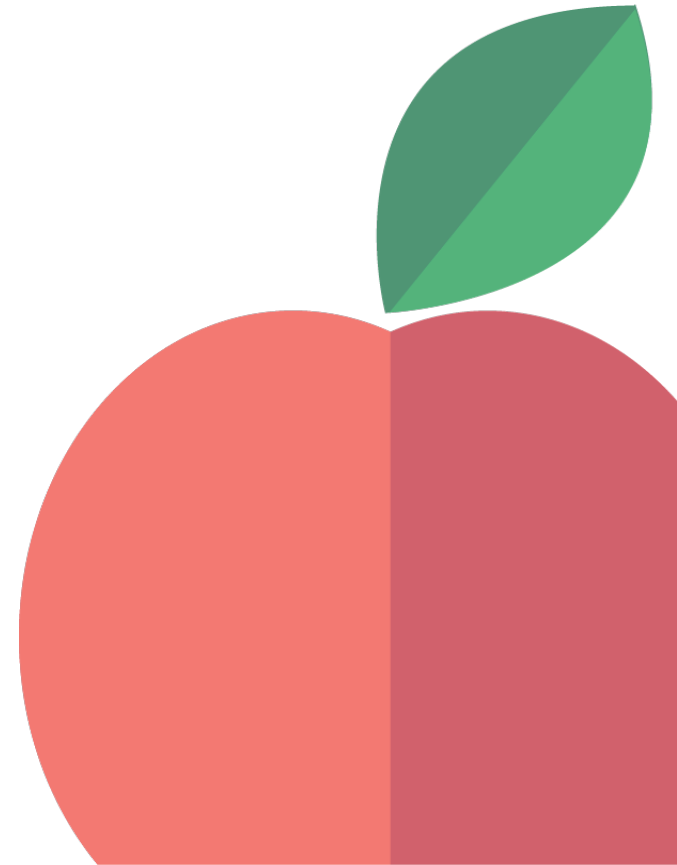
CSP SE Subgrant Webinar

New, Replication, and Expansion Schools
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Agenda

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Georgia CSP SE Grant Overview

Fast Facts

- Total award \$50,833,333
 - Subgrants: \$45,750,000
 - Technical Assistance: \$3,558,333
 - Additional \$12.5 million awarded to SCSC last fall
- 20 current subgrantees awarded over \$27 million
- Anticipate over 13,000 new charter school seats within 5 years
- 80% located in priority areas
- 50% offering high school
- All schools have a free profile on FindaGaCharter.org.
- Five-year grant - currently in Year 4 (Oct. 2025- Sept. 2026)



Grant Changes



Waivers Approved

- Allow all enrollment preferences allowed in Georgia
- Remove management agreement & other requirements
- Create new subgrants for all charter schools for high-impact tutoring & CTAE programs (only SE grantee in U.S.)
- Expand allowability to include sustained costs & direct student services, including transportation & Special Education services (one of first SE grantees)

Subgrant Opportunities

New & Replicating Schools

	Pre-opening Supplement	Implementation Grant Base	Supplement for Rural/Priority Communities	Supplement for High School
Amount	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$300,000	\$600,000

Expanding Schools

	Implementation Grant Base	Supplement for Rural/Priority Communities	Supplement for High School
Amount	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$500,000

New Subgrants – All Charter Schools Eligible

	High-Dosage Tutoring	CTAE (high school)
Amount	\$100,000	\$500,000
Number of subgrants	10	5

**Maximum
combination of
awards of \$2 million
(from FY2022 grant)**



Subgrant Eligibility

See RFA Package

- Must meet federal definition of a charter school.
- Must already be under a charter contract with any Georgia authorizer.
- New Charter School – new, start-up school, must apply prior to opening or during the first charter term (up to five years)
- Replication – authorized within 18 months prior
- Expansion – the addition of a grade band (or partial grade band) or enrollment cap increase of at least 100 students through a charter contract amendment approved within the 24 months prior
 - Schools growing according to their growth plan in their charter are not eligible as “expansion” schools. For example, a school adding a grade a year – as approved – would not qualify.
- Replication & Expansion – must meet additional requirements, see RFA

Cannot be awarded same subgrant more than once. Possible to be awarded different subgrant.



Priorities & Supplements

- Applicants planning to locate/located in a priority community.
- Applicants planning to start, replicate, or expand a high school.
- Applicants planning a collaboration with a local public school or district to share resources and/or otherwise serve vulnerable populations in coordination with each other.
- Priority Communities:
 - Communities with no other charter schools serving the same grade band in a ten-mile radius, including rural communities
 - Census tracts designated as low-income
 - Communities with low-performing public schools according to CCRPI
 - Areas outside of Greater Atlanta

Subgrant Timeline

Activity	Date
CSP Subgrant Application announced	August 27, 2026
CSP Subgrant Application available	September 2, 2026
CSP Subgrant Webinar for prospective applicants	September 3, 2026
Deadline for questions from prospective applicants	September 14, 2026
CSP Subgrant Application deadline	October 1, 2026
SCSC Board of Commissioners Meeting to consider award recommendations	November 4, 2026
CSP Subgrant Awards announced	November 4, 2026



Allowable Costs

- **Review Allowable Cost Guide (included in RFA)**
- SCSC is allowing maximum flexibility
- Some facility expenses
- Expanded allowability through waivers
- Notes:
 - PD related to grant goals ONLY. Must follow GSA travel policies and rates
 - NO permanently-affixed equipment or property improvements
 - NO food or drinks
 - NO consumable items
 - MUST have federal grant procurement and purchasing policies and procedures
 - MUST ADHERE TO ALL FEDERAL COST PRINCIPLES



Subgrant Application Timeline

1. Charter schools / networks submit subgrant applications through Grant Portal.
2. CSP Team reviews applications for eligibility.
3. CSP Team reviews applications for completeness.
4. CSP Team assigns applications for assessment to reviewers.
5. Reviewers analyze and score subgrant applications.
6. CSP team convenes reviewers to align and review significant discrepancies in scoring.
7. CSP team totals scores from reviewers and ranks applications by score.
8. CSP Team develops list of recommended subgrant awards. Subgrant applicants are notified.
9. SCSC Board of Commissioners votes on subgrant awards based on CSP Team recommendations.
10. Applicants are notified of subgrant awards / non-award via email and message through the Epicenter.



Application Instructions

- Applications must be submitted through the [Grant Application Portal](#).
- Send questions to molly.gassman@scsc.georgia.gov.
- Application deadline is Thursday, October 1, at 12:00 noon ET. Please plan accordingly!
- Create a portal account as soon as possible.
- Start your application at least 24 hours prior to the deadline.

Note: The SCSC is using a new grant portal (Epicenter).



Questions