

Charter School Resource Guide



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Overview

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), interagency Recovery Coordination is comprised of six Recovery Support Functions (RSF) teams. The teams are Community Planning & Capacity Building (CPCB), Natural & Cultural Resources (NCR), Health & Social Services (HSS), Economic (ECON), Housing (HSG), and Infrastructure Systems (INF). The role of the RSF teams is to help communities with long-term recovery after a disaster.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Service's (Cal OES) Infrastructure Recovery Support Function (RSF) has developed the Charter School Resource Guide to provide funding and technical assistance to Charter School's infrastructure that was impacted by a disaster. These resources cover a broad range of support. This guide's grant funding, technical assistance, and support resources are intended to assist with current recovery activities and build resiliency for the future.

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California State Grant & Loan Resources

Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Grant Program	
Application Deadline	Ongoing
Program Description	The federally funded Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Grant Program provides grants to fully or partially fund debt service reserve accounts on bond transactions issued through the Authority. The grant is intended to reduce the overall cost of borrowing for charter schools as it eliminates the need to fund the reserve through bond proceeds.
Eligibility	Funds are available to charter schools operating in the state of California.
Maximum Award	Dependent. The authority may award up to \$1.5 million per application.
Application Process	Online, see website for more details. Application: Credit Enhancement Application
Website	CSFA Credit Enhancement Grant Program (ca.gov) https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/csfa/enhancement/use.asp
Contact Information	Email: csfa@treasurer.ca.gov Phone: 213-620-4608 CSFA Contact Information (ca.gov)
Timeline for Funding Availability	Ongoing

The Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Program

Application Deadline	Ongoing
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Program Description	The Charter School Revolving Loan Fund (CSRFL) Program provides low-cost loans of up to \$250,000 to charter schools, with priority given to schools opening in the current fiscal year. The Authority conducts extensive credit evaluations, makes funding recommendations, executes loan agreements, creates payment schedules, disburses funds, offsets loan payments, collects delinquent or defaulted loans, and develops program fund reconciliations and projections.
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Eligibility	
Maximum Award	\$100,000 - \$250,000
Application Process	Online, see website: Log in - CSFA (ca.gov)
Website	CSFA CSRLF (ca.gov)
Contact Information	Email: csfa@treasurer.ca.gov Phone: 916-651-7710 CSFA Contact Information (ca.gov)
Timeline for Funding Availability	Ongoing Period of Performance is up to a 5-year loan term.

California School Finance Authority Charter School Facilities Program Grants to State Entities (CSFP)

Application Deadline	Check back for 2024 funding. Funding is based on the State applying for the grants through the US Dept. of Education. See website for additional information: Expanding Opportunities Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grants to State Entities - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
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Program Description	Charter Schools and/or school districts filing on behalf of a charter can apply for this service by applying for a preliminary apportionment (reservation of bond authority) for new construction projects and rehabilitation of district-owned existing facilities that are at least 15 years old. To qualify for funding, the applicant and charter school must be deemed financially sound by the California School Finance Authority. Applications for this service can only be submitted during specified filing rounds.
Eligibility	Charter Schools and/or school districts filing on behalf of a charter school.

Maximum Award	Dependent
Application Process	https://csfaonline.treasurer.ca.gov/
Website	CSFA Charter School Facilities Program (ca.gov)
Contact Information	CSFA Contact Information (ca.gov)
Timeline for Funding Availability	TBD

California School Finance Authority Project Acceleration Notes and Credit Enhancement Alternatives (PANACEA)

Application Deadline	Check back for 2024 funding. Funding is based on the State applying for the grants through the US Dept. of Education. See website for additional information: Expanding Opportunities Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grants to State Entities - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
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<p>Program Description</p>	<p>The federally-funded Project Acceleration Notes and Credit Enhancement Alternatives (PANACEA) Program was created in 2022 from an \$8 million grant awarded through the federal “Expanding Quality Charter Schools Program – Grants for Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities” (CFDA #84.354A) grant competition in September 2017. This program enhances financing to charter schools to accelerate the development of permanent charter school facilities. Through the same federal grant program, in June 2019, the Authority applied for, and in August 2019 was awarded, a \$20 million grant for the Charter Access to Bank Loan Enhancement (Charter ABLE) Program.</p> <p>The 45-day written public comment period opened November 26, 2021 and closed January 10, 2022. No public meeting was scheduled nor was a hearing requested by any member of the public.</p>
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	<p>CSFA will be reviewing all public comments received and will be preparing a Final Statement of Reasons. Please watch this space for update. Interested parties who have signed up with the Authority ListServ will also be notified when the Final Statement of Reasons is filed.</p>
<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Charter School, school district, or educational management organization applying on behalf of a Charter School</p>
<p>Maximum Award</p>	<p>Dependent</p>
<p>Application Process</p>	<p>See application form: Panacea Application Form</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/csfa/panacea/index.asp</p>
<p>Contact Information</p>	<p>For more information, please contact the CSFA Executive Director: Katrina Johantgen at (213) 620-4608 or Program Analyst: Ryan Storey at (213) 620-6360. CSFA Contact Information (ca.gov)</p>
<p>Timeline for Funding Availability</p>	<p>TBD</p>

Qualified Public Educational Facility Bond Program

Application Deadline	Ongoing
Program Description	The Qualified Public Educational Facility Bond Program (QPEFB) provides tax exempt private activity bond allocation to developers on behalf of public elementary and secondary schools with financing for the construction or improvement of their facilities. These bonds are designed to provide tax-exempt conduit financing for turnkey private development of both public education and student and workforce housing facilities.
Eligibility	Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Maximum Award	Dependent
Application Process	Contact Katrina Johantgen: Phone: (213) 620-4608 Email: Katrina.Johantgen@treasurer.ca.gov

Website	https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/csfa/qpefb/index.asp
Contact Information	Katrina Johantgen Phone: (213) 620-4608 Email: Katrina.Johantgen@treasurer.ca.gov
Timeline for Funding Availability	Ongoing

Philanthropic Grant & Loan Resources

Facilities Investment Fund

Application Deadline	Ongoing
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Program Description	<p>The Facilities Investment Fund (FIF) is a groundbreaking partnership between Walton Family Foundation and Civic Builders, bringing over \$300 million in affordable loan capital to finance facilities for high-performing public charter schools and networks nationwide.</p> <p>FIF offers public charter schools 5-year fixed-rate loans for new construction, acquisition and facility renovation. FIF loans feature low, fixed interest rates, size up to \$25 million and can fund up to 90% of project costs.</p>
Eligibility	Public Charter Schools
Maximum Award	Dependent
Application Process	<p>Contact a team member: Contact – FIF Lending</p> <p>You can also contact them via phone or email at:</p> <p>Phone: 212-571-7260</p> <p>Email: info@civicbuilders.org</p>
Website	FIF Lending – Innovative Philanthropy+Commercial Capital
Contact Information	<p>Phone: 212-571-7260</p> <p>Email: info@civicbuilders.org</p>
Timeline for Funding Availability	Ongoing

Technical Assistance

California School Finance Authority Charter School Bank Loan Program (CSBLP)

Application Deadline	Ongoing
Program Description	<p>The Authority's Bank Loan Program encourages banks and other financial institutions to make low-cost loans to charter schools seeking financing for working capital, permanent facility acquisition or renovations.</p> <p>The website contains template documents for the bank loan program. These template documents will be used for this program. Charter schools and their lenders may contact the Authority with questions or comments regarding the template documents.</p>
Eligibility	Charter Schools
Maximum Award	Dependent
Application Process	See website
Website	https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/csfa/csblp/index.asp
Contact Information	For more information, please contact the CSFA Executive Director: Katrina Johantgen at (213) 620-4608
Timeline for Funding Availability	Ongoing

National Charter School Resource Center

Program Description	<p>The National Charter School Resource Center (NCSRC) funding opportunity database. The database includes one-time and ongoing national grants, fellowships, and scholarships that are currently active. Sponsors include the U.S. Federal Government and philanthropic organizations. This page is updated frequently as charter school funding opportunities are announced. Funding opportunities are displayed below in order of due date, i.e., opportunities with the most imminent deadlines are listed first and alphabetically within the same due date range.</p>
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Eligibility	Charter Schools
Website	Funding Opportunities NCSRC (ed.gov)
Contact Information	For more information, please contact the CSFA Executive Director: Katrina Johantgen at (213) 620-4608

A Guidebook for Charter School Operators and Developers	
Program Description	This guidebook provides basic information about accessing the range of federal programs and resources available to charter schools. Primarily it provides brief and helpful guidance so that charter school operators and developers can identify and access funds available to qualifying public districts and schools
Eligibility	Charter Schools
Website	Accessing Federal Programs: A Guidebook for Charter School Operators and Developers - Updated August 2023 NCSRC Accessing Federal Programs: A Guidebook for Charter School Operators and Developers
Contact Information	For more information, please contact the CSFA Executive Director: Katrina Johantgen at (213) 620-4608