



Charter School Program – Quality School Options 101

February 19, 2016

12 p.m.



Agenda

- Introductions
- Charter School Overview
- Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant
- Tentative Timeline
- Questions
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Why Charter Schools?

“In authorizing charter schools, it is the intent of the General Assembly to create a legitimate avenue for parents, teachers, and community members to take responsible risks and create new, innovative and more flexible ways of educating children within the public school system.”

Illinois Charter School Law Sec. 27A-2(c)



What is a Charter School?

PUBLIC SCHOOL

FREE

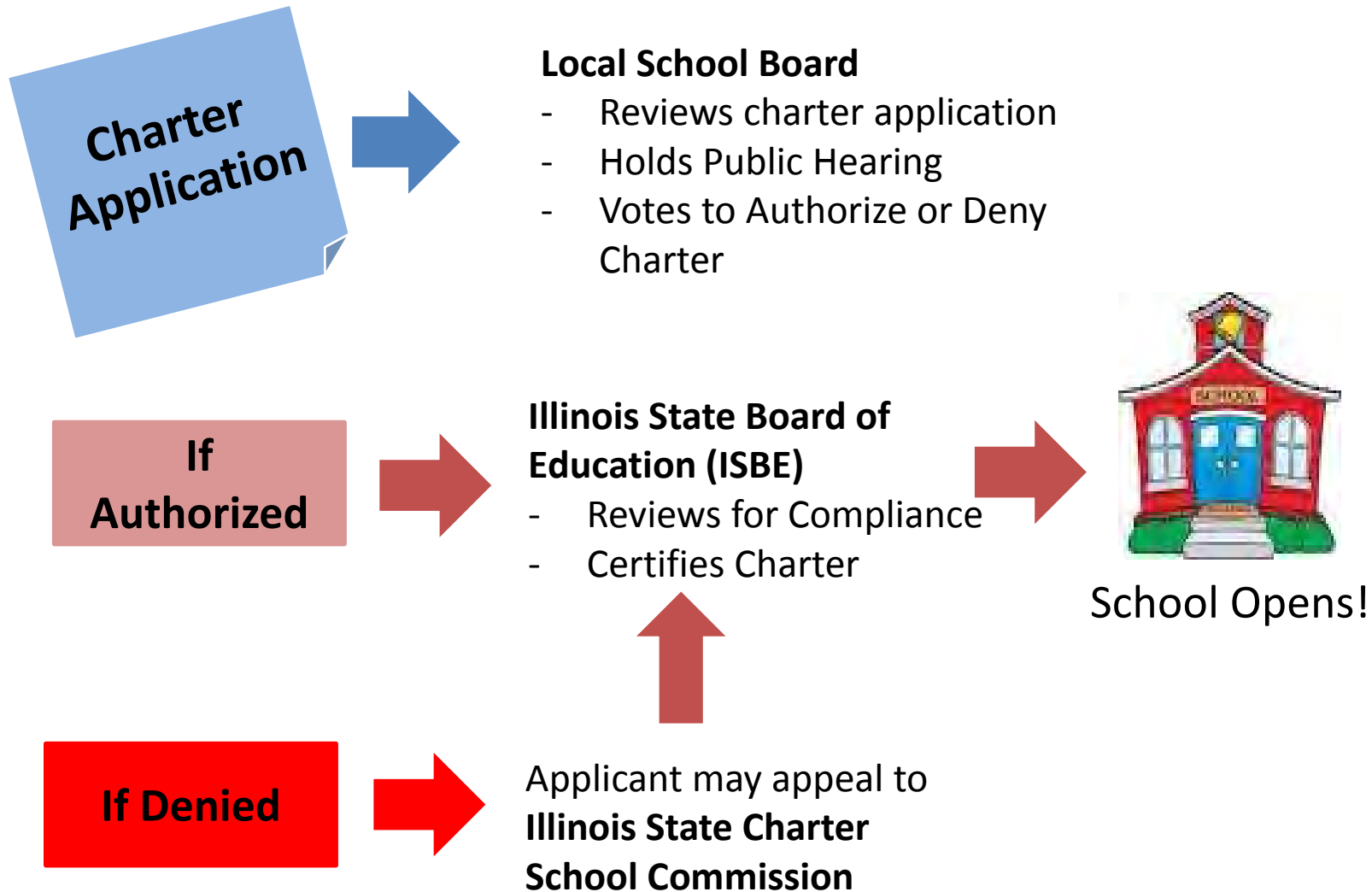
OPEN ENROLLMENT

FLEXIBILITY

- Increase opportunities for learning
- Create choices for parents and students
- Provide a system of accountability
- Encourage innovative teaching practices
- Create new professional opportunities for teachers
- Encourage community and parent involvement



How are Charter Schools Authorized?





Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant

\$42 Million Federal Grant

- Administered by ISBE
- Purpose is to expand the number of high quality charter schools in Illinois by 48 new schools over term of grant
- Evaluate the effects of charter schools, including their effects on student academic achievement
- ISBE running multiple competitive RFP's
- Eligible upon submission of proposal to Authorizer



CSP Funding Categories

Program Design

(start-up)

- Up to \$150,000
- Post application/pre-opening
- Maximum of 18 months

Implementation

(start-up)

- Up to \$400,000 a year
- School Years 1 and 2
- Maximum of 24 months

Dissemination

(two subgrants)

- Up to \$50,000-Student Body Diversity
- Up to \$150,000-Student Achievement and Educational Innovation



CSP Program Design and Implementation

Program Design

- Up to \$150,000
- Up to 12 grant awards
- Maximum of 18 months

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- 1) Refinement of educational results and methods for measuring progress
- 2) Development and refinement of curriculum
- 3) Professional Development for school staff

Implementation

- Up to \$400,000
- Up to 12 grant awards
- Maximum of 24 months

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Initial start-up expenses including:

- 1) Community outreach
- 2) Equipment and Educational materials and supplies
- 3) Curriculum materials

Other Considerations:

Program Design and Implementation **can not exceed** 36 months.

Funding is disbursed on a **reimbursement** basis.



CSP Dissemination subgrants

Student Body Diversity

- Up to \$50,000
- One time award

Promotes best practices in achieving and serving a diverse student body.

Awards will be given to each charter school that have successfully achieved student body diversity with strong student outcomes.

Student Achievement and Educational Innovation

- Up to \$150,000
- One time award

Implementation of educational innovation or has attained high student achievement or narrowed achievement gaps between student subgroups.

Up to 10 grant awards between both subgrants. Charter Schools open for 3 full school years or more are eligible to apply.

Seeking successful charter schools to assist other schools in adapting the charter school's program (or certain aspects)



Who can Apply?

	Program Design	Implementation	Dissemination	
SY 2016-2017	Eligible	Eligible	N/A	
SY 2015-2016	N/A	Eligible	N/A	
SY 2014-2015	N/A	Eligible	N/A	
SY 2013-2014	N/A	N/A	Eligible	
SY 2012-2013	N/A	N/A	Eligible	
SY 2011-2012 and prior SY's	N/A	N/A	Eligible	



CSP Grant Timeline

RFP Timelines	Proposed Date (dates are subject to change)
Charter School Program - Quality School Options 101 Webinar	February 19, 2016 12 p.m. Click here to view the PowerPoint presentation from the February 19 th webinar.
Release Program Design and Implementation RFP-Round I	March 2016
Intent to Apply Due	March 1, 2016 Click here to view the Intent to Apply application
Charter Schools Program – RFP Webinar	March 7, 2016
Program Design and Implementation RFP responses Due	April 2016 (Applicants will have approximately 45 days to respond)
Release Dissemination RFP	April 2016
Internal Review	June 2016
Notice of Awards	July 2016
Release RFP-Round II	November 2016



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