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\$8.7 million awarded to Wisconsin charter schools

Subgrants part of a five year federal program

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction today announced it approved 13 federal subgrant awards totaling more than \$8.7 million for the purpose of planning, opening, or expanding charter schools in Wisconsin.

This is the fifth round of funding through a grant program awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to support charter school activities in Wisconsin. The program provides awards for three purposes: planning and implementation subgrants for charter schools opening in fall 2023, implementation subgrants for charter schools that recently opened or will open in 2022, and subgrants to aid the expansion of existing high-quality charter schools.

The state's program prioritizes quality schools serving educationally disadvantaged students. The program focuses on grades six through 12. The criteria for high-quality charter schools include:

- Showing evidence of strong academic results, including student academic achievement and growth;
- Operating in a fiscally-appropriate manner, meeting statutory/regulatory requirements; and
- Demonstrating success in significantly increasing student academic achievement, including graduation rates for all students.

The application period for the sixth round of competitive charter school subgrants for the 2023-24 school year opens this fall. [Visit the DPI's webpage for more information on charter schools in Wisconsin.](#)

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NOTE: A list of grant recipients follows this news release. [This news release is available online on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's website.](#)

Charter School Subgrants

2022-23 School Year

Subgrants awards can be up to four years

Planning & Implementation Subgrants (3) \$2,350,625

- Cedar Grove-Belgium School District
 - o *Rocket Academy, \$800,000*
- School District of North Fond du Lac
 - o *Treffert Way High School, \$650,625*
- University of Wisconsin-System, Office of Educational Opportunity
 - o *Athlos Academy, \$900,000*

Implementation Subgrants (5) \$3,037,984

- Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union High School District
 - o *New Visions Charter School, \$650,625*
- Menasha Joint School District
 - o *Fox Valley Virtual School, \$650,625*
- School District of Athens
 - o *Maple Grove Charter School, \$550,000*
- School District of La Crosse
 - o *Coulee Region Virtual Academy, \$536,109*
- University of Wisconsin-System, Office of Educational Opportunity
 - o *Adeline Montessori School, \$650,625*

Expansion Subgrants (5) \$3,342,435

- Stevens Point Area Public School District
 - o *Point of Discovery School, \$641,185*
- Sparta School District
 - o *Innovations STEM Academy, \$650,625*
- The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Office of Charter Schools
 - o *La Casa de Esperanza, \$650,000*
 - o *Pathways High, Inc, \$750,625*
 - o *Penfield Montessori Academy, \$650,000*