



## BEST Grant Announcement for FY18-19 Charter Schools Interested in Applying for Funding

### Is Your School Interested in Applying for BEST Grant Funding in FY18-19? Read on for important requirements...

The BEST Grant provides annual funding in the form of competitive grants for schools with health and safety facility needs. The grant is available to school districts, **charter schools and institute charter schools**, BOCES, and the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

### What are the Eligibility Requirements for the BEST Grant?

Pursuant to statute, an eligible charter school must meet the following requirements:

- Operate in a school district facility with capital construction needs, or;
  - Operate in a non-school district facility with capital construction needs;
- And**
- Must have been in existence for at least 3 years prior to the date of submission of the BEST grant application.

### What do I need to know if my school might apply for funding?

If your school is considering an application for BEST financial assistance, it must **notify the Division of Capital Construction no later than December 1, 2017**. The BEST grant is a matching monies grant and each applicant is required to match a certain percentage of their project cost based on their financial capacity. The Division must collect data from the charter school in order to generate the matching percentage for the school.

- *Charter schools are encouraged to contact the Division as early as possible even if they are not certain they will apply.*

### Once my school does apply for funding?

If your charter school submits an application for financial assistance, the school must notify its authorizer. The authorizer has the option to submit a letter to the Board stating its position on the application, but a letter is *not* required.

For more information, please visit our website or email [Fitzer\\_A@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Fitzer_A@cde.state.co.us).

### Important Dates & Deadlines:

- **December 1, 2017** – Deadline to notify Division of interest in order to have a match percentage calculated
- January 2, 2018 – Application for financial assistance opens
- February 23, 2018 – Application closes
- May 17-18, 2018 – CCAB Meetings to recommend project applications for award

### Need help preparing your application?

The Division provides technical assistance for any interested applicants and is always available to answer any questions or provide any additional details on the program. If your school is considering applying to BEST, you are encouraged to reach out to your regional representative at any point for guidance and aid on the planning and application process.

Find your rep [here](#).