

# Charter School Grant Technical Assistance Webinar #1

## Q&A

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### **For Implementation Year 2022/23, would we seek funding from Opportunity 180?**

*Yes, Opportunity 180 will have information and a NOFO available for new charters in January. Please check with their website, [opportunity180.org](http://opportunity180.org), or reach out to Jana Wilcox-Lavin for additional information.*

### **Can we request salary/benefits for personnel?**

*Yes, salaries and benefits are allowable expenses. Please keep in mind the expiration date of the funds, 9/30/21, and plan sustainability accordingly.*

### **Is furniture an allowable expense?**

*Yes, furniture for new or expanded buildings is allowable. Below is the regulation statement:*

#### *D-5. What type of equipment is permitted?*

*CSP funds may be used for costs associated with the initial implementation of a charter school. Initial implementation activities may include acquiring necessary equipment and educational materials and supplies. Thus, in accordance with OMB cost principles, to qualify as an allowable cost, the equipment must be necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient performance and administration of the grant. In addition, the cost of the equipment must be included in the approved application and budget for the grant. Equipment necessary to implement a charter school may include, but is not necessarily limited to, desks, chairs, computers, equipment related to physical education and art, and playground equipment. 20 U.S.C. 7221c(f)(3)(B)(ii); OMB Circular A-122.*

### **Can we purchase furniture and other start-up costs?**

*Please see above for furniture. Start-up costs must also meet the reasonable and necessary definition and be justified within the application.*

### **Will this open to another application cycle to all charter schools after this cycle or is this the last application cycle?**

*These funds are currently under an approved federal no-cost extension. The funds will expire on 9/30/21. No other funding will be available under this grant. With Opportunity 180 receiving a new Charter School Program grant, NDE will only be offering these funds to current grantees for the cycle of funding stated in the NOFO (approximately Jan. 15, 2021-Sep. 30, 2021).*