

Charter School
Auxiliary Services Expansion
Agenda Item #5

Nevada Department of Education

Commission on School Funding

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Auxiliary Services Expansion Overview

- Auxiliary services methodologies
- Proposed application process
- Governor's Finance Office
- Impact to the pupil-centered funding plan model
- Three options for estimating funding
- Department recommendation

Auxiliary Services Projection Methodologies

- Current methodology used for the PCFP
 - four-year average based on actual expenditures, for Districts only
- Commission recommendation for charter schools
 - Using an average of actual expenditures based on the number of years of data
 - For example: two years of data, a two-year average would be used
 - After four consecutive years of data is established, the charter would transition to the four-year average methodology
- The establishment of an application process
 - Charter schools wishing to provide auxiliary services for the first time

Auxiliary Services Expansion Proposed Application Process

- Application process
 - Application process will coincide with the States budget building process
 - The application will include a justification narrative and a budget
 - An application will be needed for each physical location, if applicable
- Application review process
 - Applications will be submitted to the Department
 - 30 business day review process
 - Review committee established
 - Department staff and charter school sponsor staff
 - Reviewed based on documented criteria
 - Applicant will have 5 business days to respond to clarifying question

Auxiliary Services Expansion

Governor's Finance Office

- Governor's recommended budget
 - Approved applications will be submitted to Governor's Finance Office for budgetary consideration
 - Final budgetary considerations will be made through the legislative process
- If applications are approved and funded
 - Funding will be included in the auxiliary services tier of the PCFP
 - Allocations distributed on a 1/12th basis
 - Payments will be audited against actual expenditures
 - Any unspent funds would revert to the stabilization account at the end of the fiscal year
- At the end of the biennium
 - The charter schools would be placed into the applicable auxiliary services biennial budget building methodology

Auxiliary Services Expansion Impact

- Impact on the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan model
 - Any approved expansion of auxiliary services for a charter schools will
 - Be included in the Auxiliary Services funding tier of the PCFP model
 - Reduce the statewide based funding amount to be distributed through the PCFP
 - Reduce subsequent funding adjustments within the PCFP model that are adjustments from the statewide base

Auxiliary Services Expansion Options

- Methodologies for determining initial expansion funding projections
 - **Option 1 – Per pupil amount**
 - Use a per pupil amount to project initial funding
 - The charter school would receive the same rate as the district
 - The rate would be multiplied by the projected enrollment
 - **Option 2 – Budget proposal**
 - Applicant would build budget
 - Budget will only identify costs associated with transportation or food services
 - **Option 3 – Do nothing**
 - Utilize base budget expenditures for future projections

NDE Recommendation

- If the CSF recommends that charter schools have access to funding for Auxiliary Services before providing services and incurring expenditures, then NDE would recommend Option 1, which is to utilize a per pupil amount for funding auxiliary services based on the per pupil amount for the county in which the charter school is located.

Thank You