**Subject**: FY 2019 Georgia Charter Schools Program Subgrant Application Announcement

Dear Georgia Charter School Leaders:

The Federal Charter Schools Program (CSP), authorized by 20 U.S.C. § 7221-7221j and administered by the U.S. Department of Education, provides funding to State Educational Agencies with the purpose of expanding the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of new charter schools, and for the dissemination of best practices that lead to academic success. In 2016, the Georgia Department of Education (the Department) was awarded a competitive grant under this federal program for $46,404,184 for fiscal years 2017-2019.

The FY 2019 Georgia CSP Subgrant Application Competition is an opportunity for eligible\* locally-approved charter schools and state charter schools to compete for the following types of subgrants:

* **Planning Subgrant** – up to $75,000 for the initial costs associated with the planning and project design of a charter school program
* **Implementation Subgrant** – from $425,000 to $775,000 (depending on the charter school’s model) for initial start-up costs and implementation of a charter school program.
* **Dissemination Subgrant** – up to $225,000 for the dissemination of best practices that improve academic achievement among charter schools and traditional public schools

The Department has $26,900,000 available for Planning & Implementation Subgrants and $900,000 available for Dissemination Subgrants. The Department estimates making up to 6 Planning & Implementation Subgrant awards and 4 Dissemination Subgrant awards (the Department is not bound by any estimates). **Note: The maximum total Grant that a school can receive is $800,000.** **Applications are due by Friday, January 18th, 2019 at 4:00 pm (EST)**.

*\* A list of charter schools eligible for FY19 CSP Planning and/or Implementation Subgrants is attached to this announcement. The eligibility criteria can be found on pages 6-7 of the application.*

*\* A list of charter schools eligible for FY19 CSP Dissemination Subgrants is attached to this announcement. The eligibility criteria for FY19 Dissemination Subgrants can be found on pages 3-5 of the application.*

**FY 2019 Competition Timeline**

* **Pre-Application Webinar**: Thursday, December 6th, 2018
* **FAQ/Quality Grant Writing Webinar**: Thursday, December 13th, 2018
* **Deadline for Submission of Applications**: Friday, January 18th, 2019 at 4:00 pm
* **State Board of Education Meeting**: Thursday, March 28th, 2019(meeting at which awards will be considered)
* **Notification of Awards**: Friday, March 29th, 2019

**FY 2019 Application Information**

**Pre-Application Webinar:**

* The Department will hold a Pre-Application Webinar for prospective applicants on **Thursday, December 6th, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (EST)**.
* Register for the webinar at the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyMqZ7VmyG82aXdfhtT1rhBSn0X7nJJW4EyRJtnqPODqP6sQ/viewform>
* **Participation in the webinar is mandatory in order to receive technical assistance**. The Department will provide technical assistance during the application window only to prospective applicants that attend the Pre-Application Webinar.
* The PowerPoint presentation will be sent to all registrants following the webinar and posted on the Department’s website.

**FAQs/Quality Grant Writing Webinar**:

* The Department will hold a FAQ/Quality Grant Writing Webinar for prospective applicants on **Thursday, December 13th, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (EST).**
* Register for the webinar at the following link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQsb-HlqTYGvj5wc8sWRIYA-PZVs8QLQ0o-zgKTk0GkEJeCw/viewform>
* The PowerPoint slides will be sent to all registrants following the webinar and posted on the Department’s website.

**Application Submission:**

* Applications must be received (mailed or hand-delivered to the Department) by the deadline and in the format outlined in the application package.
* Applications submitted via fax or email and late submissions will not be accepted.

**Application Package and Required Forms:**

Attached you will find the FY19 Georgia CSP Federal Planning & Implementation Subgrant Application Package (attachments 1-3) and the FY19 Georgia CSP Federal Dissemination Subgrant Application Package (attachments 4-6).

Below is a list of the required forms that must be completed. Please note that most of these forms are already in the attached application package.

* Application Checklist
* Cover Page (requires signatures)
* Eligibility Form (requires signatures)
* Project Abstract and Narrative
* Budget Summary and Detail Sheets
* Assurances and Certifications Forms (requires signatures)
* Affidavit (requires signatures and ID, notarized)

If you have any questions upon review of the application materials and after participating in the Pre-Application Webinar, feel free to contact David “Kim” Wiggins via email at kwiggins@doe.k12.ga.us

Thank you and best of luck! Kim