



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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TO: Missouri Charter School Applicants

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SUBJECT: Availability of Federal Charter Schools Funds

This is to announce a Grant issued by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to chartered schools or schools in the process of receiving a charter in the Kansas City Public Schools or the St. Louis Public Schools. The types of grant available through this program includes (a) Post-Award planning grants for the planning and design of the education program of a charter school before opening and (b) implementation grants (up to two years) will assist the charter school with acquiring necessary equipment, materials and supplies. Charter schools that intend to serve students in K-8 programs will be eligible for awards of up to \$125,000. Applicants for 9-12 programs will be eligible for awards of up to \$150,000.

The Charter Schools Program (CSP) was authorized in October 1994, under Title X, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA, as amended, 20 U.S.C./8061-8067. The program is intended to enhance parent and student choices among public and schools and give more students the opportunity to learn to challenging standards. A project must be compliant with Missouri Revised Statutes 160.400, 160.405, 160.410, 160.415, 160.420, in order to be awarded federal funds and the school must plan to open for the 2011-2012 school term. The postmarked deadline for this Grant is February 1, 2011.

URL for Application Posting:

http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/charterschools/documents/2011_charter_lea_a_pp_12-22-10.pdf

A webinar will be held to describe the process and requirements for this competitive process. Workshop details are as follows:

Date: Friday, January 7, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 **Central Standard Time**
Webinar Site: <http://desemo.adobeconnect.com/r64053237/>
Phone # for those who want to call in only: 866-630-9346

The application posted on the website currently will be replaced with a PDF (fillable) application by January 10, 2011.