

**2021-22 OPTION 3 GRANTS**

AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY
		STEPS Grant									All Option 3 end-of-year reconciliation submissions are due
	Impact Grant										
	Program Development Grant										
Innovation Grant											
						Extraordinary Cost Assistance Pool					
						Legal Assistance Pool					

GRANT NAME	GRANT DESCRIPTION	IMPORTANT GRANT DATES
<b>STEPS Grant</b>	Access to financial assistance to build and maintain special education programs and supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>October 8, 2021</b> – Fiscal Council proposes distribution methodology</li> <li>• <b>October 22, 2021</b> – Executive Board approves distribution methodology</li> <li>• <b>November-December 2021</b> – Charter schools receive distribution</li> <li>• If additional rounds of STEPS Grants are approved, corresponding dates will be communicated.</li> </ul>
<b>Impact Grant</b>	Access to financial assistance to develop supports that have a citywide impact to the Option 3 community of charter schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 1, 2021</b> – Application opens for 2022-23 academic year</li> <li>• <b>December 1, 2021</b> – Application closes for 2022-23 academic year</li> <li>• <b>January 2022</b> – Grant interviews for 2022-23 academic year</li> <li>• <b>January 21, 2022</b> – Executive Board approves grantees</li> </ul>
<b>Program Development Grant</b>	Access to financial assistance to support the development or expansion of high-quality and impactful mild/moderate or moderate/severe programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 1, 2021</b> – Application opens for 2022-23 academic year</li> <li>• <b>December 1, 2021</b> – Application closes for 2022-23 academic year</li> <li>• <b>January 2022</b> – Grant interviews for 2022-23 academic year</li> <li>• <b>January 21, 2022</b> – Executive Board approves grantees</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation Grant</b>	Access to financial assistance to offset costs of innovative professional development, research and development, student experiences or resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>August 1, 2021</b> – Application opens</li> <li>• <b>October 1, 2021</b> – Application closes</li> <li>• <b>October 22, 2021</b> – Executive Board approves grantees</li> </ul>
<b>Extraordinary Cost Assistance Pool</b>	Access to financial assistance to fund extraordinary nonpublic school placements and/or nonpublic agency contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February 1, 2022</b> – Application opens</li> <li>• <b>April 1, 2022</b> – Application deadline</li> <li>• <b>April 22, 2022</b> – Executive Board approval</li> <li>• <b>May 31, 2022</b> – Financial assistance distributed</li> </ul>
<b>Legal Assistance Pool</b>	Access to financial assistance to fund extraordinary, one-time costs associated with special education legal action that progresses to hearing stage in either an administrative or judicial court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February 1, 2022</b> – Application opens</li> <li>• <b>April 1, 2022</b> – Application deadline</li> <li>• <b>April 22, 2022</b> – Executive Board approval</li> <li>• <b>May 31, 2022</b> – Financial assistance distributed</li> </ul>

*For each grant received, the charter school must follow the Executive Board approved Grant Distribution and Reconciliation Process. This process provides a streamlined method for Option 3 charter schools to report all grant revenue and expenditures and for the Charter Operated Programs team to conduct an annual audit of 20% of end-of-year reconciliations. Each charter school must retain all invoices, receipts and/or services agreements utilized with grant revenue. Failure to do so, or failure to respond to a Charter Operated Programs team audit, could result in suspension of Option 3 grants for one fiscal year.*