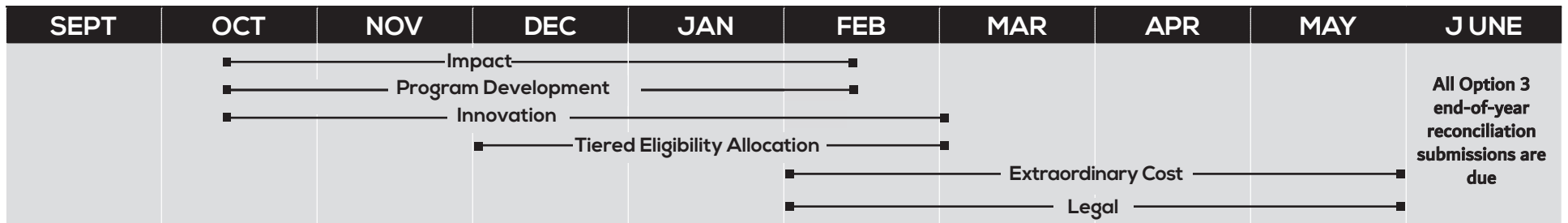


PROGRAM GRANTS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



	NAME	DESCRIPTION	IMPORTANT DATES
Program Grants	Impact	Access to apply for funding to develop special education supports that have a citywide impact to the Option 3 community of schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15, 2023 — Application opens • January 12, 2024 — Application closes • January 2024 — Applicant interviews are scheduled • February 15, 2024 — Executive Board approves applicants • <i>Schools should ensure awarded funds are budgeted for and expended in the 2024-25 fiscal year</i>
	Program Development	Access to apply for funding to support the development or expansion of high-quality and impactful mild/moderate or moderate/severe special education programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15, 2023 — Application opens • January 12, 2024 — Application closes • January 2024 — Applicant interviews are scheduled • February 15, 2024 — Executive Board approves applicants • <i>Schools should ensure awarded funds are budgeted for and expended in the 2024-25 fiscal year</i>
	Innovation	Access to apply for funding to offset costs of innovative student experiences, professional development and/or research and development activities in special education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15, 2023 — Application opens • December 15, 2023 — Application closes • February 15, 2024 — Executive Board approves applicants • March 2023 — Charter schools receive distribution • <i>Schools should ensure awarded funds are expended throughout the 2023-24 fiscal year</i>
Financial Assistance	Tiered Eligibility Allocation	Access to financial assistance, based on a tiered eligibility formula, to build and maintain special education programs, supports and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 5, 2023 — Fiscal Council approves distribution methodology • December 12, 2023 — Executive Board approves distribution methodology • January-February 2024 — Charter schools receive distribution • <i>If additional rounds of Tiered Eligibility Allocations are approved, corresponding dates will be communicated</i>
	Extraordinary Cost	Access to apply for financial assistance for up to a one-time unexpected nonpublic school placement and/or new nonpublic agency contract for up to \$25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 1, 2024 — Application opens • April 12, 2024 — Application closes • May 9, 2024 — Executive Board approves applicants • May 2024 — Charter schools receive distribution
	Legal	Access to apply for financial assistance to fund extraordinary one-time costs associated with special education legal action (category qualifications will be modified in the 2023-24 school year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 1, 2024 — Application opens • April 12, 2024 — Application closes • May 9, 2024 — Executive Board approves applicants • May 2024 — Charter schools receive distribution

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.