

# CHARTER OPERATED PROGRAMS

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## OPTION 3 PROGRAM GRANTS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

	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"> <li>• August 15 — Application opens</li> <li>• November 30 — Application closes</li> <li>• January — Applicant interviews are scheduled</li> <li>• February — Executive Board approves applicants</li> <li>• Schools should ensure awarded funds are budgeted for and expended in the appropriate fiscal year</li> </ul>
	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"> <li>• August 15 — Application opens</li> <li>• November 30 — Application closes</li> <li>• January — Applicant interviews are scheduled</li> <li>• February — Executive Board approves applicants</li> <li>• Schools should ensure awarded funds are budgeted for and expended in the appropriate fiscal year</li> </ul>
	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"> <li>• August 15 — Application opens</li> <li>• September 30 — Application closes</li> <li>• Mid-November — Executive Board approves applicants</li> <li>• November — Charter schools receive distribution</li> <li>• Schools should ensure awarded funds are budgeted for and expended in the appropriate fiscal year</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• October — Fiscal Council approves distribution methodology</li> <li>• Mid-November — Executive Board approves distribution methodology</li> <li>• November — Charter schools receive distribution</li> <li>• If additional rounds of Tiered Eligibility Allocations are approved, corresponding dates will be communicated</li> </ul>
	Extraordinary Cost Assistance Pool	Access to apply for financial assistance for up to a one-time unexpected nonpublic school placement, legal action against a charter school and/or new nonpublic agency contracts for up to \$25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 1 — Application opens</li> <li>• April 15 — Application closes</li> <li>• May — Executive Board approves applicants</li> <li>• May — Charter schools receive distribution</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.