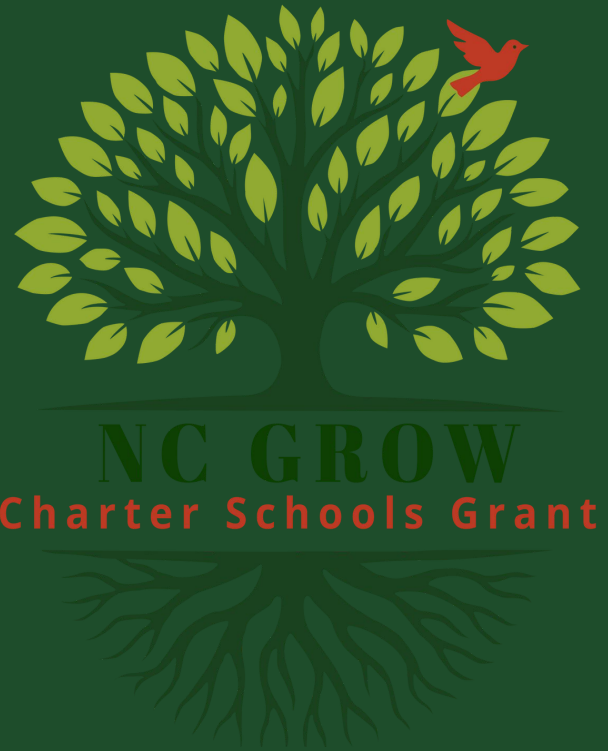
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NC GROW

CSP Grant

Information Session • Subgrant Cycle 2



Growing North Carolina's Charter School Landscape

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Meet the Team

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Grant Objectives

1. Increase the total number of operating charter schools in North Carolina
2. Expand access to high-quality CTE, STEM, and AI-focused charter school models
3. Enhance charter school governance and oversight statewide
4. Strengthen financial oversight, long-term planning, and compliance capacity

"There are two gifts we should give our children: one is roots, and the other is wings." — Goethe

Pathways for Funding

Three ways charter schools can access NC GROW CSP subgrants

01

New Schools

Planning & Implementation

For charter operators entering their planning year, supporting both planning and implementation activities

Up to $2,000,000

Implementation Only

For charter operators in Years 1-3 of operation

Up to $500,000

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Expanding Schools

Expansion Subgrant

For high-quality schools adding grade levels, growing enrollment, growing remote academies, or opening sub campuses

Up to $750,000

03

Replicating Schools

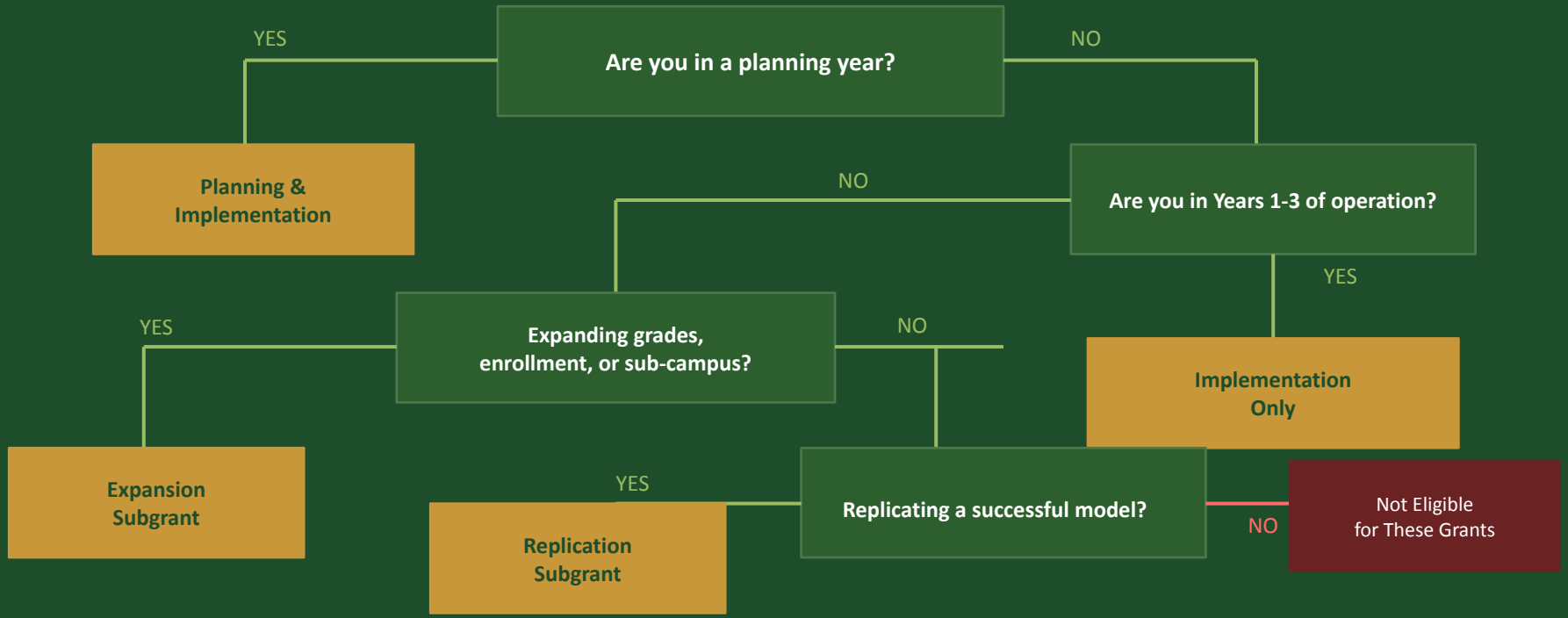
Replication Subgrant

For high-quality charter schools replicating a proven model to expand CTE, STEM, and AI access

Up to $900,000

Do You Qualify?

Follow the path that matches your school's stage



Available Awards

Subgrant Type	2027	2028	2029	2030
Planning & Implementation	4	5	5	0
Implementation Only	2	4	2	1
Expansion	3	5	6	0
Replication	0	3	0	0

Planning period may not exceed 18 months. Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis.

Award Amounts

Subgrant Type	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Planning & Implementation	$1,000,000	$500,000	$500,000	**$2,000,000**
Implementation Only	$250,000	$250,000	—	**$500,000**
Expansion	$500,000	$250,000	—	**$750,000**
Replication	$500,000	$400,000	—	**$900,000**

Planning period may not exceed 18 months. Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis.

Allowable vs. Non-Allowable Expenses

ALLOWABLE	NON-ALLOWABLE
✓ Personnel and professional development	✗ Ongoing subscriptions and recurring costs
✓ Instruction, materials, and technology	✗ Payments to CMOs/EMOs
✓ Facilities (limited)	✗ New construction or major capital projects
✓ Transportation start-up	✗ Salaries unrelated to startup activities
✓ Recruitment and community outreach	✗ Ongoing operational staffing positions
✓ Other start-up costs	✗ Costs not aligned to the approved application

Key Principle: CSP funds are for planning, startup, and initial implementation — not ongoing operations
Note: Use the "Take It With You Test" - Could you take it with you if you had to move? - If yes, allowable expense.

What's Required of Subgrantees

Program Participation

- Fully engage in TA, evaluation, and reporting
- Implement project as approved
- Maintain charter agreement with state authorizer

Governance & Leadership

- Board completes governance training
- 2+ leaders in Finance Fellowship
- School Leader participation required

Financial Compliance

- Separate grant accounting records
- Monthly reimbursement requests
- No more than 50% spent in Year 1

Enrollment & Access

- Lottery when over-enrolled
- Non-discriminatory admissions
- Weighted lottery for disadvantaged students

Expect your staff/board to spend ~12 hours per month on Technical Assistance, Fiscal Compliance, and Monitoring

Application Process

PHASE 1 — Letter of Intent

Deadline: February 19, 2027 5:00pm EST

Length: Maximum 2 pages

Late submissions: Ineligible until next cycle

Must include:

- Intended subgrant category
- Commitment to NC GROW CSP goals
- Planned strategies overview
- Budget estimate

PHASE 2 — Full Application

Deadline: April 2, 2027 5:00pm EST

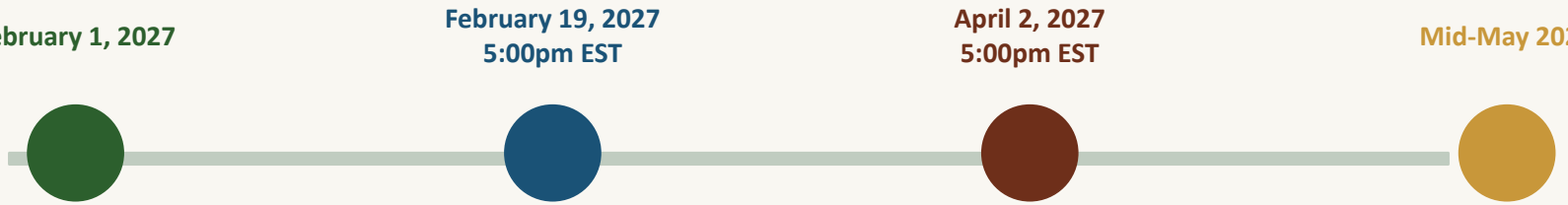
- Applicant Contact Information
- Signed Assurances
- Application Narrative (max 20 pages)
- Enrollment Projections
- Education, Operations & Governance Plans
- Budget using NC GROW CSP template
- Budget Narrative (max 5 pages)
- Logic Model
- Certification and Appendices

Acceptable vs. Unacceptable Use of AI

ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
✓ Brainstorming ideas and outlines	✗ Writing the whole narrative for you
✓ Grammar, spelling, and clarity checks	✗ Inventing data, outcomes, or sources
✓ Tightening text you already wrote	✗ Entering student or confidential data
✓ Organizing timelines and checklists	✗ Submitting AI text no one has reviewed
✓ Checking a draft against the criteria	✗ Generic text that isn't your school's plan
✓ First drafts you rewrite in your voice	✗ Budget figures no one double-checked

Key Principle: AI can help you polish your ideas. It cannot replace your voice or your facts.
Note: You are responsible for everything you submit. Check every claim, number, and name first.

2027 Timeline



Virtual Office Hours Available for Application Technical Assistance - All Office Hours at 1pm

2.2.27 2.9.27 2.15.27 2.16.27 3.2.27 3.9.27 3.16.27 3.23.27 3.30.27

Next Steps

01

Read through all application materials thoroughly

Available on the NC GROW CSP website

02

Attend Virtual Office Hours

Get questions answered before the deadline

03

Submit your Letter of Intent

February 19, 2027 — late submissions not accepted

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