

# Charter School Program Grant: Management, Updates and Key Practices

Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

October 2025





### Agenda

- I. Florida Charter School Program (CSP) Grant Overview
- II. Recommended Timelines
- III. Guidelines for Expending Grant Funds
- IV. Budget Amendment Considerations
- V. Budget Amendment Forms
- VI. Approval Process
- VII. Compliance Requirements



### Florida CSP Grant Overview

- A \$78 million CSP grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to the Florida Department of Education (Department) in October 2020.
- Grant period: October 1, 2020 September 30, 2026.
- Grant funds may be utilized for <u>one-time</u> start up costs for the initial implementation of new highquality charter schools.

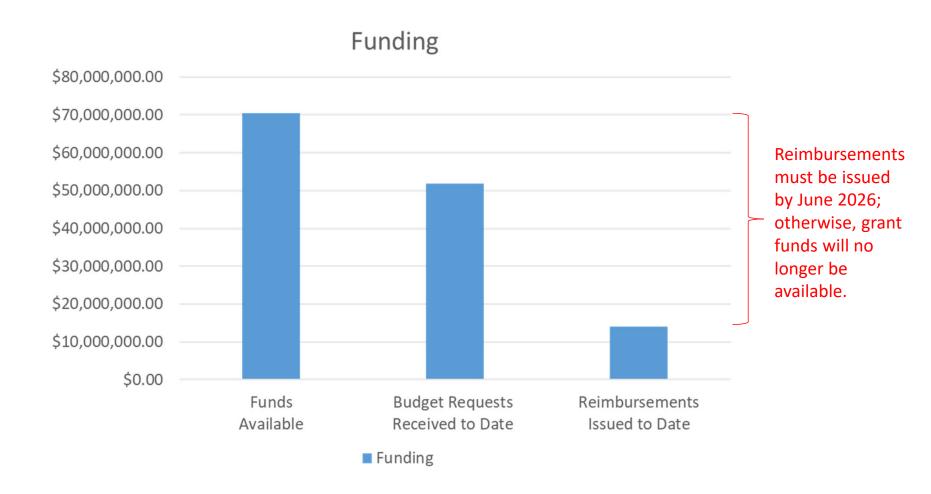


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- The Department has administered six competitions and provided start-up support for over 70 new charter schools.
- Total awards range from \$200,000 \$1,500,000.
- Information regarding prior competitions, including the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, is located on <u>our website</u>.



### Florida CSP Grant Overview





#### **Recommended Timelines**



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#### Now – December 2025:

- Ensure all approved budgeted items are procured.
- Prepare and submit one final budget amendment request to the Department, if needed.

#### January 2026 – June 2026:

Submit final reimbursement requests to your sponsor.





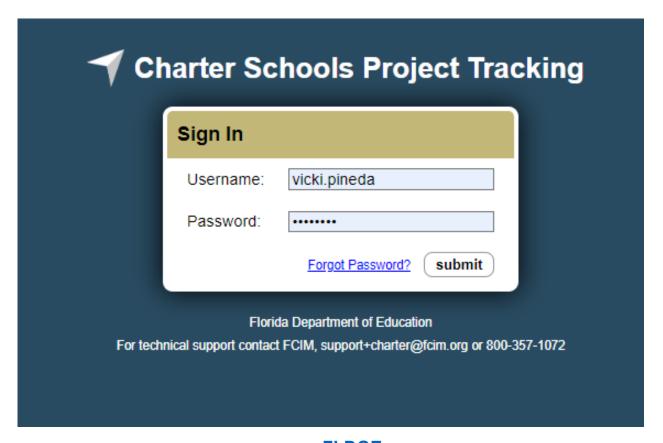
- Purchase only the items and quantities approved by the Department.
- Refer to the Project Award Notification (DOE200).
- All expenditure documentation must include the name and address of the subgrantee (the school that was issued the CSP grant award).



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Function	Ohiect	Description	Cost	: Per Item	Quantity			Quantity2		Cost YR 2	Total Quantity	Tot	tal Cost
5100		Hivamat Self Treatment Applicator - The necessary accessories used for the Hivamat 200 Evident machine. The kit contains application self-adhesive pads in addition to cables connected to the interface's device. For the sports medicine program		179.00		\$	179.00	Quantity2	\$	-		. \$	179.00
5100		Heat Laminating Film goes with the laminating machine	\$	94.00		\$	94.00		\$	-		. \$	94.00
5100	510	GR 5 Wrap Set Kit - Professional grade wrap and tape kit used to prevent injuries, treat muscular inflammation and to stabilize joints. Wraps and tape are utilized for training in sports and can also protect the skin from irritation by repeating taping along multiple areas. (For sport medicine program)	\$	1,709.00	1	\$	1,709.00		\$	-	1	. \$	1,709.00
5100	520	Textbooks - Curriculum - used for academic instruction (science, math, lanuage arts, and history)	\$	150,155.00	1	\$	150,155.00		\$	-	1	. \$	150,155.00
5100	64:	Recovery Table - A stationary table for physical therapy treatment. The CSP office added the detail description to the school's budget. In addition, the CSP Director noticed a photocopier priced at \$9,587 (see below). (For sport medicine program)	\$	1,566.00	3	\$	4,698.00		\$	-	3	\$ \$	4,698.00



 All reimbursements issued by the sponsor must be reported in the Florida CSP Grant Tracking System, FLCSP at <u>www.flcsp.org</u>.







- Changes to the approved budget must have prior written approval.
- Subgrantees may submit a request to:
  - Increase or decrease budget line items already approved (reallocation amendment)
  - 2. Access remaining grant funds (increase amendment)



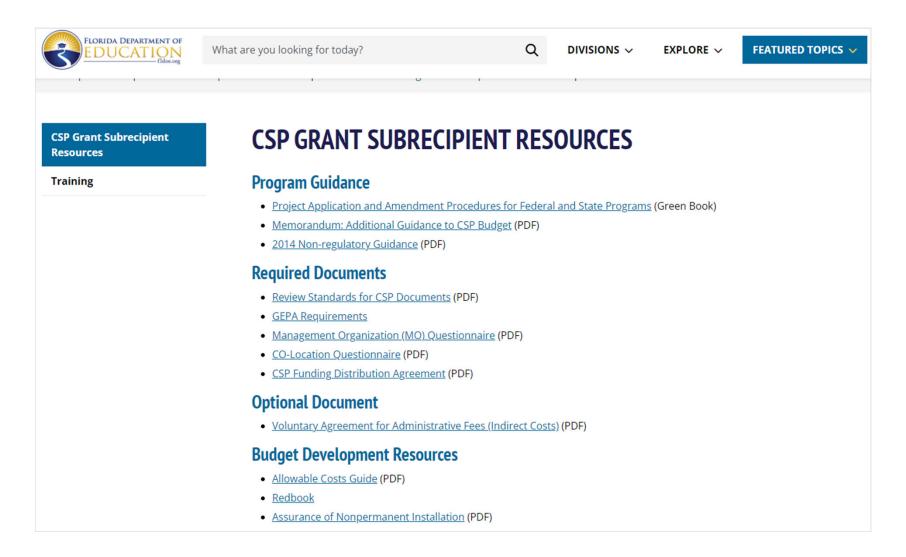
- Amendment requests must correlate with the school's capacity to expend all funding by June 2026.
- All costs reimbursed by the sponsor must be reported in FLCSP <u>before</u> an amendment request may be considered by the Department.
- All budget items requested must be reasonable, necessary and allowable.



- Reasonable Cost A cost whose nature or amount does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing when the decision was made to incur the cost.
- Necessary The cost is necessary for the operation school or the proper and efficient performance of the federal award. 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 200.404
- Allowable Is it allowed under this grant program?
   Refer to the <u>Allowable Cost Guide</u> for additional details.



### **CSP Grant Allowable Costs Guide**





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- Summarizes allowable vs. unallowable costs.
- Program funds may not be used for recurring expenses.
- Not an all-inclusive list.
   Consult the Department's program office with questions regarding allowable costs.

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#### CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (CSP) GRANT - ALLOWABLE COSTS GUIDE



This handout is provided by the Florida Charter School Program Office and is intended to assist CSP sub-recipient schools in the budget development of their planning, implementation, and budget amendments for use of CSP Funds. Planning activities may include refinement of the desired educational results and the methods for measuring progress toward achieving those results and professional development of teachers and other staff who will work in the charter school. <u>Initial</u> Implementation activities may include: (a) informing the community about the school; (b) acquiring necessary equipment and educational materials and supplies; (c) acquiring or developing curriculum materials; and (d) other initial operational costs that cannot be met from State or local sources.

#### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

- Allowable costs are organized by project phase (Planning or Implementation) and expenditure categories (Classroom Level, Instructional Support, and General Support Services).
- . Some costs are never allowable within the CSP grant program. A list of unallowable costs are listed on pages 17-19 of this guide.
- Allowable Planning costs begin on page 3 of this guide, and allowable Implementation costs begin on page 5.
- Please do not copy and paste descriptions! This guide is meant to help CSP sub-recipient schools determine whether a type of cost is allowable. In order to ensure sufficient detail is included when drafting a budget, please be sure to provide the WHO/WHAT/WHEN/WHERE/WHY/HOW MUCH information for each budget line item.
- Applicable function and object codes are included for allowable costs. Function codes indicate the overall purpose or objective of an expenditure. Object codes indicate the type of goods obtained as a result of a specific expenditure.
- Within each budget line item request, include the Object Code Titles available within the guide, as these come from the Red Book and
  are required by the Office of Grants Management.
- The Allowable Cost Guide is only a comprehensive list of commonly used Function and Object codes to guide charter schools in their budget development. Check with the <u>Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools (Red Book)</u> for accurate use of Function/Object Codes (e.g. 5100/641: Basic K-12. Capitalized Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment).
- Finally, if a proposed budget item or service is not listed in this document, contact your CSP grant team. They can help determine if the cost
  is allowable within the program, and will help with assignment of function and object codes throughout the budget review.

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### **Examples of Allowable Costs**



Textbooks, Library Books and Workbooks



Technology such as laptops, software and associated installation



Furniture: Desks, Chairs, Filing Cabinets, Bookshelves, etc.



Professional Services and Consulting of First Year Audit (one-time only)



**School Bus** 



### **Examples of Unallowable Costs**



Obligated outside of the project period



Recurring expenses such as rent/leases, utilities and renewals



Capital Improvements, Renovations or Construction



Lobbying, Promotional Items, Apparel, Salaries or Field Trips



Food, beverages and cafeteria equipment

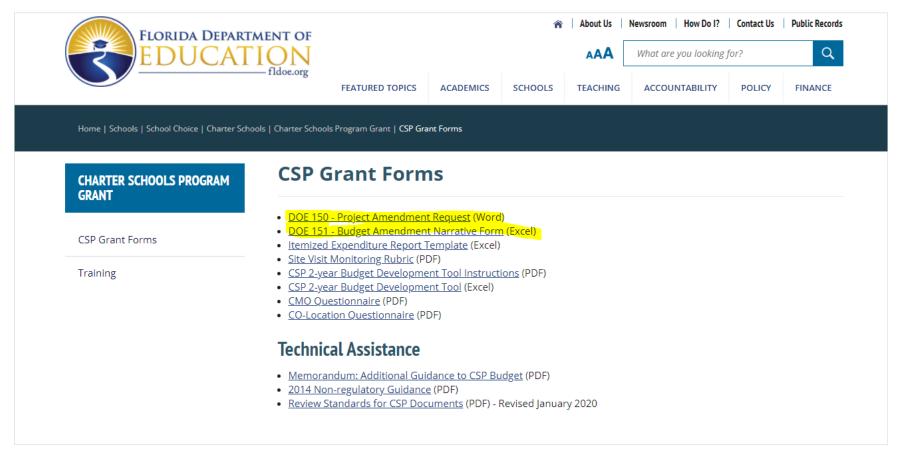




- Project Amendment Request (DOE150)
- Budget Amendment Narrative Form (DOE151)



https://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/charter-school-program-grant/grant-forms.stml





- Form DOE 150, Project
   Amendment Request
- Sponsor approval is required.
- The sponsor's review and approval process is separate from the Department's approval process.

Please return to:	A) Agency Name:	DOE USE ONLY
Florida Department of Education Office of Grants Management Room 332 Turlington Building 325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 Telephone: (850) 245-0496		Date Received
B) Program Name:		Project Number (DOE Assigned)
TAPS Number:		
C) Amendment Type	D) Amend	ment Request Contact Information
Program Buc	Contact Name:	Telephone Numbers:
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Form DOE 151,
 Budget Amendment
 Narrative Form

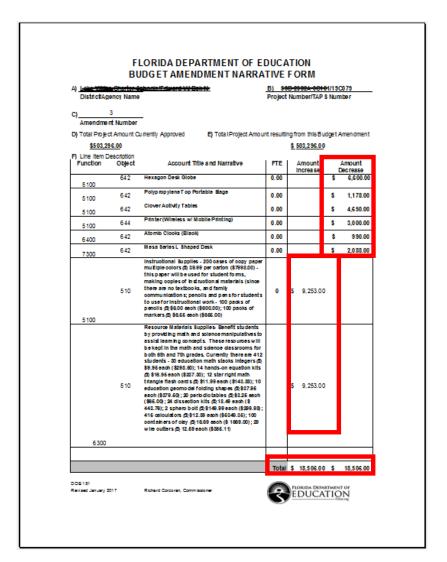
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#### **Reallocating Funds**

When removing approved line items to replace with new items:

- List decreases first.
- Identify quantities already purchased by providing the quantity purchased, price per item and total.





#### **Reallocating Funds – Examples**

Decrease:

Function	Object	Account Title and Narrative	FTE	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
5100	369	Technology-Related Rentals  Reading Intervention Curriculum: Read 180  Reading Plus intervention program to provide instructional supports student 1 year Subscription.  Approved: 45 @ \$99.00= \$4,455.00  Purchased: 0  Decrease: 45 @ \$99.00= \$4,455.00			\$4,455.00

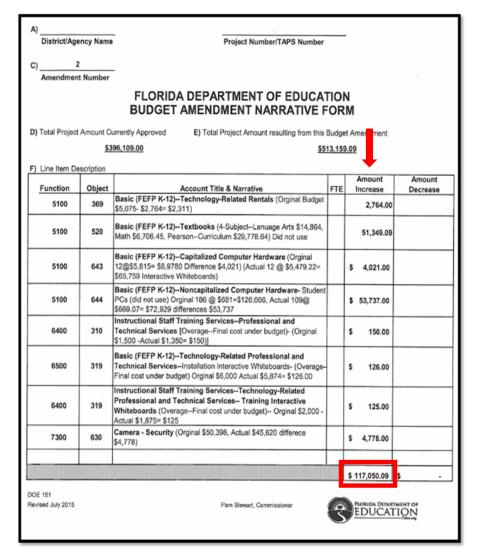
Increase:

7800	651	Buses	\$ 146,362.00
		School bus	
		1 @ \$146,362.00= \$146,362.00	



#### **Increase Request**

For each item
 requested, identify
 the quantities, price
 per item and total.





#### **Increase – Examples**

5100	510	Supplies  Medical class supplies- blood collection tubes, T-wing blood collection sets, Stope the Bleed Multipack, and simulated blood. Avg. cost range between \$15.00-\$357.00. 1 @  1,729.00= \$1,729.00  [AMD#3]	\$ 1,729.00
5100	519	Technology-Related Supplies Extension Cords- for the construction class. 2 @ \$50.00= \$100.00 [AMD#3]	\$ 100.00



- Avoid grouping items by vendor or quote.
- All items on a vendor quote must be coded individually.

Original Request:

Function	Object	Description	Cost	Per Item	Quantity	
5100	520	Spanish Language Computer Lab	\$	38,394.00		1

Approved:

6500	311 Pr	rofessional and Technical Services: Installation and training by the	\$ 4,750.00	1	\$ 4,750.00
	ve	endor for the Spanish Language program.			
5100	369 Spai	nish language software program for student computer lab.	\$ 1,195.00	26	\$ 31,070.00
5100	642 26	6 headsets for the Spanish Language program for the computer lab.	\$ 99.00	26	\$ 2,574.00



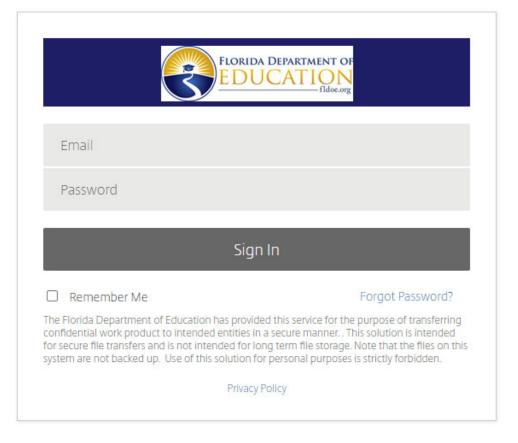
### **Submitting the Amendment Request**



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https://fldoe.sharefile.com/Authentication/Login

- For optimal performance, use Google Chrome.
- Only contacts identified by the Department have access.
- For technical assistance, email the Office of Grants
   Management at
   OGM@fldoe.org.
- All amendments must be submitted via ShareFile – emailed forms will not be accepted.



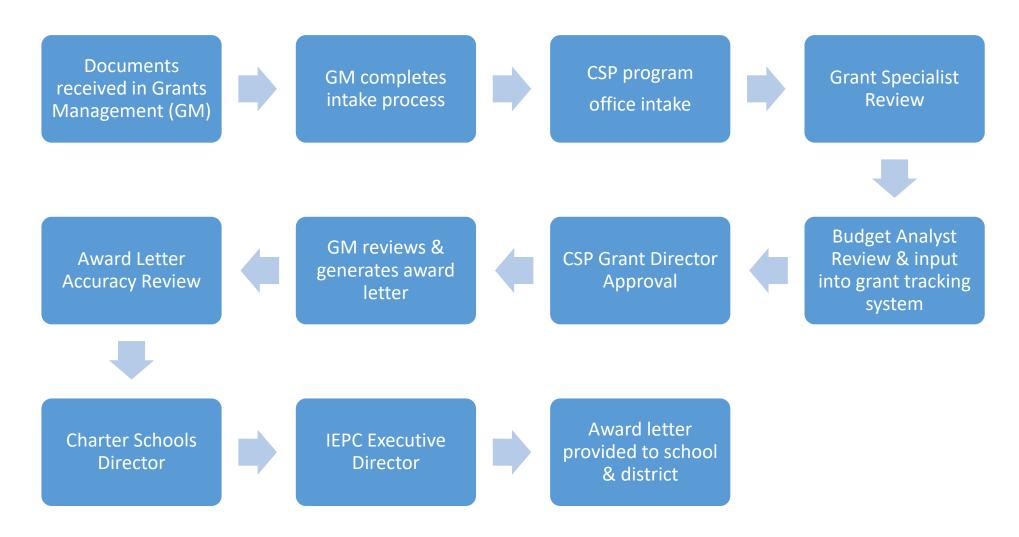
(Note: This process may be modified soon due to the rollout of a new grant system.)



### **Approval Process**



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### **Award Notification Letter (DOE200)**

1	PROJECT RECIPIENT Miami-Dade County School District 2018-523	2 PROJECT NUMBER 130-2987B-8C007	
	Downtown Doral Charter Upper School	130-290/B-0C00/	
3	PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLE Public Charter School Program (CSP) Planning, Program Design and Implementation	4 AUTHORITY 84.282A Charter Schools, Titl USDE or Appropriate Agency	
5	AMENDMENT INFORMATION	6 PROJECT PERIODS	
_	Amendment Number: 3	o inosectientos	
	Type of Amendment: No Cost Extension	Budget Period: 04/03/2018 -	
	Effective Date: 09/06/2019	Program Period: 04/03/2018 - (	
7	AUTHORIZED FUNDING	KEISIBURSEMENT OF HOL	,
	Current Approved Budget: \$522,708.00 Amendment Amount:	Federal Cash Advance	
	Amendment Amount: Estimated Roll Forward:		
	Certified Roll Amount:		
	Total Project Amount: \$522,708.00		
9	TIMELINES		<u> </u>
	<ul> <li>Last date for incurring expenditures and issuing pure</li> </ul>		04/02/2020
	<ul> <li>Date that all obligations are to be liquidated and fina</li> </ul>	l disbursement reports submitted:	05/20/2020
	Refund date of unexpended funds; mail to DOE Com		
	<ul> <li>944 Turlington Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399</li> <li>Date(s) for program reports:</li> </ul>	-0400:	
	Federal Award Date :		10/01/2016
10	DOE CONTACTS Program: Vicki Pineda	Comptroller Office Phone: (850) 245-0401	Duns#: 105964068
	Phone: (850) 245-0871	Fnone: (850) 245-0401	FEIN#: F596000572005
	Email: Vicki.Pineda@fldoe.org		
	Grants Management: Unit C (850) 245-0496		
•	TERMS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS This project and any amendments are subject to the prefor Federal and State Programs (Green Book) and the the terms and requirements of the Request for Proposal	General Assurances for Participation in	Federal and State Programs and
•	For federal cash advance projects, expenditures must be administratively feasible to when actual disbursements amounts needed and be timed with the actual, immedia	are made for this project. Cash transac	tion requests must be limited to
•	All provisions not in conflict with any amendment(s) as	re still in full force and effect and are t	o be performed at the level
•	Other: The maximum project periods may not exceed t initial award letter effective date. The Department will available, (2) the Department determines that continuin recipient has submitted all required reports and docume	consider continued funding of this awa ig the project would be in the best inter	ard if (1) sufficient funds are
	The Department retains authority to terminate, with wri and operating a high-quality charter school (see page 2	itten notice, a project that does not den of DOE-200, #11 for listed items that	nonstrate progress toward opening may restrict access to grant funds
12	APPROVED:	A 11 12	FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
	Authorized Official on behalf of Richard Corcoran	Q-[1-[9] Date of Signing	EDUCATION

#### INSTRUCTIONS PROJECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

- Project Recipient: Agency, Institution or Non-Governmental entity to which the project is awarded.
- 2 Project Number: This is the agency number, grant number, and project code that must be used in all communication. (Projects with multiple project numbers will have a separate DOE-200 for each project number).
- Project Description: Title of program and/or project. TAPS #: Departmental tracking number.
- 4 Authority: Federal Grants Public Law or authority and CFDA number. State Grants Appropriation Line Item Number and/or applicable statute and state identifier number.
- 5 Amendment Information: Amendment number (consecutively numbered), type (programmatic, budgeting, time extension or others) in accordance with the Project Application and Amendment Procedures for Federal and State Programs (Green Book), and effective date.
- 6 Project Periods: The periods for which the project budget and program are in effect.
- 7 Authorized Funding: Current Approved Project (total dollars available prior to any amendments); Amendment Amount (total amount of increase or decrease in project funding); Estimated Roll Forward (roll forward funds which have been estimated into this project); and Total Project Amount (total dollars awarded for this project).
- 8 Reimbursement Options
  - Federal Cash Advance -On-Line Reporting required monthly to record expenditures.
  - Advance Payment Upon receipt of the Project Award Notification, up to 25% of the total award may be advanced for the first payment period. To receive subsequent payments, 90% of previous expenditures must be documented and approved by the Department.
  - Quarterly Advance to Public Entity For quarterly advances of non-federal funding to state agencies and LEAs made in accordance within the authority of the General Appropriations Act. Expenditures must be documented and reported to DOE at the end of the project period. If audited, the recipient must have expenditure detail documentation supporting the requested advances.
  - Reimbursement with Performance Payment made upon submission of documented allowable expenditures, plus documentation of completion of specified performance objectives.
- 9 Timelines: Date requirements for financial and program reporting/requests to the Department of Education.
- 10 DOE Contacts: Program contact for program issues, Grants Management Unit for processing issues, and Comptroller's Office
- 11 Terms and Special Conditions: Listed items apply to this project.
  - The Department retains the right to restrict access to the grant funds under certain circumstances, including but not limited to:
     o Actual enrollment below 75 percent of projected enrollment,
  - o Failure of a sub-recipient charter school to timely submit required expenditures, and inventory reports through FLCSP.org,
  - o Purchases made outside of the approved budget, and/or o Corrective action required following a monitoring site visit.
- 12 Approved: Approval signature from the Florida Department of Education and the date signature was affixed.

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Note: Although a CSP grant sub-recipient may contract with a management company, the management company should not have full or substantial control of the CSP project. Pursuant to 34 CFR Sections 75.701 and 76.701, CSP grant sub-recipients are responsible for directly administering and supervising the administration of the project. Additionally, CSP grant funds may not be utilized to pay for services provided by a management company or for items purchased from a management company.



#### Expenditure Reports:

- Required for all projects.
- Due no later than the first of each month.
- Necessary for the Department's expenditure reporting to USDOE and for audit purposes.

#### Inventory Reports:

- Due no later than January 1 and July 1 during the Implementation phase only.
- All items purchased with CSP grant funds must be labeled.

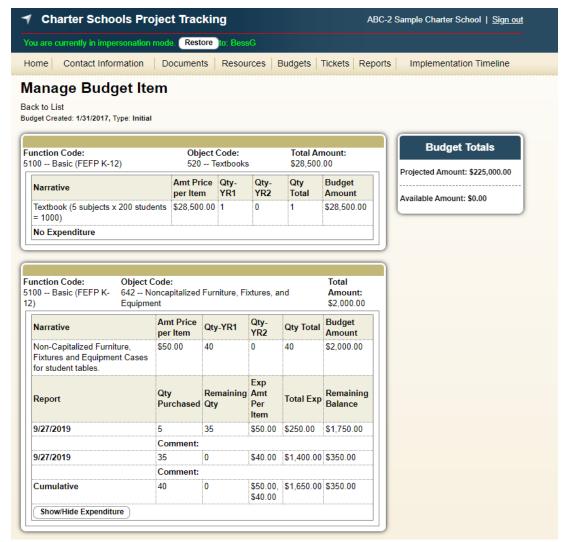


- Supporting documentation for expenditures should be kept on file and will be required for reimbursement.
- Examples of such documentation include, but are not limited to, payroll records, contracts, invoices with check numbers verifying payment and/or bank statements – all or any of these items must be available upon request.



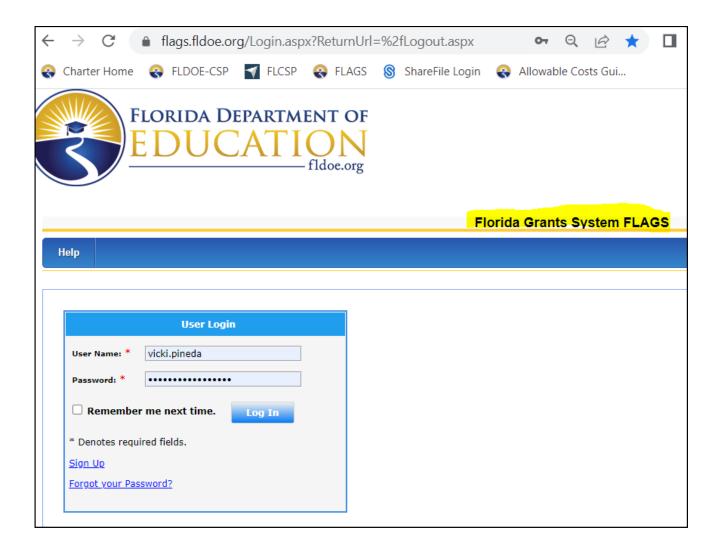
## **Expenditure Reporting on FLCSP**

- Use the Show/Hide
   Expenditures feature to
   ensure accurate
   reallocation requests.
- Report quantities and unit costs that were reimbursed by your sponsor.



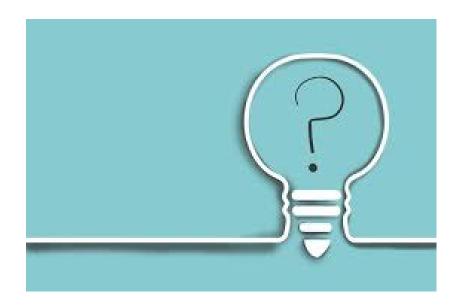


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## Questions?





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