

The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses following the criterion.

To ensure fairness, if an SEA is not proposing to use grant funds to support dissemination activities, the Secretary will not consider points awarded under criterion (H) in determining whether to approve an application for funding.

In evaluating an application from an SEA, the Secretary considers the following criteria:

(A) The contribution the charter schools grant program will make in assisting educationally disadvantaged and other students to achieve State academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards (25 points).

(B) The degree of flexibility afforded by the SEA to charter schools under the State's charter school law (20 points).

(C) The ambitiousness of the objectives for the State charter school grant program (15 points).

(D) The quality of the SEA's strategy for assessing achievement of those objectives (15 points).

(E) The likelihood that the charter school grant program will meet those objectives and improve educational results for students (15 points).

(F) The number of high-quality charter schools to be created in the State (20 points).

(G) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks (20 points).

(H) In the case of SEAs that propose to use grant funds to support dissemination activities under section 5204(f)(6) of the ESEA, the quality of the dissemination activities (10 points) and the likelihood that those activities will improve student achievement (10 points).

(b) *Non-SEA Applicants (CFDA No. 84.282B and 84.282C).* The application requirements for all non-SEA applicants are listed in paragraph (i) in this section.

The selection criteria for non-SEA applicants for *Planning, Program Design, and Implementation Grants (CFDA No. 82.282B)* are listed in paragraph (ii) in this section.

The selection criteria for non-SEA applicants for *Dissemination Grants (CFDA No. 84.282C)* are listed in paragraph (iii) in this section.

(i) *Application Requirements (CFDA Nos. 84.282B and 84.282C).* (A) Describe the educational program to be implemented by the proposed charter school, including how the program will enable all students to meet challenging

State student academic achievement standards, the grade levels or ages of students to be served, and the curriculum and instructional practices to be used;

(B) Describe how the charter school will be managed;

(C) Describe the objectives of the charter school and the methods by which the charter school will determine its progress toward achieving those objectives;

(D) Describe the administrative relationship between the charter school and the authorized public chartering agency;

(E) Describe how parents and other members of the community will be involved in the planning, program design, and implementation of the charter school;

(F) Describe how the authorized public chartering agency will provide for continued operation of the charter school once the Federal grant has expired, if that agency determines that the charter school has met its objectives;

(G) If the charter school desires the Secretary to consider waivers under the authority of the CSP, include a request and justification for waivers of any Federal statutory or regulatory provisions that the applicant believes are necessary for the successful operation of the charter school, and a description of any State or local rules, generally applicable to public schools, that will be waived for, or otherwise not apply to, the school;

(H) Describe how the grant funds will be used, including how these funds will be used in conjunction with other Federal programs administered by the Secretary; and

(I) Describe how students in the community will be informed about the charter school and be given an equal opportunity to attend the charter school.

(ii) *Selection Criteria (CFDA No. 84.282B).* Non-SEA Planning, Program Design, and Initial Implementation Grant applicants must address each selection criterion (A) through (I) individually and title each accordingly.

The maximum possible score for all of the criteria in this section is 145 points.

The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses following the criterion.

In evaluating an application from a non-SEA eligible applicant for Planning, Program Design, and Implementation, the Secretary considers the following criteria:

(A) The quality of the proposed curriculum and instructional practices (25 points).

(B) The degree of flexibility afforded by the SEA and, if applicable, the LEA to the charter school (10 points).

(C) The extent of community support for the application (10 points).

(D) The ambitiousness of the objectives for the charter school (15 points).

(E) The quality of the strategy for assessing achievement of those objectives (10 points).

(F) The likelihood that the charter school will meet those objectives and improve educational results for students during and after the period of Federal financial assistance (20 points).

(G) The extent to which the proposed project encourages parental involvement (20 points).

(H) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director; and the extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that traditionally have been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability (10 points).

(I) The contribution the charter school will make in assisting educationally disadvantaged and other students to achieve to State academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards (25 points).

(iii) *Selection Criteria (CFDA No. 84.282C).* Non-SEA applicants for Dissemination Grants must address each selection criterion (A) through (E) individually and title each accordingly.

The maximum possible score for all of the criteria in this section is 125 points.

The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses following the criterion.

In evaluating an application from a non-SEA eligible applicant for a dissemination grant, the Secretary considers the following criteria:

(A) The quality of the proposed dissemination activities and the likelihood that those activities will improve student achievement (30 points).

(B) The extent to which the school has demonstrated overall success, including—

(1) Substantial progress in improving student achievement (15 points);

(2) High levels of parent satisfaction (15 points); and

(3) The management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school (15 points).

(C) The extent to which the results of the proposed project will be disseminated in a manner that will enable others to use the information or strategies (20 points).