

Ohio Charter Schools Program Grant Round 6 Sponsor Eligibility

Background

The release of the Ohio Department of Education's 2018-2019 sponsor evaluation ratings on Nov. 15, 2019, resulted in five community school sponsors meeting all eligibility criteria for the Community Schools Program (CSP) grant. ***The 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 sponsor evaluation was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (specifically the cancellation of spring assessments), therefore the Department is still utilizing the results of the 2018-2019 sponsor evaluation as the basis for eligibility.*** To address pipeline concerns while maintaining rigorous eligibility requirements, the Department proposed the use of targeted corrective actions plans (CAPs) for sponsors for the purpose of eligibility for the CSP subgrant. This proposal was accepted by the U.S. Department of Education.

Annual evaluations rate sponsors based on performance in three components: 1) academic performance of authorized community schools; 2) compliance with all applicable laws and rules; and 3) adherence to quality practices.

For Round 6 of Ohio's CSP grant and beyond, Sponsors meeting the following criteria will be considered eligible for CSP funding, allowing schools under their oversight to apply for Implementation or Expansion CSP Subgrants (if the school is eligible):

Option 1:

1. Effective or Exemplary for three most recent Sponsor Evaluations;
2. A 3 or 4 on standards D.02 Enrollment and Financial Reviews, D.03 On-site Visits, D.04 Site Visit Reports, D.05 Performance Monitoring, D.07 Annual Performance Reports, E.01 Renewal Application and E.02 Renewal and Non-Renewal Decisions or submission of a corrective action plan to Department staff that would meet the 3-point expectation for the 2020-2021 Sponsor Evaluation.

Or

Option 2:

1. Effective or Exemplary on the overall rating for the 2020-2021 Sponsor Evaluation;
2. A 3 or 4 on standards on a majority of Absolute Priority standard: D.02 Enrollment and Financial Reviews, D.03 On-site Visits, D.04 Site Visit Reports, D.05 Performance Monitoring, D.07 Annual Performance Reports, E.01 Renewal Application and E.02 Renewal and Non-Renewal Decisions
3. Submission of a corrective action plan to Department staff that would meet the 3-point expectation for the 2018-2019 Sponsor Evaluation (three or less of the above list).

Submission of a CAP does not guarantee a corresponding score on the 2020-2021 year Sponsor Evaluation. Targeted CAPs are a mechanism for sponsors to demonstrate the steps they have or will take to meet the 3-point expectation for the 2020-2021 year award. **Sponsors currently engaging in corrective action plan(s) must have an implemented CAP prior to the submission of a CSP subgrant application. Sponsors will receive notification of acceptance of the corrective action plan for CSP eligibility from the Department.**

Content of Corrective Action Plans

CAP FOR STANDARD D.02 A corrective action plan to address a deficient score for standard D.02 required the sponsor to provide the evidence listed below:

- Documentation of monthly enrollment reviews and monthly financial reviews for each of its selected schools.
- Documentation the sponsor provided feedback to each of its selected schools after conducting such reviews.
- Documentation showing the sponsor submitted at least six examples of financial review results and six examples of enrollment review results for each of its selected schools.
- Documentation of the policies and processes for conducting enrollment and financial reviews.
- Documentation of the process for training application reviewers.

Suggested Documentation:

- Completed site visit report and/or updated site visit report aligned to the items above.
- Monthly enrollment and financial reviews, annual reports, policy/procedure processes aligned to the items above.

CAP FOR STANDARD D.03

A corrective action plan to address a deficient score for standard D.03 required the sponsor to provide the evidence listed below:

- Documentation of the process to ensure evidence of conducting at least two onsite reviews (beyond the monthly enrollment and financial review) that are at least three months apart while the school is in session. Sponsors must show evidence that, over the course of the two site visits combined, they review the selected schools' compliance with all applicable laws and rules, all contractual obligations and all academic performance measures.
- Documentation of the process to ensure data is collected from a school employee on the day of the review.
- Documentation of the on-site visit protocol.
- Documentation of the process to collect data from school employees, including at least one administrator and one or more instructors.
- Documentation that the on-site visit protocol includes observation guidelines and specifies how interviews will be conducted.

Suggested Documentation:

- Site visit protocol including applicable policies aligned to the items above.
- Completed site visit report and/or updated site visit report aligned to the items above.

CAP FOR STANDARD D.04

A corrective action plan to address a deficient score for standard D.04 required the sponsor to provide the evidence listed below:

- Documentation the sponsor provides a report for each selected school (beyond the monthly financial and enrollment review reports) following an on-site review conducted while school is in session.
- Documentation the sponsor submitted evidence of providing a report (beyond the monthly financial and enrollment review reports) following each of at least two on-site reviews conducted while school is in session (with one review during the first half of the review year and the other review during the second half of the review year).
- Documentation of the report citing the school take appropriate action. If an area needing improvement is identified.
- Documentation the sponsor collects data from school employees, including at least one, administrator and one or more instructors.

- Documentation that the submitted on-site visit protocol includes observation guidelines and specifies how interviews will be conducted.

Suggested Documentation:

- Completed site visit report and/or updated site visit report aligned to the items above.
- Applicable policies aligned to the items above.

CAP FOR STANDARD D.05

A corrective action plan to address a deficient score for standard D.05 required the sponsor to provide the evidence listed below:

- Documentation the sponsor submitted evidence of collecting data related to all
- applicable contractual academic, financial and organizational/operational measures for at least one school year, for the majority of its selected schools.
- Documentation the sponsor analyzed the data collected and evaluated the
- overall performance of the schools based on the outcomes of the data analysis.
- Documentation from the sponsor that provides the data analysis and evaluation over multiple years.

Suggested Documentation:

- Process/procedure/policy for performance review aligned to the items above
- Evidence of **data collection and review** aligned to the items above.

CAP FOR STANDARD E.01

A corrective action plan to address a deficient score for standard E.01 required the sponsor to provide to the Department evidence of the following:

- Documentation submitted by sponsor of renewal process and a written renewal application that include at least three of the following: A defined timeline, scoring rubric used to evaluate the application review of the school's most recent state report card, review of recent financial audits, review of recent compliance monitoring reports, posted to its website.
- Documentation a scoring rubric was used to evaluate the application that includes an evaluation of the high-stakes review results that align to the performance framework in the contract, posted to its website.
- Documentation the renewal application includes at least three of the following: multiple years of student achievement, multiple measures of student achievement; financial audits, site visit reports and/or other compliance reports; If applicable, status reports on corrective action plans or other required interventions, if the sponsor renewed community schools during the review year, training for application reviewers.

Suggested Documentation:

- Renewal process/policy aligned to the items above.
- Renewal application aligned to the items above.

CAP FOR STANDARD E.02

A corrective action plan to address a deficient score for standard E.02 required the sponsor to provide to the Department evidence of the following:

- Documentation submitted by sponsor of board minutes of the renewal decision-making process.
- Documentation the sponsor required all schools up for renewal to submit renewal applications.
- Documentation the sponsor granted renewal only to schools that earned at least 66 percent of possible points on the renewal rubric-and-the sponsors renewal rubric includes both academic and non-academic measures-and-the sponsor provides evidence-based recommendations to the sponsor's board regarding renewal decisions.

Suggested Documentation:

- Renewal application aligned to the items above.
- Board minutes of staff recommendations to sponsor's board regarding renewal decisions.

Determination of Eligibility Based on Completion of Corrective Action Plans

Based upon the criteria listed above, one sponsor is eligible for CSP without submission of a corrective action plan:

IRN	Sponsor Name
000862	Buckeye Community Hope Foundation
062893	Bowling Green
016998	Ohio Council of Community Schools
012931	ODE Office of School Sponsorships

The following sponsors meet the criteria for submission of a corrective action plan(s) (CAP) and have received the approval from the Department.

IRN	Sponsor Name	Standards engaged in CAP Process
043786	Cleveland Municipal	D.03 and D.04
083249	St. Aloysius Orphanage	D.05 and D.07
000821	Thomas B. Fordham Foundation	D.02
048199	ESC of Lake Erie West	E.02
123257	North Central Ohio ESC	D.04, D.05, D.07, E.01, E.02