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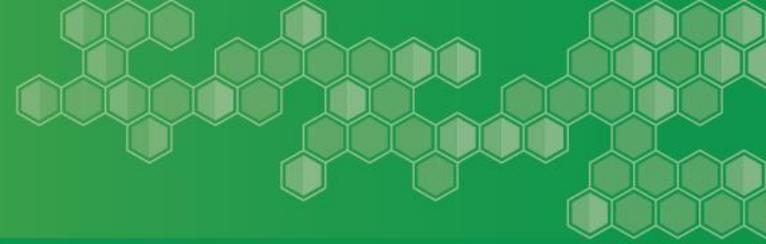
# Safe Schools Reopening Grant (SSRG)

November 19, 2020

# SSRG Overview

In partnership with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is offering a \$15 million, one-time grant funding opportunity for Local Educational Agencies with public schools that are struggling to return to in-person learning and need additional resources to safely reopen when possible.

- Application is available at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ssrg-application>
- Approval and Transmittal Form is available at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/caresact/safeschoolsreopeninggrantapprovalandtransmittalform2020>
- Application deadline: **Monday, November 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm.**
- Award Notifications: Friday, December 4, 2020
- Expenditure Deadline: Wednesday, December 30, 2020
- Allowable Uses: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/caresact/crf-allowableexpenditures>
- Grant Code: 6012



Priority will be given to school districts, charter schools, and BOCES with a high percentage of at-risk pupils.

Applicants may utilize funds to make purchases to assist with reopening, including:

- HVAC improvements if expense is reasonable, not budgeted, and necessary to address COVID 19 pandemic
- Plexiglass
- Outdoor classrooms and/or lunchrooms
- Testing and health screening tools
- Additional PPE
- Additional sanitization equipment
- Other uses that further goal of returning to in-person learning as soon as possible

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- Budget: Applicants approved for funding will be asked to work with CDE to complete a budget prior to release of funding. Budgets must be approved by CDE prior to funds being obligated.
- Charter Schools: LEAs are invited to apply on behalf of one or more schools within the district, including charter schools.
- Questions:
  - Describe the applicant's challenges with reopening for in-person learning and the need for additional funding (no more than half a page).
  - List the amount of funding requested for reopening (dollar amount).
  - Describe the intended use(s) of these funds and how this funding will support your district's return to in-person learning (2-3 sentences).
  - Describe how the applicant would fully spend this amount of funding prior to Dec. 30, 2020 and the level of confidence in executing the funds (2-3 sentences).
  - Other (optional) - Describe any additional extenuating circumstances that increase the applicant's need for these funds (e.g. impact by fires).

- Q: Please clarify the requirement for LEAs to "demonstrate that they have struggled to reopen for in-person learning during the fall". Does this prohibit a district that has been providing in-person learning from applying?
- A: The Gov's Office has approved for districts that have not "struggled to reopen in-person this fall" to apply if they can demonstrate that the additional funds will help them to remain open for in-person learning.
- Q: Are expenditures prior to the date of award allowable?
- A: Expenditures from July - December are allowable. The priority will be on forward-looking expenditures, as opposed to recoding past expenses.

# SSRG Questions re: Charter Schools

- Q: Who is the fiscal agent?
- A: The district is the fiscal agent. The school district (or BOCES) will need to apply on behalf of their schools, including any charter schools, within the LEA (or member districts).
  
- Q: For the application, who is the Authorized Representative? District authorized rep or someone at the charter school?
- A: The district is the Authorized Representative.
  
- Q: For the application, who is the Authorized Requester? District authorized requester of funds or charter?
- A: The district is the Authorized Requester.
  
- Q: For the assurances, who is the "board" - charter board or school district board?
- A: The "board" referenced in the assurances is the school district board.
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