



## PCSGP Dissemination Sub-Grant Webinar

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SACRAMENTO — The California Department of Education (CDE) announced a webinar to be held Wednesday, January 30 at 2:00PM regarding the **Dissemination Sub-Grant Request for Applications (RFA)** ([www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r1/pcsgpdg12rfa.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r1/pcsgpdg12rfa.asp)) of the Public Charter Schools Grant Program (PCSGP). Though the CDE received a federal PCSGP grant in 2010, this will be the first year in the 2010-15 grant cycle that the CDE will operate the dissemination portion of the program. The CDE intends to award up to 10 sub-grants in the 2012-13 fiscal year, with typical awards of \$250,000.

According to the draft RFA, to be eligible for an award, charter schools must meet the following criteria:

- Opened prior to January 1, 2010
- Demonstrates success in improving student achievement: Met school and all student-group API growth targets for two of the past three years, or is an ASAM school with "strong and compelling evidence"
- Demonstrates parent satisfaction: Has regularly surveyed parents, conducted parent meetings, or used other measures
- Demonstrates management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school: Presents evidence such as special education capacity, adequate

school funding, recruitment of appropriately credentialed teachers, fiscal evidence from school's budget, cash flow projections, and audit

- Has not received a dissemination grant previously

This cycle, the program focuses on closing the achievement gaps and on ensuring student academic success in state and national academic standards. (Previous rounds also emphasized effective practices in governance, finance and operations.) The RFA encourages schools to partner with non-charter public schools (one priority point added), school districts, county offices of education, charter management organizations, or charter school associations in their application.

CSDC has served as a dissemination grant partner in previous rounds. Eligible schools interested in partnering with CSDC are encouraged to contact our office.

Application for and management of these programs can be burdensome. CSDC encourages schools to read the RFA carefully to determine if the program is a good fit.