

CSAC Question #13: Copies of the award notice for the non-SEA grant specifying how much of the grant may be spent each year.

Please see attached document from the United States Department of Education.



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Reference Grant Award Number: #U282B160044
DELAWARE

INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION has been selected to receive funding under the PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM (84.282B). This grant will be in the amount of \$288,000.00 for the first budget period (03/15/2016 through 03/14/2017). It is anticipated that the grant will be for a total of 3 year(s). Please see the attached abstract for a brief description of the activities that will be funded under this grant.

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Purpose of the Program PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

The purpose of the Charter Schools Program (CSP) is to increase national understanding of the charter school model and to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools; evaluating the effects of charter schools, including the effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents; and disseminating information about charter schools and successful practices in charter schools. Non-SEA eligible applicants that proposed to use grant funds for planning, program design, and implementation will apply under CFDA No. 84.282B.

INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS: SUPPORTING START-UP ACTIVITIES FOR DELAWARE STEM ACADEMY – ABSTRACT

The **Delaware STEM Academy** (DSA) will be the first New Tech Network (NTN) STEM charter high school in Delaware. Centrally located in New Castle, Delaware, the school intends to serve a diverse student population; most from low-income families. As with other NTN schools nationally and internationally, DSA will focus on the development of college-ready students through a project-based learning environment that engages students with a dynamic, rigorous STEM curriculum. The primary goal of this project is to support the Board of DSA to fulfill their vision for the school - *to prepare students for the future economy through the teaching of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) using engineering, environmental science and biotechnology as a basis for learning...in an ethically driven educational environment emphasizing intellectual curiosity, individual responsibility and planetary stewardship.*

Innovative Schools (IS) successfully supported the charter application development for DSA; their charter was recently approved (4/17/2014) by the Delaware Department of Education. As a non-profit support organization for Delaware public schools, Innovative Schools' Charter Management Organization's (CMO) work is designed to build the capacity of the schools with which we partner to independently operate an organizationally healthy, high-achieving charter school by the time of their first charter renewal. Innovative Schools is committed to ensuring the successful planning, program design and implementation 'start-up' activities of the school; and to that end, is seeking financial assistance through this project to support DSA through their initial planning year and the first two years of the school's operation. The contributions of this project are fully aligned with Innovative Schools' CMO best practices and its ability to provide meaningful support to other new charter schools in Delaware during their start-up years.

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