



Opportunity Funding for Mental Health Services

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Funding Period: Fiscal Year 2022

**Delaware Department of Education
Opportunity Funding Form
2021-2022 School Year**

Application deadline: Friday, July 30, 2021

Purpose: The Opportunity Funding directed to mental health services provides \$5.0 million in FY20, \$2.5 million in HB 225 (Annual Appropriations Act) and \$2.5 million authorized in HB 226 (One-Time Supplemental). With a total supplemental amount of \$7.5 million over three years, the total amount will be \$15 million *contingent on future appropriations*. The Opportunity Fund is to provide additional funding for English Learner (EL) and low-income students.

For FY21, \$2.5 million is appropriated through HB 240 (Annual Appropriations Act). The guiding language regarding these funds and eligibility was amended through HB260 (Grants- In-Aid Act). The \$2.5 million allocated is supplemented with the \$2.5 million from HB 226 as referenced above. A total of \$5 million is appropriated for FY21.

For FY22, \$5.5 million is appropriated through HB 250 (Annual Appropriations Act). The \$5.5 million allocated is supplemented with the \$2.5 million as referenced above. A total of \$8 million is appropriated for FY22.

For FY22, these funds are apportioned and allocated to schools meeting criteria based on the prior year unit count: 1) a grade configuration containing K through 4th grade and (2) greater than or equal to 30% percent low-income and/or greater than or equal to 10% English Learner enrollment. There are schools that have been grandfathered because of meeting the threshold in FY21 and not meeting in FY22. This is noted.

This funding shall be used by school districts and charter schools for *mental health services* in the form of school counselors, school social workers or licensed clinical social workers, school psychologists, and/or for additional reading supports for grades K-5. Services may include the employment of staff, where such funding may be used to cover 100 percent of personnel costs on a 10 to 12-month basis and/or contracted services.

Allocation Method: Amounts vary per school and that amount is indicated below. Each LEA has already received the first half of the funding; the second amount will be released upon receipt and approval of this application.

DISTRICT/CHARTER NAME: Edison (Thomas A.) Charter School
ADDRESS: 2200 N. Locust Street
CONTACT NAME: Patricia S. Winder
CONTACT PHONE: 302-778-1101
CONTACT EMAIL: patricia.winder@tecs.k12.de.us
ALLOCATION AMOUNT: \$167,373

Questions:

1. What mental health needs of your identified low-income and English learner students will you be addressing through these mental health services funds? *(Please indicate N/A if these funds are solely being used for reading supports for the two subgroups – EL and low-income.)*

Thomas A. Edison Charter School (TECS) is a Title I school in Wilmington, Delaware, located in a low-income, high poverty, inner-city, high needs, high crime area. Serving kindergarten through grade 8, TECS has a 99% African American student population with over 75% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

With these funds, we will be addressing the need to support low-income and ELL students struggling with academics, trauma, grief/loss, and now increased stress, anxiety, depression, and other hardships during COVID-19, by providing remotely and in person access to an In-House Therapist, intensive therapeutic support, and a reading Interventionist.

2. What kind of mental health services personnel are you hiring or contracting (school counselor, school social worker, licensed clinical social worker or school psychologist)?

We will hire an In-House Therapist - Four days a week, for 7 hours @\$85 per hour to provide individual and group counseling.

We will also hire an Interventionist to provide intensive therapeutic support for students with behavioral needs. Interventionist will work with the therapist to help students acquire the social-emotional skills necessary to become an engaged learner. The In-House Therapist and Interventionist will be contracted through Delaware Guidance Services for Children & Youth.

3. Are you using these funds for reading supports for your identified low-income and English learner students in addition to mental health services or in lieu of mental health services? If so, what types of supports/services will be provided?

We will hire an additional full-time reading interventionist to support our low income and ELL students.

4. How will you know if these services or supports are effective?

We will measure the effectiveness of these services and supports by periodically evaluating teacher and parent feedback, discipline referrals, attendance, report card grades and assessments, and other student success outcomes.

5. Is this money is being used to contract services?

YES NO

6. Please complete the State Funds Budget Form and State Budget Summary Form (attached).

Assurances and signatures:

As the chief school officer of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I am also authorized to obligate the district or charter school to conduct any activity approved under this form in accordance with all applicable state requirements, including statutory and regulatory requirements, and program specific requirements. The information contained in it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that

1. I understand that this funding may not be used to supplant otherwise available funding.
2. I understand that our district shall be authorized to assess a local match to provide for the local contribution of personnel costs associated with this appropriation (districts only).

Chief School Officer (printed name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the business manager of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I have read this form and reviewed the financial information contained in this form. The information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have reviewed and approve the submission of the budgetary information for this form. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that

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2. I understand that our district shall be authorized to assess a local match to provide for the local contribution of personnel costs associated with this appropriation (districts only).

Business manager (printed name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this form, I am approving the plan submitted by the district or charter.

Secretary of Education/Designee (printed name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Live signature on file at DOE.



State of Delaware Department of Education State Funds Budget Form

State Subgrant: FY 21 Opt Fund Mental Health and / or Reading Support
Project Title: _____
LEA/Agency: Thomas A. Edison Charter School

Project Start Date: _____
Project End Date: _____

Expense Types and Account Codes: Salaries (5100) and Other Employee Costs (5120)						
Employee Name	Title	FTE Percentage		State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
PROFESSIONAL:						
	Reading Interventionist	100%		\$ \$47,318.00	\$	\$ \$47,318.00
				Professional Subtotal	\$47,318.00	\$47,318.00
SUBSTITUTES:						
				\$	\$	\$
				Substitutes Subtotal		
SUPPORT STAFF:						
				\$	\$	\$
				Support Staff Subtotal		
STUDENTS:						
				\$	\$	\$
				Students Subtotal		
SALARY TOTAL:				\$47,318.00		\$47,318.00
OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS:						
				\$	\$	\$
FICA		6.20%		\$2,933.72		\$2,933.72
Medicare		1.45%		\$686.11		\$686.11
Pension		23.80%		\$11,261.68		\$11,261.68
Workman's Comp		1.55%		\$733.43		\$733.43
Unemployment Insurance		0.11%		\$52.05		\$52.05
		33.11%				
Health Insurance/Other Non-taxed Benefits			(\$15,391 is the average HI cost for FY22)			
OEC TOTAL:				\$15,666.99		\$15,666.99
SALARY AND OEC TOTAL:				\$62,984.99		\$62,984.99



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Expense Types and Account Codes: Travel (5400)					
Destination	Purpose	# of Travelers	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
			\$	\$	\$
TOTAL TRAVEL COSTS					

Expense Types and Account Codes: Contractual Services (5500)				
Vendor Name	Service Provided	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
		\$	\$	\$
DGS	In House Therapist - 4 days a week, for 7 hours @85 per hr	\$70,000.00		\$70,000.00
DGS	Therapeutic Support Interventionist @ \$275 per day	\$34,388.01		\$34,388.01
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES COSTS		\$104,388.01		\$104,388.01

Expense Types and Account Codes: Supplies and Materials (5600)					
Item Description	Quantity	Unit Price	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
			\$	\$	\$
TOTAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS COSTS					



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Expense Types and Account Codes: Capital Outlay (5700)					
Item Description	Quantity	Unit Price	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
<u>Replacement Equipment</u>			\$	\$	\$
<u>New Equipment</u>					
TOTAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS COSTS					

GRAND TOTAL	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
	\$167,373.00		\$167,373.00



**STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

BUDGET SUMMARY OF STATE FUNDS

LEA/Agency Name: Thomas A. Edison Charter School Project Title: _____
 State Subgrant Title: FY 21 Opt Fund Mental Health and / or Reading Support

<i>Account Code</i>	<i>5100</i>	<i>5120</i>	<i>5400</i>	<i>5500</i>	<i>5600</i>	<i>5700</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Account Code Name</i>	<i>Salaries</i>	<i>OEC's</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Contracted Services</i>	<i>Supplies & Materials</i>	<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<i>Budget</i>
<i>Total Budget</i>	\$47,318.00	\$15,666.99		\$104,388.01			\$167,373.00

Completed By: _____ Date: 9/1/2021

Chief Financial Officer or Business Manager: _____ Date: 9/1/2021