

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Michigan Department of Education
Public School Academy Program

**APPLICATION FOR 2006-2007 CHARTER SCHOOL COMPETITIVE DISSEMINATION GRANT PROGRAM -
TWELFTH CYCLE**

No Child Left Behind Act
Title V, Part B, Public Charter Schools Program
In Cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce a second cycle of the 2006-2007 Charter School Competitive Dissemination Grant Program – Twelfth Cycle. This program is supported under Title V, Part B, Public Charter Schools Program, No Child Left Behind Act. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) was successful in receiving a grant under this program for **\$22,476,000** over a three-year period, contingent on receipt of federal funding. MDE retains (5) five percent for administration. Dissemination grants will be available for experienced charter schools that have been in operation for at least three consecutive academic years, are financially viable, operationally successful and can demonstrate their success with hard data.

The MDE may award up to **\$825,000** in dissemination grant funds to public school academies, on a competitive basis. As this is a competitive grant, it is possible that not all applicants will be funded. Only those applicants that score a minimum of **85 points** (out of a possible **100**) will be recommended for funding.

Grantees may receive more up to two years of funding through this grant. If two years of funding are requested, it should be indicated in the budget and narrative. The second year funding will be released upon satisfactory completion of goals and objectives set forth for the first year.

The application must be received at the Michigan Department of Education by **Thursday, July 20, 2006**.

Questions regarding the 2006-2007 Charter School Competitive Dissemination Grant Program – Twelfth Cycle, may be directed to Greg Olszta, Public School Academy Program, Office of School Improvement at 517/241-4715.

GRANT PURPOSE

The purpose of this grant is to fund proposals that will support activities that improve public schools or open new schools (including public charter schools) and share the lessons learned by charter schools with other public schools.

GRANT PRIORITY AREAS

The Michigan Department of Education, Public School Academy Program, will focus on the following priorities that encourage dissemination activities from eligible schools with *existing* programs utilizing *current* best or promising practices toward:

- Ensuring early childhood literacy;
- Increasing parent involvement and parent satisfaction;
- Ensuring excellent educators and teacher retention;
- Enhancing the level or effectiveness of service to special needs populations;
- Developing and implementing partnerships between public school academies, traditional public schools, intermediate school districts and other community organizations toward sustained community and school integration;
- Increasing participation of low income and at-risk students enrolled in public school academies.
- Developing and implementing a web-based community of educators with the ability to share curricular and instructional ideas and developments.

LEGAL APPLICANTS/CONTACT PERSON

Legal applicants are charter schools that have **not already received a dissemination grant**, have been in operation for at least three (3) consecutive years (are currently in their fourth year of operation) and have demonstrated overall success, including:

- Substantial progress in improving student achievement;
- High levels of parent satisfaction; and
- The management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school.

A list of those charter schools that have been in operation for at least three (3) consecutive years (are currently in their fourth year of operation) are identified on the attached listing. Only those that qualify and can support the above, with hard data, may apply.

GRANT RANGE & BUDGET INFORMATION

Funds totaling approximately **\$825,000** are available at this time. Proposals may be submitted for funding up to \$250,000 per year. The applicant will justify their budget through a narrative and supporting documentation demonstrating how their project fits the criteria of the grant. The total number of grants funded will depend upon the quality of proposals submitted and the amount of funding requested.

Successful grant recipients must present a workshop at an educational Michigan or national conference in each year that the grant is funded. Costs associated with the workshop(s) should be reflected in the budget summary, budget detail and narrative proposal of the application.

Project proposals must describe the planned use of funds for all entities that will be part of the project. The Budget Detail & Narrative must provide the budgeted funds and proposed expenditures for each school involved, including any consultants. The budget should reflect the entire project period. Applicants may apply for a one-

year grant or a two-year grant. Only one budget year may be entered in the MEGS Budget Detail spreadsheet. Provide Year 2 budget in the Budget Narrative section if applicable. Applicants may receive only one dissemination grant, either a one or a two-year grant, not both. Funding for either a one-year or a two-year grant is contingent upon federal funding. Second year funds will be released pending satisfactory and timely performance reports. A one-year grant ends on September 30, 2007; a two-year grant ends on September 30, 2008. If any other sources will be contributing to this project, please note and list them but do not include them in the computation for this grant. Person(s) responsible for direction or management of the project must be an employee of the public school academy that is the recipient of the grant award, or an employee of the educational management company operating the school and staff working in the school. Federal grant funds may not supplant state or local funds allocated to the school. Additionally, the grant recipient charter school may retain five (5) percent administrative funds.

All funding will be subject to approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, based on reviewer ranking, comments, and Department recommendations.

LENGTH OF AWARD

Funds will be available following the competitive process. Applicants may submit either a one-year or a one and two-year proposed budget, depending on the number of years for which the charter school is applying. Funding for either a **one-year** or a **two-year** grant is contingent upon federal funding. Second year grant award funds will be released pending satisfactory and timely performance reports as well as a detailed budget for proposed second year grant expenditures. A **one-year** grant ends on **September 30, 2007**; a **two-year** grant ends on **September 30, 2008**.

REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The Michigan Department of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this announcement.

CLOSING DATE

Applications for the 2006-2007 Charter School Dissemination Grant—Twelfth Cycle must be completed and submitted using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS). This system is available at <http://meis.mde.state.mi.us/megs> and requires a MEIS Login and Password, as well as the appropriate level of access to MEGS. The application criteria can be found on the Michigan Department of Education Grants website under the section "What's New": <http://michigan.gov/mde-grants>.

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APPLICATION PREPARATION, PAGE LIMIT AND FONT SIZE

Applications should be prepared simply and economically, with the narrative portion of the proposal being **no more than 15 pages in length, for one year proposals, and no more than 20 pages in length for two year proposals, double-spaced and with a font no smaller than 12-point font.** Relevant support documents attached to the application must be kept to a maximum of **seven (7) pages**.

PART II: REVIEW PROCESS, ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW CRITERIA INFORMATION

REVIEW PROCESS

A broad-based committee of individuals supportive of the systemic reform of public education and the charter school concept, and who are knowledgeable of educational and organizational concepts embodied in school reform will review the applications. Award selections will be based on merit, quality and thoroughness, as determined by points awarded for the *"Narrative Proposal"* and all relevant information. All applications will be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated to assure guidelines of the federal regulations are met. Only proposals that meet the federal guidelines for allowable activities with a priority focus will be considered. An eligible application under this program must focus the grant award on project specifics listed in this grant announcement.

All proposals will be evaluated based upon the information required in Narrative Proposal provided below. Applicants may wish to refer to the Michigan Department of Education's *"Proposal Development Guide"* for additional assistance in developing their proposal. This guide may be found under http://www.michigan.gov/documents/propdevguide_13484_7.pdf.

All funding will be subject to approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. All applicants will be notified of the Superintendent's action.

FUNDABLE ACTIVITIES

A charter school may use funds to assist other schools in adapting the charter school's program (or certain aspects of the charter school's program), or to disseminate information about the charter school, through such activities as:

- Assisting other individuals with the planning and start-up of one or more new public schools, including charter schools, that are independent of the assisting charter school and the assisting charter school's developers, and that agree to be held to at least as high a level of accountability as the assisting charter school;
- Developing partnerships with other public schools, including charter schools, designed to improve student academic achievement in each of the schools participating in the partnership;
- Developing curriculum materials, assessments, and other materials that promote increased student achievement and are based on current successful practices within the assisting charter school; and
- Conducting evaluations and developing materials that document the successful practices of the assisting charter school and that are designed to improve student performance in other schools.

A charter school may not use dissemination grant funds, either directly or through a contractor, for marketing or recruitment activities designed to promote itself or the programs offered by it or by a contractor to parents or the community.

NOTE: Applicants must target one or more of the fundable activities listed above.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payments to the grantee will be made upon filing the Department's "Expenditure/Request Form, DS-4492A." The grantee is permitted to request advance payments not exceeding actual immediate cash needs and reimbursement up to the total amount of the award. "Immediate cash needs" means that the recipient has incurred bills that must be paid within **30 days**.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING

As a condition of receiving Charter School Grant Program funding, all recipients will provide the Department with progress reports of their performance in meeting program objectives set forth in the application for grant. The performance reports should address the outcomes of the objectives that were outlined in your narrative and should clearly describe how the activities of the grant period met or failed to meet proposed goals and objectives. The reports are due on the following dates:

If applicant applies for and is awarded a one-year grant:

Monday, April 9, 2007

Monday, October 30, 2007 or 30 days after completion of project (Final Report)

If applicant applies for and is awarded a two-year grant:

Monday, April 9, 2007

Monday, October 30, 2007

Monday, April 9, 2008

Monday, October 30, 2008 (Final Narrative Performance Report)

A form for the performance reports will be available to those successful applicants via MEGS.

Grantees cannot receive more than two years of funding through this grant. If two years of funding are requested, it should be indicated in the budget and narrative. The second year funding will be released upon satisfactory completion of goals and objectives set forth for the first year, timely performance reporting, and any additional information that may be required by MDE staff. to ensure compliance with the requirements of the grant program.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Department's "Final Expenditure Report Form, DS-4044" is used for final financial reporting and is completed online **60 days** after completion of each grant. Failure to complete the DS-4044 could result in **loss of funding**.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Michigan Department of Education reserves the right to conduct a financial audit of the grantee's program expenditures at any time during the grant period.

WHERE TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE

These materials are issued by the Michigan Department of Education, Public School Academy Program and are the sole point of contact in the state for this program. Questions should be directed to the Public School Academy Program at 517/241-4715.

LIST OF ACADEMIES IN THEIR FOURTH YEAR

Following is a list of public school academies that have not received a dissemination grant and are in their fourth year of operation. Only those that have demonstrated overall success, including the following may apply:

- Substantial progress in improving student achievement;
- High levels of parent satisfaction; and
- The management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school may apply.

Eligible PSAs are listed below:

74908	Academic Transitional Academy of St. Clair	8/25/2003	13904	Battle Creek Area Learning Center	9/3/2002
82921	Academy for Business & Technology	8/18/1997	09902	Bay County Public School Academy	8/22/2001
73903	Academy for Technology & Enterprise	8/28/1995	09901	Bay-Arenac Community High School	8/28/1995
82909	Academy of Detroit-West	9/25/1995	82934	Benjamin Carson Academy	8/24/1998
25908	Academy of Flint	9/9/1999	11903	Benton Harbor Charter School	8/21/2000
82961	Academy of Inkster	8/23/1999	70904	Black River Public School	8/26/1996
63904	Academy of Lathrup Village	9/25/1995	82971	Blanche Kelso Bruce Academy (SDA)	9/4/2001
63908	Academy of Michigan	9/10/1997	74906	Blue Water Learning Academy (SDA)	9/5/2000
63902	Academy of Oak Park	9/25/1995	63917	Bradford Academy	8/28/2003
63903	Academy of Southfield	9/25/1995	25909	Burton Glen Charter Academy	9/9/1999
63916	Academy of Waterford	8/18/2003	41908	Byron Center Charter School	8/26/1996
82912	Academy of Westland	8/26/1996	82968	Canton Charter Academy	8/31/2000
63914	Advanced Technology Academy	8/28/2000	33907	Capital Area Academy	8/23/1999
63901	AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School	8/28/1995	82902	Casa Richard Academy	8/30/1995
82903	Aisha Shule/WEB Dubois Prep School	9/6/1995	51903	Casman Alternative Academy	9/2/1997
82955	Allen Academy	9/8/1999	25906	Center Academy	8/23/1999
81904	Ann Arbor Learning Community	9/8/1998	82949	Center for Literacy and Creativity	8/31/1998
13901	Arbor Academy	8/31/1998	81902	Central Academy	8/26/1996
63915	Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac	8/22/2001	82918	Cesar Chavez Academy	9/3/1996
50905	Arts Academy in the Woods	8/27/2001	82923	Chandler Park Academy	8/25/1997
17901	Bahweting Anishnabe PSA	9/28/1995	41920	Chandler Woods Charter Academy	8/25/1999

82936	Charlotte Forten Academy	8/31/1998	63911	Holly Academy	8/25/1999
47902	Charyl Stockwell Academy	8/19/1996	81901	Honey Creek Community School	9/5/1995
44901	Chatfield School	8/18/1997	82942	Hope Academy	8/25/1998
82960	Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts	8/23/1999	82957	Hope of Detroit Academy	9/1/1999
33901	Cole Academy	8/28/1995	41902	Horizons Community High School	8/28/1995
82914	Colin Powell Academy	8/27/1996	74905	Hospitality Academy of St Clair Co	8/24/2000
82919	Commonwealth Comm Dev Academy	9/4/1996	50903	Huron Academy	8/31/1999
05901	Concord Academy-Antrim	9/15/1998	74902	Industrial Technology Academy	9/3/1996
15901	Concord Academy-Boyne	10/2/1995	74907	Info Tech Acad of St Clair Co	8/24/2000
24901	Concord Academy-Petoskey	4/3/1995	25905	International Academy of Flint	9/7/1999
50904	Conner Creek Academy	8/31/1999	23901	Island City Academy	9/3/1996
50902	Conner Creek Academy East	8/25/1999	38903	Jackson Arts & Technology PSA	8/19/2003
11901	Countryside Academy	8/26/1996	82958	Joy Preparatory Academy	9/1/1999
26901	Creative Learn Academy	8/19/1996	39904	Kalamazoo Advantage Academy	8/31/1998
82969	Creative Montessori Academy	1/29/2001	47901	Kensington Woods High School	9/5/1995
41918	Creative Technologies Academy	8/25/1998	82976	Keystone Academy	8/19/2003
41916	Cross Creek Charter Academy	9/2/1997	41914	Knapp Charter Academy	9/2/1997
54901	Crossroads Charter Academy	8/25/1998	64901	Lakeshore Public Academy	8/8/1996
38901	da Vinci Institute	8/28/1995	74903	Landmark Academy	8/31/1999
82947	David Ellis Academy	8/31/1998	25907	Linden Charter Academy	8/25/1999
82928	Dearborn Academy	9/3/1997	50901	Macomb Academy	9/18/1995
82929	Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences	9/2/1997	82964	Marilyn F Lundy Academy	10/5/2000
82925	Detroit Community High School	9/2/1997	13903	Marshall Academy	9/5/2000
82945	Detroit Edison Public School Academy	9/9/1998	82910	Martin Luther King Jr Ed Center	10/24/1995
82974	Detroit Merit Charter Academy	10/10/2002	82924	Marvin L Winans Acad of Performing Arts	8/26/1997
82915	Detroit School of Industrial Arts	9/5/1996	50906	Merritt Academy	8/27/2002
03901	Discovery Elementary School	9/3/1996	82967	Metro Charter Academy	8/22/2000
82930	Dove Academy of Detroit	8/25/1997	82917	Michigan Health Academy	9/3/1996
70906	Eagle's Crest Charter Academy	9/2/1997	82907	Michigan Technical Academy	9/11/1995
63910	Edison Oakland Public School Academy	8/31/1999	56902	Midland Acad of Adv & Creative Studies	1/22/1997
33902	El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Academy	9/5/1995	33904	Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy	9/3/1996
13902	Endeavor Charter Academy	8/31/1998	37902	Morey Charter School	8/25/1997
41905	Excel Charter Academy	9/6/1995	50908	Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy	8/25/2003
73909	Francis Reh Public School Academy	9/8/1998	61903	Muskegon Technical Academy	9/4/2001
41913	Gateway Middle High School	9/2/1997	55901	Nah Tah Wahsh Public School Academy	4/28/1995
82911	Gaudior Academy	9/4/1996	82905	Nataki Talibah Schoolhouse of Detroit	9/5/1995
82937	George Crockett Academy	8/20/1998	58901	New Bedford Academy	8/24/1998
82963	George Washington Carver Academy	9/20/1999	82962	New Beginnings Academy	8/30/1999
25903	Grand Blanc Academy	8/23/1999	41901	New Branches School	8/29/1995
41921	Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center	8/22/2000	33908	New City Academy	8/31/1999
28902	Grand Traverse Academy	10/1/2000	73910	North Saginaw Charter Academy	8/25/1999
41911	Grattan Academy	9/16/1996	52901	North Star Academy	9/2/1997
63907	Great Lakes Academy	8/25/1997	25904	Northridge Academy	8/30/1999
82977	Hamtramck Academy	9/8/2003	15902	Northwest Academy	9/3/1996
74904	Health Careers Academy of St Clair	8/30/1999	82922	Nsoroma Institute	2/10/1997
82927	HEART Academy	9/2/1997	39903	Oakland Academy	8/21/1998
82926	Henry Ford Academy	8/26/1997	63912	Oakland International Academy	9/8/1999
30901	Hillsdale Preparatory School	8/25/1997	17902	Ojibwe Charter School	9/10/2003

82956	Old Redford Academy	8/30/1999	82943	Weston Technical Academy	8/31/1998
03902	Outlook Academy (SDA)	8/27/2002	33906	White Pine Academy	8/31/1999
12901	Pansophia Academy	9/5/1995	30902	Will Carleton Charter School Academy	8/31/1998
38902	Paragon Charter Academy	8/31/1998	41917	William C Abney Academy	9/8/1998
39905	Paramount Charter Academy	8/31/1998	33909	Windemere Park Charter Academy	8/30/1999
82939	Pierre Toussaint Academy	8/24/1998	56901	Windover High School	8/30/1995
82904	Plymouth Educational Center	8/28/1995	25902	Woodland Park Academy	1/6/1996
63906	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	1/21/1997	82913	Woodward Academy	9/3/1996
71902	Presque Isle Academy II	1/21/2001	82953	YMCA Service Learning Academy	8/31/1999
74909	Public Safety Academy of St. Clair County	8/25/2003			
37901	Renaissance Public School Academy	8/12/1996			
25910	Richfield Public School Academy	8/25/2003			
41919	Ridge Park Charter Academy	8/31/1998			
82975	Riverside Academy	9/1/2003			
82948	Ross Hill Academy Jr.	8/31/1998			
73905	Saginaw County Transition Academy	10/5/1995			
73908	Saginaw Preparatory Academy	9/15/1997			
33903	Sankofa Shule Academy	9/5/1995			
81905	South Arbor Charter Academy	8/30/1999			
74910	St. Clair County Academy of Style	8/25/2003			
74901	St. Clair County Learning Academy	11/13/1995			
82941	Star International Academy	9/10/1998			
82916	Summit Academy	8/28/1996			
82938	Summit Academy North	9/8/1998			
35901	Sunrise Education Center	9/3/1996			
82908	Thomas-Gist Academy North	9/1/1995			
61904	Three Oaks Public School Academy	9/3/2003			
59901	Threshold Academy	8/27/1997			
61902	Timberland Academy	9/2/1998			
	Timbuktu Academy of Science and				
82933	Technology	9/2/1997			
28901	Traverse Bay Community School	9/3/1996			
61901	Tri Valley Academy of Arts and Academics	8/28/1995			
82973	Trillium Academy	9/11/2002			
82950	Universal Academy	8/31/1998			
82965	University Preparatory Academy	9/5/2000			
70905	Vanderbilt Charter Academy	9/3/1996			
41910	Vanguard Charter Academy	9/3/1996			
41909	Vista Charter Academy	9/3/1996			
82940	Voyageur Academy	8/24/1998			
70901	Walden Green Montessori	4/3/1995			
41915	Walker Charter Academy	9/2/1997			
63913	Walton Charter Academy	8/25/1999			
82970	Warrendale Charter Academy	8/23/2001			
81903	Washtenaw Technical Middle College	9/2/1997			
70902	West MI Acad for Arts and Academics	8/19/1996			
41904	West MI Acad. of Environmental Science	8/28/1995			
82959	West Village Academy	9/9/1999			