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## DPI awards \$11.4 million in federal funding to Wisconsin charter schools

*Subgrants part of five-year federal program*

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction today announced it approved 12 federal subgrant awards totaling \$11.4 million for the purpose of planning, opening, or expanding charter schools in Wisconsin.

This is the first round of funding under a standard subgrant competition from a U.S. Department of Education grant program [awarded to Wisconsin to support charter school activities](#). The program provides awards for three purposes: planning and implementation subgrants for charter schools opening in fall 2025, implementation subgrants for charter schools that recently opened or will open in 2024, and subgrants to aid the expansion of existing high-quality charter schools.

The state's program prioritizes quality schools serving educationally disadvantaged students. The program also focuses on improving authorizer quality. High-quality charter schools must:

- Show evidence of strong academic results, including student academic achievement and growth
- Operate in a fiscally appropriate manner, meeting statutory/regulatory requirements; and
- Demonstrate success in significantly increasing student academic achievement, including graduation rates for all students.

The application period for the second round of competitive charter school subgrants for the 2024-25 school year opens this fall. [Visit the DPI's website for more information](#) on charter schools in Wisconsin.

A list of charter school subgrantees follows this news release.

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**NOTE:** This news release is available online on the [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's website](#).

# Charter School Subgrants

2024 Cohort 1

*Subgrant awards can be for up to five years*

## **Planning with Implementation Subgrants (#4) \$4,600,000**

Appleton Area School District

*Hmong American Immersion School, \$1,500,000*

Birchwood School District

*Birchwood STEAM and Career Academy, \$800,000*

University of Wisconsin-System, Office of Educational Opportunity

*Veritas Classical Academy, \$1,500,000*

Weyauwega-Fremont School District

*Weyauwega STEM Academy, \$800,000*

## **Implementation Subgrants (#3) \$2,000,000**

Cedar Grove-Belgium School District

*Rocket Academy, \$700,000*

Palmyra-Eagle School District

*Palmyra Eagle Montessori School, \$600,000*

University of Wisconsin-System, Office of Educational Opportunity

*New Leaf Prep Academy, \$700,000*

## **Expansion with Planning Subgrants (#3) \$3,000,000**

Elkhorn Area School District

*Options Virtual Charter School, \$1,000,000*

Green Bay Area Public Schools

*N.E.W School of Innovation, \$1,000,000*

Northern Ozaukee School District

*Sugar Maple Nature School, \$1,000,000*

## **Expansion Subgrants (#2) \$1,800,000**

City of Milwaukee

*Milwaukee Academy of Science, \$900,000*

Neenah Joint School District

*Alliance Charter School, \$900,000*