



## What's New with the Quality Counts Indiana Charter School Program Cohort Five Grant?

Please visit the IDOE Quality Counts [website](#) and reference the Cohort 5 RFP for full details.

- **Eligible Applicants:**

Existing schools that have expanded or wish to replicate:

Existing schools wishing to apply for Charter School Program Cohort 5 funding may meet the requirement for high quality through the quality of their RFP if no federal accountability grade is available for the 2019-2020 academic school year. Therefore, any existing Indiana charter school that expanded or wishes to replicate will be considered a high-quality applicant by meeting the expanded/replicate requirements and the quality of their submitted RFP.

A charter school that previously received a Quality Counts CSP subgrant for the opening replication, or expansion of a high-quality charter school is not eligible to receive a second subgrant for the same or a substantially similar purpose.

- **Grant Duration:**

The Cohort 5 Quality Counts subgrant project period will be thirteen months.

- **Grant Type:**

Applicants may submit a Quality Counts subgrant RFP for either a planning year grant or an implementation year grant. Charter schools applying for a planning grant may request a maximum of \$300,000. Charter schools applying for an implementation grant may request a maximum of \$900,000. The planning period ends at the end of the business day before the first day of school. All applicants will complete the same RFP and budget templates.

Cohort 5 applicants that are opening a school in 2022-2023 school year are ONLY eligible for the Planning Grant. Cohort 5 applicants that are opening a school in the 2021-2022 school year are ONLY eligible to apply for the Implementation grant. Cohort 5 applicants must have a school that is open and in operation in the 2021--2022 school year in order to qualify to apply for the Implementation Grant.

- **Preschool Expansion:**

Preschool costs may be allowable for Quality Counts grant recipients.

Quality Counts grant recipients need not, and should not, have preschool included in their charter agreement. Grantees may use Quality Counts funds to compensate an external partner to operate a preschool program with the grantee.