

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant Program	Public Charter School Grant Program - Implementation
Status	New - Competitive
Funds Requested	The request for funds per school is \$25,000-Planning and Program Design; First Year Implementation: \$200,000 (1-200 students) or \$250,000 (201+ students), Second Year Implementation: (\$50,000) (these amounts may vary depending on the requests)
Source of Funds	The source of funds is the Florida Department of Education through the US Department of Education. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.
School	Somerset Academy, Inc. (Somerset East Prep Middle {6 – 8})
Managing Department/School	The projects will be managed by the individual charter schools.
Source of Additional Information	Jody Perry 754-321-2135
Project Description	The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is inviting applications from eligible charter schools for its Public Charter School Grant Program to increase the number of high quality schools and improve student achievement. The Public Charter School Grant Program is a multi-year project with a maximum program performance period of three years (36 months) and is comprised of three budget periods. The programs include a professional development plan and a comprehensive curriculum design tailored to meet the needs of the targeted populations, as well as a description of the business, finance and accounting procedures; the governance and legal organization; and the administration and operations to be implemented at each charter school. The application incorporates one or more of the Areas of Focus included in Florida's Next Generation Pre-K – 20 Education Strategic Plan and addresses the reading and math/science initiatives of the FDOE.
Evaluation Plan	The evaluation procedures are designed to determine whether the specific objectives are fulfilled and, more globally, whether the overall goal of the program is met. Both formative and summative evaluative procedures will use qualitative and quantitative data to ensure that the program is effectively implemented and the outcomes are properly measured. The impact of the proposed project will be assessed by the school's ability to produce a high quality charter school, as defined by the agency, and improve student achievement through the program design and implementation development.
Research Methodology	The Public Charter School Grant Program contains all of the components that are consistently found in the literature to be the components of high quality charter schools (Berman, P., Nelson, B., Perry, R., Silverman, D., Solomon, D., and Kamprath, N., 1999).