**To:** Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Business Managers, and Facility Managers

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**Subject:** FY2023-24 Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant Application Deadlines

Dear Potential BEST Applicant,

**November 30, 2022** is the deadline for all potential applicants to notify CDE of their intent to apply for a BEST grant in the upcoming FY2023-24 grant round. Please complete the [Grant Manager registration](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftpIDfRaIbp6PDf112IkaIpqm0YvHGdvD4kg4Avv_lXbSkJw/viewform?usp=sf_link) form found [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNg4tX1hEVXhWm1HAEf6N2smLIRjjol2oxCC1Vx4wpNUYkBQ/viewform?usp=sf_link).

Other important dates to consider:

* **December, 2022**: Required match percentages will be posted.
* **January 9, 2023**: Application portal will open. The application can be accessed [HERE](http://www.cde.state.co.us/capitalconstruction/grantapplicationprocess) starting January 9th.
* **February 6, 2023**: Application portal will close at 4 p.m.
* **March-April, 2023**: Staff review and collaborate with applicant to finalize application.
* **May 15-17, 2023**: The Capital Construction Assistance Board willl meet to review applications and create a prioritized list of projects.
* **No later than June 20, 2023:** The State Board of Education will meet to review and vote on the prioritized list.
* **No later than July 15, 2023**: The Capital Development Committee will meet to review and vote on those projects recommended for financing through lease-purchase agreements.

For further information regarding BEST Grants, please contact your [Regional Program Manager](http://www.cde.state.co.us/capitalconstruction/contact) or check out the links below:

* [BEST grant homepage](http://www.cde.state.co.us/capitalconstruction/best)
* We strongly encourage applicants to take the self-paced grant application online training which will be updated and posted [HERE](http://www.cde.state.co.us/capitalconstruction/grantapplicationprocess) in December.
* All school buildings included in the applications will be prioritized for a facility assessment. Assessment information can be found on the [Assessment Portal](https://api.vfafacility.com/CDOEDashboard/). Please contact your Regional Program Manager to confirm the status of your assessment.