



COLORADO
Department of Education

SB 24-048
Recovery School Grant Program
Information Webinar

Application Deadline:
Wednesday, November 6, 2024,
by 4 pm

General Information

- The Recovery School Grant Program was created through SB24-048 and provides grants to recovery high schools for expenses related to assisting students who are living a life of sobriety.
- Approximately \$50,000 is available for the 2024-2025 school year. Available grant funding will be distributed to eligible Education Providers, based on the number of applications received. Additional grant funding for subsequent years will be contingent upon annual appropriations by the State Legislature, and grantees meeting all grant, fiscal, and reporting requirements. Funded applicants for the 2024-2025 school year are not guaranteed any additional funding beyond the 2024-2025 year.
- Funds must be expended by **June 30, 2025**. There will be no carryover of funds.

Eligibility

Per statute, eligible applicants are Recovery High Schools. A Recovery High School means a school that:

- Educates and supports students in recovery from substance use or co-occurring disorders, including self-harm and disordered eating;
- Intends that all students enrolled are working in an active and abstinence-focused program of recovery as determined by the student and the school;
- Provide support for families learning how to live with, and provide support for, their teens who are entering into the recovery lifestyle; and
- Meets state requirements for awarding a high school diploma.

Allowable Use of Funds

A recovery high school awarded this grant may use the money received through the program for expenses related to assisting students who are living a life of sobriety. Suggested services or activities include but are not limited to:

- school personnel, including salary and benefits;
- school staff professional development, including event registration fees, learning materials, and travel expenses;
- activities and services that assist students in maintaining sobriety; and
- transportation to these activities and services.

Note: Funding should not be used for food and may not be used for capital construction expenditures.

TIMELINE

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Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 4pm	Application Deadline
No later than January 1, 2025	Notification of Final Award Status
Monday June 30, 2025	Funds Must be Expended by Grant Recipients
Tuesday September 30, 2025	Annual Financial Report (AFR) due

Available Funds

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Grant Funding Distribution

- Available grant funding will be distributed to eligible Education Providers, based on the number of applications received.

Evaluation and Reporting

Per statute, each Recovery School that receives a grant through the Recovery School Grant Program is required to submit to CDE, at a minimum, a report detailing how the Recovery School used the grant money by July 1, 2025.

An Annual Financial Report must also be submitted to the Department on or before September 30, 2025.

Charter School Applications

Note: Applications will not be accepted from individual non-charter schools and must be authorized and submitted through the LEP.

Charter Schools: Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-30.5-104 (11), a charter school may choose to apply apart from their authorizer for a competitive grant program created by a federal or state statute or program. The charter school is considered the LEP only for the purposes of applying and determining eligibility. A charter school's authorizer will be the fiscal agent, if funded.

A charter school that applies for a grant shall provide to its authorizing district:

- A copy of the grant application at the time the application is submitted to CDE; and
- If the charter school receives the grant moneys, a summary of the grant requirements, a summary of how the charter school is using the grant moneys, and periodic reports on the charter school's progress in meeting the goals of the grant as stated in its application.

If a charter school intends to apply for a grant that the school's authorizing school district is also intending to apply for, the charter school shall seek to collaborate with the school district in the application and to submit the application jointly. If the charter school and the school district are unable to agree to collaborate in applying for the grant, the charter school may apply for the grant independently or in collaboration with other charter schools.

Information Needed for Application

Part I: Applicant Information and Program Assurances

Application Contact			
The person that CDE should contact if there any questions or additional information needed for this application.			
Name:		Title:	
Telephone:		E-mail:	
Program Contact			
The person who will be responsible for receiving communications from CDE staff about this program.			
Name:		Title:	
Telephone:		E-mail:	
Fiscal Manager			
For Charter School applicants, this will be a person from your authorizing district or CSI.			
Name:		Title:	
Telephone:		E-mail:	

Complete Application Request

Applicant Funding Request

- 1) In 1000 words or less, describe how grant funds will be used for expenses related to assisting students who are living a life of sobriety. Suggested elements of your response should include:
 - a. How the applicant meets the eligibility criteria, including a description of the students served.
 - b. Description of the proposed expenses and how the expenses were identified.
 - c. Description of the expected outcomes of funding the expenses, e.g. how these expenses will assist students who are living a life of sobriety.
 - d. Description of how the expenditures will be allocated based on identified needs.
 - e. How program efficacy will be determined.

Program Budget:

Complete your proposed program budget in GAINS.

How to Apply - DUE November 6, 2024

Step 1

- Click on this [Recovery Schools Grant Program webpage](#) to access information and forms

Step 2

- Review the Request for Application (RFA)

Step 3

- Gather information required on the application
- Determine your request

Step 4 - DUE November 6, 2024

- Access and submit the application using [GAINS](#)
 - Complete Part I: Applicant Information and Program Assurances
 - Complete Part II: Request and Budget

Step 5 - No later than January 1, 2025

- Applicants will be notified of their final award status

Step 6 - Once funding is determined, you will be asked to complete a budget

GAINS Resources

- [GAINS Training Resources](#) - Recordings, materials and links from previous and future system overview training opportunities
- [GAINS FAQ](#) - Short, quick answers to the most commonly asked questions.
- [Help Desk Ticket](#) - Stuck and not sure how to proceed in GAINS? Submit a Help Desk Ticket.

Charter Schools applying for grants in GAINS should use the [Charter School GAINS Access Form](#). Please note that, although Charter Schools will be able to login and submit their own applications through GAINS, they will still need to identify an LEA Fiscal Representative and LEA Authorized Representative from their authorizing district or the Charter School Institute.

- [Charter School GAINS Access Form](#)

Questions?

Program Questions:

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