

# Facilities Funding Process and Options for Charter Schools

## Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force (PSCOOTF)

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Partnering with New Mexico's communities to provide quality, sustainable school facilities for our students and educators.

# PSCOC Funding Programs

- The Capital Outlay Act, Chapter 22, Article 24 NMSA 1978, allows the PSCOC to make funding awards from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund (PSCOF) to school districts and charter schools for capital expenditures and projects.

## Capital Outlay Funding Programs Available to Charter Schools

Lease Assistance	Funding granted annually to partially reimburse lease payments for classroom facilities.
Facility Master Plan (FMP)	Funding to complete a 5-year Facilities Master Plan, as required for PSCOC funding.
Standards-Based	Funding for new schools, based on increased enrollment, replacement schools based on deficient existing school condition, renovation of existing schools, or additions to existing schools.
Systems-Based	Funding for the replacement of building systems intended to extend the life of a school facility, reduce maintenance costs, and minimize operational costs.
Pre-K	Funding to construct new or renovate existing Pre-K classrooms and restrooms.
Broadband	Federal funding for broadband equipment and/or infrastructure.

# Sources of Public School Capital Funding in NM

## State Sources \*

Direct Legislative Appropriation

NM Finance Authority Loan

Public School Capital Outlay Act

*PSCOC award process that distributes funds from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund*

**\* Federal sources supplement state and local funding in some districts:**

- Impact aid
- Forest reserve funds
- Department of Energy
- Department of Defense

## Local Sources \*

SB-9 (2 mill levy)

HB-33 (up to 10 mill levy)

Local General Obligation Bonds

Lease Purchase Act

Educational Technology Equipment Act

Public Building Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act

# Charter School Eligibility for PSCOC Funding

- Charter schools are eligible for capital outlay funding through PSCOC programs, if they meet criteria including:
  - At least 1 charter reauthorization (longevity of existence);
  - Requested project is included in the school district or charter school Facility Master Plan (FMP);
  - Locating or relocating into facilities that have a facility condition better than the statewide average public school facility weighted New Mexico condition index score (wNMCI), currently 23.40%; and
  - Charter must be housed in a public facility (for standards, systems and Pre-K awards).

# Average Weighted New Mexico Condition Index Requirement

- Pursuant to Subsection C of Section 22-8B-4.2 NMSA 1978 of the Charter Schools Act, as of July 1, 2011, *“a new charter school shall not open and an existing charter shall not relocate unless:*
  - *The facilities of the charter school, as measured by the New Mexico conditions index (wNMCI), to receive a rating equal to or better than the average condition of all New Mexico public schools for that year; or*
  - *The charter school demonstrates the ways in which the facilities will achieve a rating equal to or better than the average New Mexico conditions index within eighteen months of occupancy or relocation of the charter school.”*
- This provision was included to ensure charter schools do not move into substandard facilities, immediately assigned a high wNMCI score that would place them at the top of the prioritized state-wide list of all school facilities.

# Local Match Funding

- School districts and charter schools must have local funding ready at the time of the award.
- Local match percentage for district charter schools is the same as the district's local match percentage, and district offsets apply to the district charter award.
- Local match percentage for state charter schools is the same as the district in which the school is physically located, and offsets are applied to state charters based on legislative appropriations to that school.
  - State-chartered charter schools do not have access to mill levy or bond issuance funds.
  - District-chartered charter schools may not have access to the district's mill levy and bond issuance funds, or may receive a small portion of the funds from the district.
    - School district may fund the local match for a project at a district charter school.
    - School district may apply for a local match waiver for a district charter.

# Legislative Appropriations and Offsets

- Legislative appropriations made to school districts and charter schools can be used to fund capital projects.
- Appropriations to charter schools for capital projects will result in an offset balance for state charter schools or school districts for district charter schools, resulting in reduced state funding participation on PSCOC funded projects awarded in the future.
- School district offset balances are applied to awards for district charter schools, increasing the local match amount required for a capital project.
- District charter schools should work with their school district to be included on the list of the district's prioritized capital projects and initiate facility projects at the charter school.

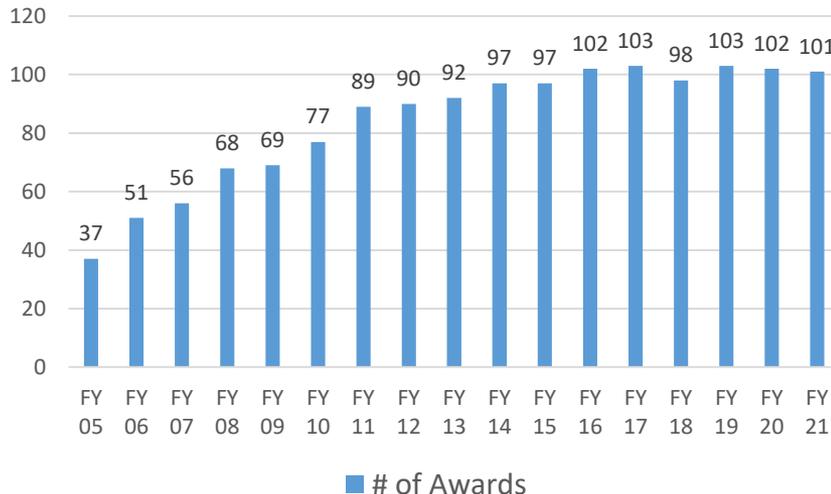
# Charter Schools in Top 300 of Statewide Ranking

Rank	District	School Name	wNMCI	Campus FCI
4	State Chartered School	The Albuquerque Sign Language Academy Charter School	64.81%	46.41%
10	Albuquerque	The International School at Mesa del Sol Charter School	50.70%	83.44%
11	Central Consolidated	Dream Dine	50.45%	93.51%
84	Aztec	Mosaic Academy	37.96%	83.31%
88	Albuquerque	El Camino Real Academy Charter School	37.56%	66.64%
123	Albuquerque	La Academia de Esperanza Charter School	35.37%	67.00%
125	State Chartered Schools	The MASTERS Program Early College Charter School	35.30%	65.32%
127	Carlsbad	Jefferson Montessori Academy	35.22%	63.34%
148	Jemez Valley	San Diego Riverside Charter School	33.45%	79.15%
149	Albuquerque	Public Academy for Performing Arts Charter School	33.36%	76.81%
178	State Chartered Schools	Amy Biehl Charter High School	32.34%	66.97%
234	State Chartered Schools	South Valley Preparatory Charter School	28.65%	71.69%
246	State Chartered Schools	Cesar Chavez Community Charter School	27.87%	62.67%
254	Albuquerque	Digital Arts and Technology Academy Charter School	27.51%	65.08%
283	Albuquerque	Native American Community Academy	25.93%	60.73%
284	Albuquerque	Health Leadership Charter High School	25.90%	64.07%
291	State Chartered Schools	Mission Achievement & Success 1.0 Charter School	25.46%	62.35%
295	Albuquerque	Cien Aguas International Charter School	25.28%	56.87%
297	State Chartered Schools	Alma d' Arte Charter High School	25.21%	62.22%

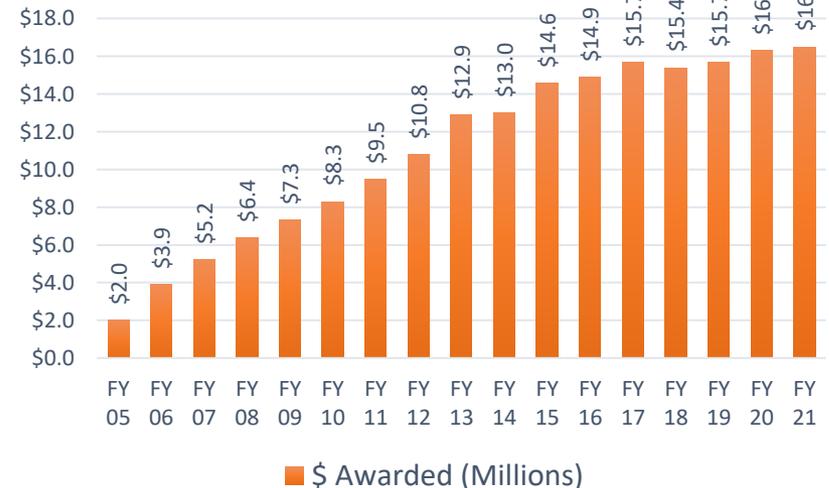
# Lease Assistance Awards

- Section 22-24-4 NMSA 1978 Subparagraph (I) provides that the PSCOC may expend funds annually for grants to charter schools and school districts for the purpose of making lease payments for classroom facilities.
- Since FY05, the PSCOC has awarded \$188.4M in Lease Assistance Awards (does not include FY22).

Number of Lease Assistance Awards per Year



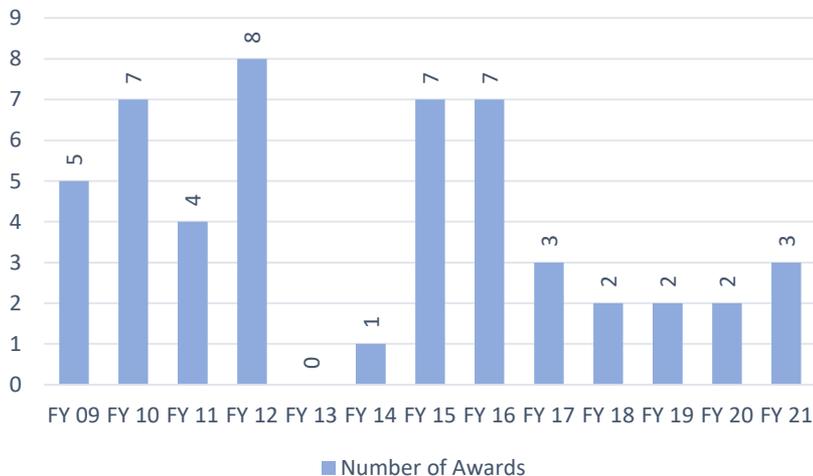
Lease Assistance Dollars Awarded



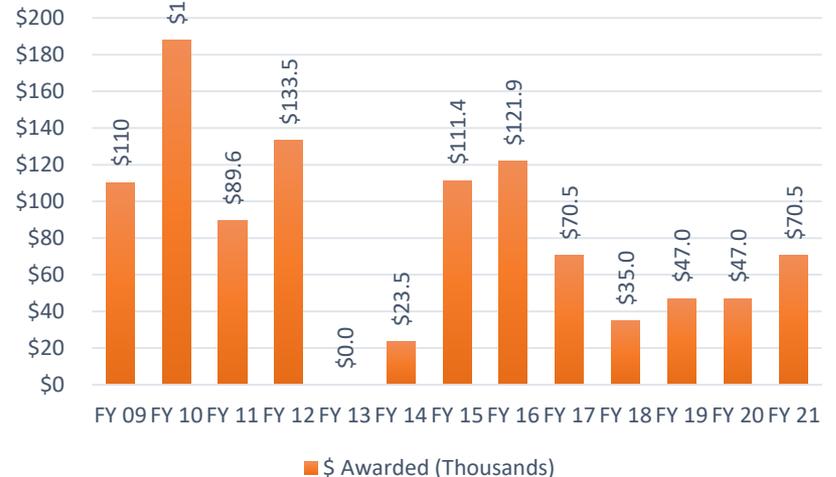
# Facilities Master Plan Assistance

- Charter schools may apply for a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Assistance award to partially fund the costs associated with the creation of an FMP.
- A school district or charter school is required to have a current five-year FMP to meet eligibility for capital funding, including lease assistance.
- District charter schools should be included in the district FMP.

Number of FMP Assistance Award per Year



FMP Assistance Dollars Awarded



# Standards-Based Awards to Charter Schools

- Six charter schools have received Standards-based awards, totaling \$19.4M.

Charter School	Total Project Cost
San Diego Riverside	\$2,933,333
Jefferson Montessori Academy	\$1,280,333
Moreno Valley HS	\$2,170,601
Cottonwood Valley	\$1,000,000
Anansi Charter School	\$3,094,377
Aldo Leopold*	\$9,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,478,644</b>

\* Project was not completed.

# Questions

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