



\$4 Million in New Federal Public Charter School Grants Awarded

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\$4 MILLION IN NEW FEDERAL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL GRANTS AWARDED TO TWO SUBGRANTEES IN FIRST CSP GRANT ROUND

Baltimore – (July 31, 2024) Maryland’s \$28 million *Maryland Momentum Project* led by the Maryland education non-profit The Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools (“MAPCS”) announced the award of \$4 million in competitive grant funding from the Federal Charter School Program.

A panel of third-party reviewers evaluated applications and awarded grants for two schools across Maryland: \$2,000,000 for New Village Academy to create 185 seats and \$2,000,000 for Bilingual Global Citizens Public Charter School to create 672 seats. These schools are free, public, and open to all students. The *Maryland Momentum Project* CSP grant is a competitive public charter school grant program funded under the Congressional *Every Students Succeeds Act*, which reauthorized the *Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965* (ESEA).

The grant awards are aimed at increasing the number of high-quality public charter school options for families throughout Maryland. Maryland’s charter schools have consistently delivered strong academic outcomes for students.

Maryland public charter schools serve all children across our state – urban, suburban, and rural.

Type	2023 Enrollment	Black	White	Hispanic	Special Ed	English Learners	Economically Disadvantaged
Statewide	97%	33%	33%	22%	12%	12%	39%
Charters	3%	67%	10%	8%	11%	3%	47%

Source: Maryland Report Card

New Village Academy, in Annapolis, is a small, innovative high-school that incorporates portfolios, internships, and the “learning ecosystem” of Annapolis. The public charter school is authorized by Anne Arundel County Public Schools and plans to open Fall 2025.

Bilingual Global Citizens Public Charter School is a K-8 Chinese and French dual language immersion school that plans to open in Fall 2025. The school is authorized by the Baltimore County Public Schools.

"We are proud to support these innovative school models in serving Maryland's public school students. This was an unprecedented grant round, with four high-quality applications for district-approved charter schools. Unfortunately, we were limited by the number of grants we could give out. The CSP grant is highly competitive, and we look forward to running the grant cycle next year to support new and expanding charter schools across Maryland." said McKenzie Allen, Executive Director.

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About the Federal CSP Grant

Maryland received \$28,700,000 million in funding over five years. At least 90 percent of these dollars will flow to public charter school subgrantees for school start-up, school replication and school expansion. At least seven percent must be utilized for state-level technical assistance activities and program evaluation/research. No more than three percent for MAPCS administration. MAPCS was one of only ten state entities across the country to receive competitive federal CSP grant funding in 2023. For more information see [here](#).

About Public Charter Schools

A public charter school is nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and is not affiliated with a sectarian school or religious institution. Public charter schools are open to all students who apply and cannot charge tuition. A charter school receiving CSP funds must use a random lottery if more students apply for admission to the charter school than can be admitted.

All Maryland public charter schools are operated by not-for-profit entities, with teaching staff as union members. Online-only schools are not permitted. Currently, there are 49 public charter schools in 7 Maryland counties, serving over 24,000 students, with four new schools approved to open by 2025.

About the Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools

The Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools ("MAPCS") is a nonpartisan, education nonprofit organization with a mission to enable the public charter school sector to thrive and advance the larger goal of ensuring all Maryland children and families have equitable access to a high-quality, innovative public education. For more information visit www.mdcharters.org.