



State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia
Impact Update

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Charter Growth Initiative



Activities to support new, replicating, and expanding charter schools

GEER II Subgrant

- \$2,716,525.93 in subgrants to 12 charter schools/networks
- Two cohort programs serving 9 charter schools/networks
- New charter school website and public information campaign; water bottles, yard signs, car magnets, and t-shirts distributed to charter schools across Georgia and community events
- 99.9% utilization of grant funds (\$4,088, 455.72)
- Onsite monitoring of subgrantees – no major findings
- No findings or notes on single audit



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Continuing the work to grow high-quality charter school seats

CSP State Entity Grant

- \$7.7 million in subgrants awarded to 6 charter schools
 - New Schools: The Anchor School, Excelsior Village Academies, Sankofa Montessori
 - Replications: GSIC, Utopian Academy for the Arts- Trilith
 - Expansion: Scintilla Charter Academy
- New School Leader Fellowship
 - Excelsior Village Academies
 - Second year: The Anchor School, Miles Ahead, Sankofa Montessori
- Replication & Expansion Cohort Program
 - Chattahoochee Hills Charter School
 - International Charter Academy of Georgia
 - Liberty Classical Schools
 - Spring Creek Charter Academy



Community Engagement

Spreading the word about Georgia's charter schools

- Atlanta School Choice Expo
- Charter Schools Day at the Capitol
- Charter School 101 presentations – Columbus, Royston, civic groups
- FindaGaCharter.org
- Collaboration with charter school partners



Training & Technical Assistance



Helping charter schools reach & maintain excellence

- Training & Interactive Sessions
 - New Schools Orientation: Who Does What at Charter Schools (org chart)
 - Governance Training: Fundraising 102 – Building a Case for Support, Local Government Engagement
 - GCSA Conference: AI in Schools, Financial Support after Year 1, Authorizer Standards
- Webinars with Partners
- Free, online certification program for school on inclusive education (with partner)
- One-on-one TA for school operations
- Weekly newsletter to schools with resources & reminders



Direct School Support

Awarding grants, facilitating donations, celebrating schools

- Book Vending Machine grant awards
 - Genesis Innovation Academy, Baconton Community Charter School
 - Over 1,000 books to students with the Book Wagon
 - 275 students recognized in Art of Connection – Exhibition of Student Art ([scsfga.org.art](http://scsfga.org/art))
 - Distributed over 1,400 microscopes to 15 schools
 - Sponsored 15 teachers at the Teacher Store to “shop” for \$500 of school supplies
 - Gave 245 dozen donuts to schools
 - Facilitated laptop distribution for 400 state charter school families
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- Upcoming: 22 Shining Star Teachers, 2 Book Vending Machine Grantees



We are here for charter schools!



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