



Board Agenda Item: IV E: Action Item

Date: March 24, 2022

To: Magnolia Public Schools (“**MPS**”) Board of Directors (the “**Board**”)

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RE: Approval of Charter School Facility Program Application by MPS on
Behalf of MSA-1, MSA-2, MSA-5 and MSA-7

I. Proposed Motion/Recommendation(s)

Staff recommends and moves that the MPS Board approves MPS to submit applications for funding through the Charter School Facility Program (“**CSFP**”) administered by the State of California Department of General Services Office of Public School Construction (“**OPSC**”) for such MPS schools as MPS Staff may deem appropriate, including, but not limited to, Magnolia Science Academy—1, Magnolia Science Academy—2, Magnolia Science Academy—5, and Magnolia Science Academy—7 and to take such actions and sign such documents as shall be necessary in order to submit such applications in accordance with CSFP requirements.

II. Background

On or about January 27, 2022, OPSC announced that it was opening up a new application filing round for the CSFP. The new funding round was approved by the State Allocation Board (“**SAB**”) at its January 26, 2022 meeting. Presently there is \$94 million available. The Magnolia Science Academy – Santa Ana project was funded by a CSFP grant. The CSFP provides preliminary apportionments (reservations of bond authority) for charter schools that provide classroom-based instruction. Projects can include the rehabilitation of district-owned facilities that are at least 15-years old or older, new construction, or a combination of the two. For a site to be eligible for funding, the title must be held by either a school district, governmental entity, or the charter school can request to hold the title if all requirements in Education Code Section 17078.63(a)(3) are met.

The applicant and charter school must be deemed financially sound by the California School Finance Authority to qualify for funding. The award consists of a 50% grant which does not need to be paid back and 50% loan which does need to be paid back. Projects funded with CSFP awards must meet various requirements including but not limited to bidding and prevailing wage requirements. In addition the governing Board of Directors of the applicant must pass resolutions authorizing the submission of an application for an award. MPS Staff anticipates submitting an application for MSA-1, MSA-2, MSA-5 and MSA-7. According to CSFP requirements MPS Staff has notified the Los Angeles Unified School District of its intention to submit applications for these schools.



The application filing period will begin on May 2, 2022 and close on June 3, 2022. Staff is endeavoring to submit its applications by the first day the filing round opens.

III. Budget & Conclusion

There is no current budgetary impact with this item.