



**Opening a Charter School in Maine
 Process & Timing Estimates**

| | | Authorizers | | Founders | | MDOE | MACS | |
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| 2011 | May | Legislature passes enabling Charter legislation! Governor signs legislation into law, effective 90 days later - circa 8/31 | | | | | | |
| | June | Organize & Plan | Develop Application Process | | Organize & Plan | Develop School Plan | Organize Charter School Office & Provide Information | Provide Information & Technical Assistance |
| | July | | | | | | | |
| | August | | | | | | | |
| | September | | Announce Application Process & Accept Applications | Maximum 90 days to 1. Review an Application 2. Approve or Reject it | Submit Application to Authorizer | Prepare Federal Grant Application | | |
| | October | | | | | | | |
| | November | | | | | | | |
| | December | | | | | | | |
| January | Earliest Charter Applications Approved | | Earliest Charter Applications Approved | | Federal Grant Application Due | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | |
| March | Negotiate Performance Contract | | Earliest Charter Schools Could Open (with approved Performance Contract) | | Negotiate Performance Contract (Must be finalized at 60 days before school opens) | Prepare Grant Application & Submit to MDOE | Accept & Review Sub-grant Applications | |
| April | | | | | | | | |
| May | | | | | | | | |
| June | Monitor Performance | | Prepare School for Opening | | Charter School Could Open (with approved Performance Contract) | | Award Sub-Grants | |
| July | | | | | | | | |
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Federal Charter School Grant Program

Process & Timing Estimates

- Planning & Start-up Grants
- 5% for MDOE Administration

| Typical Annual cycle - State Education Agency (SEA) | |
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| December 2011 | Applications Published in Federal Register |
| February 2012 | Applications Due |
| May 2012 | Awards Announced |
| July 2012 | Funds Available |

| Sub-grants from the Maine Department of Education (To Charter Schools with approved Charters if Maine's SEA Application is Approved) | |
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| February 2012 | <p>Maine submits SEA Application (Includes MDOE's Management Plan for its federally-funded Charter School Program.)</p> <p>Authorizers & Founders, meanwhile, are financing their organizing and planning with own resources and possible mini-grants</p> |
| May 2012 To June 2012 | <p>MDOE Announces Award Issues Information & Application Forms to eligible Founders</p> |
| August 2012 To December 2012 | <p>MDOE Awards first Sub-Grants</p> |

OR

| Typical Annual Cycle - For Individual Schools if MDOE does not apply | |
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| June 2012 | Applications Published in Federal Register |
| July 2012 | Applications Due |
| September 2012 | Awards Announced Funds Available |