

# Opportunity Funding for Mental Health Services

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Funding Period: Fiscal Year 2021

**Delaware Department of Education  
Opportunity Funding Form  
2020-2021 School Year**

Opportunity Funding  
*Directed funds for mental health services for students identified as  
low-income or English Learners*

**Application deadline: Friday, July 31, 2020**

**Purpose:** The Opportunity Funding directed to mental health services provides \$5.0 million in FY20, \$2.5 million in HB 225 (Annual Appropriations Act) and \$2.5 million authorized in HB 226 (One-Time Supplemental). With a total supplemental amount of \$7.5 million over three years, the total amount will be \$15 million *contingent on future appropriations*. The Opportunity Fund is to provide additional funding for English Learner (EL) and low-income students.

For FY21, \$2.5 million is appropriated through HB 240 (Annual Appropriations Act). The guiding language regarding these funds and eligibility was amended through HB260 (Grants- In-Aid Act). The \$2.5 million allocated is supplemented with the \$2.5 million from HB 226 as referenced above. A total of \$5 million is appropriated for FY21.

These funds continue to be apportioned to schools which qualify for a Reading Interventionist under the Student Success Block Grant.

This funding shall be used by school districts and charter schools for *mental health services* in the form of school counselors, school social workers or licensed clinical social workers, school psychologists, and/or for additional reading supports for grades K-5. Services may include the employment of staff, where such funding may be used to cover 100 percent of personnel costs on a 10 to 12-month basis and/or contracted services.

**Allocation Method:** Amounts vary per school and that amount is indicated below. Each LEA has already received the first half of the funding; the second amount will be released upon receipt and approval of this application.

DISTRICT/CHARTER NAME: Edison (Thomas A.) Charter School
ADDRESS: 2200 N. Locust Street
CONTACT NAME: Patricia S. Winder
CONTACT PHONE: 302-778-1101
CONTACT EMAIL: patricia.winder@tecs.k12.de.us
ALLOCATION AMOUNT: \$172,360

**Questions:**

1. What mental health needs of your identified low-income and English learner students will you be addressing through these mental health services funds? *(Please indicate N/A if these funds are solely being used for reading supports for the two subgroups – EL and low-income.)*

Thomas A. Edison Charter School (TECS) is a Title I school in Wilmington, Delaware, located in a low-income, high poverty, Inner-city, high needs, high crime area. Serving kindergarten through grade 8, TECS has a 99% African American student population with over 75% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

With these funds, we will be addressing the need to support low-income and ELL students struggling with academics, trauma, grief/loss, and now increased stress, anxiety, depression, and other hardships during COVID-19, by providing remotely and in person access to an In-House Therapist, intensive therapeutic support, and a reading Interventionist.

2. What kind of mental health services personnel are you hiring or contracting (school counselor, school social worker, licensed clinical social worker or school psychologist)?

We will hire an In-House Therapist - Four days a week, for 7 hours @\$85 per hour to provide individual and group counseling.

We will also hire two Interventionists to provide intensive therapeutic support for students with behavioral needs. Interventionists work with the therapist to help students acquire the social-emotional skills necessary to become an engaged learner. The In-House Therapist and Interventionists will be contracted through Delaware Guidance Services for Children & Youth.

3. Are you using these funds for reading supports for your identified low-income and English learner students in addition to mental health services or in lieu of mental health services? If so, what types of supports/services will be provided?

We will hire an additional full-time reading interventionist to support our low income and ELL students.

4. How will you know if these services or supports are effective?

We will measure the effectiveness of these services and supports by periodically evaluating teacher and parent feedback, discipline referrals, attendance, report card grades and assessments, and other student success outcomes.

5. Is this money being used to contract services?

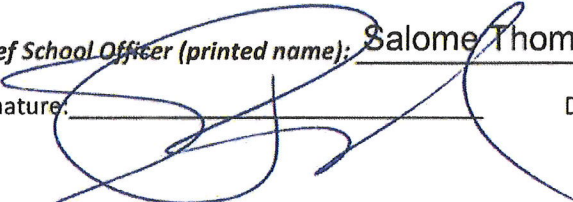
YES  NO

6. Please complete the State Funds Budget Form and State Budget Summary Form (attached).

**Assurances and signatures:**

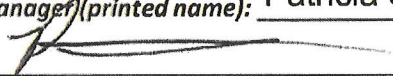
As the chief school officer of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I am also authorized to obligate the district or charter school to conduct any activity approved under this form in accordance with all applicable state requirements, including statutory and regulatory requirements, and program specific requirements. The information contained in it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that

1. I understand that this funding may not be used to supplant otherwise available funding.
2. I understand that our district shall be authorized to assess a local match to provide for the local contribution of personnel costs associated with this appropriation (districts only).

**Chief School Officer (printed name):** Salome Thomas-EL  
Signature:  Date: 09/01/2020

As the business manager of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I have read this form and reviewed the financial information contained in this form. The information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have reviewed and approve the submission of the budgetary information for this form. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that

1. I understand that this funding may not be used to supplant otherwise available funding.
2. I understand that our district shall be authorized to assess a local match to provide for the local contribution of personnel costs associated with this appropriation (districts only).

**Business manager (printed name):** Patricia S. Winder  
Signature:  Date: 09/01/2020

By signing this form, I am approving the plan submitted by the district or charter.

**Secretary of Education/Designee (printed name):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## State of Delaware Department of Education State Funds Budget Form

**State Subgrant:** FY 21 Uppt Fund Mental Health and/or Reading Support  
**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LEA/Agency:** Thomas A. Edison Charter School

**Project Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Project End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Expense Types and Account Codes: Salaries (5100) and Other Employee Costs (5120)						
Employee Name	Title	FTE Percentage		State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
<b>PROFESSIONAL:</b>						
	Reading Interventionist	100%		\$ \$45,900.00	\$	\$ \$45,900.00
				Professional Subtotal	\$45,900.00	\$45,900.00
<b>SUBSTITUTES:</b>						
				\$	\$	\$
				Substitutes Subtotal		
<b>SUPPORT STAFF:</b>						
				\$	\$	\$
				Support Staff Subtotal		
<b>STUDENTS:</b>						
				\$	\$	\$
				Students Subtotal		
<b>SALARY TOTAL:</b>				\$45,900.00		\$45,900.00
<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS:</b>						
FICA		6.20%		\$2,845.80		\$2,845.80
Medicare		1.45%		\$665.55		\$665.55
Pension		22.95%		\$10,534.05		\$10,534.05
Workman's Comp		1.55%		\$711.45		\$711.45
Unemployment Insurance		0.11%		\$50.49		\$50.49
		32.26%				
Health Insurance/Other Non-taxed Benefits			\$15,013.00			
<b>OEC TOTAL:</b>				\$14,807.34		\$14,807.34
<b>SALARY AND OEC TOTAL:</b>				\$60,707.34		\$60,707.34



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**LEA/Agency:** Thomas A. Edison Charter School

**Project Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Project End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Expense Types and Account Codes: Travel (5400)					
Destination	Purpose	# of Travelers	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
			\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL TRAVEL COSTS</b>					

Expense Types and Account Codes: Contractual Services (5500)				
Vendor Name	Service Provided	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
		\$	\$	\$
DGS	In-House Therapist - 4 days a week, for 7 hours @\$85 per hr	\$66,652.66		\$66,652.66
DGS	Two - Therapeutic support Interventionist @\$275 per day each	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES COSTS</b>		<b>\$111,652.66</b>		<b>\$111,652.66</b>

Expense Types and Account Codes: Supplies and Materials (5600)					
Item Description	Quantity	Unit Price	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
			\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS COSTS</b>					



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**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LEA/Agency:** Thomas A. Edison Charter School

**Project Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Project End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Expense Types and Account Codes: Capital Outlay (5700)					
Item Description	Quantity	Unit Price	State Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Funds
<u>Replacement Equipment</u>			\$	\$	\$
<u>New Equipment</u>					
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS COSTS</b>					
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$172,360.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$172,360.00</b>





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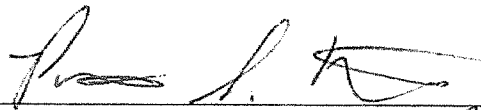
**BUDGET SUMMARY OF STATE FUNDS**

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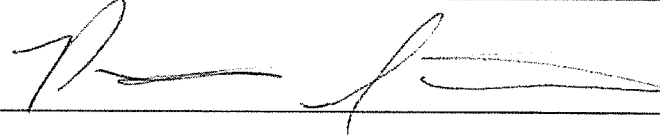
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<i>Account Code</i>	<i>5100</i>	<i>5120</i>	<i>5400</i>	<i>5500</i>	<i>5600</i>	<i>5700</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Account Code Name</i>	<i>Salaries</i>	<i>OEC's</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Contracted Services</i>	<i>Supplies &amp; Materials</i>	<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<i>Budget</i>
<i>Total Budget</i>	\$45,900.00	\$14,807.34		\$111,652.66			\$172,360.00

Completed By: 

Date: 9/1/2020

**Chief Financial Officer or Business Manager:** 

Date: 9/1/2020