



**Opportunity Funding**  
**Combined application for Flexible funding and Mental Health and/or**  
**Reading funding**

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**Funding Period: Fiscal Year 2023**

**Opportunity Funding**

*Directed Funds for students identified as English Learners and students from low-income households*

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Application deadline: July 29,2022

**Purpose:** Senate Bill 56 of the 151st General Assembly codified the Opportunity Fund, an additional source of education funding for Delaware public schools intended to support the increased needs of low income and English learner students, and established the parameters for how the funding is to be distributed and the usages reported. Epilogue language in the annual appropriations Act provides further parameters regarding usage and allocation.

**For FY23, this is a combined school-based application for both the Flexible funding and Mental Health and/or Reading funding (if applicable) allocations.**

**Appropriation Allocation Method:**

**Flexible Funding** - \$30 Million to be allocated. LEAs will receive school-based allocations at \$616.35 per English learner (EL) and \$616.35 per low-income (LI) student. LEAs shall have flexibility in the use of these funds to enhance services to EL and LI students, including using these funds to cover 100% of personnel costs for associated staff, contractual services, supplies and materials, or other expenditures deemed necessary to provide additional supports to these populations. Staff may include, but not be limited to, personnel dedicated to improving reading comprehension and math proficiency, or who provide additional wrap-around services or mental health supports. Funding allocations shall be made available to LEAs upon the passage of the FY23 budget so that in early July LEAs may begin to hire staff, procure instructional materials, execute contracts for services, and plan for the upcoming school year.

**Mental Health and/or Reading** - \$8 million to be apportioned to schools which meet the following criteria based on prior year unit count: (1) a grade configuration containing kindergarten through fourth grade and (2) greater than or equal to 30% Low income and/or greater than or equal to 10% English learner enrollment. These funds for mental health support shall be in the form of school counselors, school social workers or licensed clinical social workers, school psychologist and/or for additional reading supports for grade K-5. Services may include the employment of staff, where such funding may be used to cover 100% of personnel costs on a 10-12-month basis and/or contracted services.

All districts shall be authorized to assess a local match to provide for the local costs associated with this appropriation.

**Accountability:**

For FY23, local school boards shall allocate not less than 98% of the total allocation it receives generated by a specific school to that school. A local school board that wishes to allocate the funds in a different manner may do so in accordance with 14 Del. C. §1704(4).

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Districts and charter schools shall submit an annual report to the Department of Education on the use of the funds no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year detailing how each school expended the funds earned and total expenditures by school, and make those reports publicly available on their website.

**Metrics:** Academic growth, progress toward English language proficiency (ELP) and mathematics proficiency, and reduction in chronic absenteeism.

In addition to the accountability measure data, the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) will provide support by offering:

- Toolkits on evidence-based best practices for improving outcomes for EL and low-income students.
- Guidance for selecting high quality instructional materials.
- Technical support enabling LEAs to take a comprehensive look at their funding streams in order to maximize and coordinate them.
- Professional learning provided by content experts.
- Sharing best practices in a variety of ways including regular meetings with curriculum directors, chiefs/principals, social media and presentations.

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**District/Charter Information**

DISTRICT/CHARTER NAME: Academy of Dover Charter School		
DISTRICT/CHARTER STREET ADDRESS: 104 Saulsbury Road	CITY: Dover	ZIP CODE: 19904

**Main Contact Information**

CONTACT NAME: Dr. Michele Marinucci	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: 302-678-0684
CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS: Michele.marinucci@aod.k12.de.us	

School Name	Flexible Funding	Total Flex LEA	Mental Health and/or Reading	Total MH and/or Reading LEA
(584) Academy Of Dover Charter School	\$126,352.00		\$82,226	
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Investment and Goals by SCHOOL

Provide additional detail about the plan in the chart by school for each Opportunity Funding investment with its associated cost and proposed impact. These charts should be copied and completed for each school receiving funds. *For each investment, include baseline data and numeric targets to measure impact. A state budget sheet will be completed by the district/charter after the plan has been approved.*

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Will 98% of flexible funding remain allocated to this school?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will 98% of mental health and/or reading funds remain allocated to this school?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b><u>Flexible Funding Investment (05297)</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Expected Impact</u></b> (Explain the expected impact of this investment and how you will measure effectiveness.)	<b><u>Continued Opp. Funding investment from 2021-22?</u></b>
<i>EXAMPLE: Hire full time 1 social worker</i>	<i>\$42,000</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<p><i>EXAMPLE: Contracted full-time school-based EL coach</i></p>	<p>\$70,000</p>	<p><i>Example: The contracted English learner coach will support schoolwide implementation of the WIDA English Language Development Standards. The coach will provide professional learning and in-classroom supports to all educators on the integration of content and language. The expected impact is a change in teacher practice, based on classroom walkthroughs, ultimately leading to increased outcomes on both content assessments and ACCESS ELP targets.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Additional paraprofessionals to assist with meeting the needs of EL and low income students</b></p>	<p>126,352</p>	<p><b>This funding is used to provide additional staff support for our Academy. We have a high population of low-income students as well as ELs that will be supported by these funds. This funding is used for salaries to support our students. This funding will support the salary of additional paraprofessionals to help the students receive additional specialized instruction and support, specifically in the areas of reading, math and social emotional needs. The expected impact is an increase in academic and social emotional growth for EL and Low Income students.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<b><u>Mental Health and/or Reading (if applicable) (05311)</u></b>	<b><u>Cost (hired or contracted, if applicable)</u></b>	<b><u>Expected Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Continued Opp. Funding investment from 2021-22?</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Counselor</li> <li>• School Social Worker</li> <li>• Licensed Clinical Social Worker</li> <li>• School Psychologist</li> <li>• Reading Supports</li> </ul>			
<i>e.g., School Counselor (partial funding)</i>	\$39,094 <i>(Hired)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>School Counselor (partial funding)</i>	82,226	We have many students who have mental health needs and who are also identified as low-income and English language learners. These additional funds will continue to provide for the support of these students through partial funding of the salary of the school counselor. The counselor has a case load of students to see on a regular basis and assists with ensuring the academic and social emotional needs of these students remain met.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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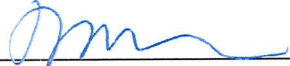


**Assurances and Signatures**

The applicant assures that:

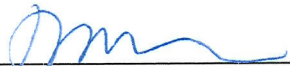
As the chief school officer of the district or charter school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I am also authorized to obligate the district or charter school to conduct any activity approved under this form in accordance with all applicable state requirements, including statutory, regulatory, 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.

**Chief School Officer:** Dr. Michele Marinucci

Signature:  Date: July 15, 2022

As the business manager of the district or charter school, I am authorized to submit the budget(s) and financial information contained 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 approved the submission of the budget(s) for the form. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements.

**Business Manager:** Dr. Michele Marinucci

Signature:  Date: July 15, 2022

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

**Secretary of Education/Designee:** Cora L. Scott, Deputy Secretary of Education

SKH  7/18/22

Signature:  Date: 7/18/22

