June 2019 Charter Schools Stimulus Fund Grant Project Summaries

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**BACKGROUND**

The Institute acknowledges that facility financing options for charter schools are limited. Therefore, this RFP calls only for proposals that focus on facility construction, renovation, financing, leasehold improvements, and other facility related expenses. Only schools that own their facilities, are seeking to purchase facilities or have a three year lease as described in the RFP are eligible to apply.

Charter schools authorized by the SUNY Trustees, Chancellor of the New York City School District, the Board of Regents/NYSED and the Buffalo Board of Education are eligible to apply. Given the amount of funding distributed over the history of this grant, schools that have been awarded more than $350,000 of Charter Schools Stimulus Funds at any time prior to this RFP are not eligible to apply. In general, schools in co-located school district space or receiving rental assistance funding are ineligible.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

The SUNY Charter Schools Institute received nine grant applications, two of which were determined to be ineligible (one each authorized by SUNY and the Board of Regents).

**SCORING/RECOGNITION POINTS**

A school can receive up to 20 points in recognition of grant specified goals related to academic performance, educational enrichment with arts programming, lack of district facility support, and security projects.
PROPOSED Awardees

**Albany Leadership Charter High School for Girls**  
District: Albany City School District  
Authorizer: SUNY  
Average Score: 75  
The school requests a grant to offset soft costs associated with the bond financing purchase of the current leased facility. The building was built in 2010 with the charter school as the only tenant now serving 350 students in grades 9-12. The financing is expected to close on or before June 30, 2019. Phase II of the project will include upgrading the building security system with the funds saved from outlay of closing costs.

**Buffalo Collegiate Charter School**  
District: Buffalo City School District  
Authorizer: SUNY  
Average Score: 89  
The school requests a grant to assist with costs incurred for build out of the charter school’s first home. The construction involved classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria space as well as electrical, HVAC, flooring, doors, windows, painting and fire safety components necessary to obtain the Certificate of Occupancy. The school opened its doors in August 2018 serving 115 students in grades 4 and 5.

**Charter School of Educational Excellence**  
District: Yonkers School District  
Authorizer: Board of Regents  
Average Score: 82  
The school requests a grant to assist with the cost of constructing a new 57,000 sq. ft., 4 story building adjacent to the current facility to support the approved grade expansion from K-8 to K-12. The grant will assist with the cost of asbestos removal/demolition/excavation of the site. Bond financing for the new construction is expected to be finalized July 2019.

**Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School**  
District: Elmira City School District  
Authorizer: SUNY  
Average Score: 69  
The school requests a grant to assist with the cost to renovate a former district middle school building including upgrades and expansion to the video surveillance system and existing door system; installation of privacy window shades; expanding classroom space to accommodate grade level expansion; and, a railing for the auditorium balcony. The school serves grades K-6 with 360 students. The grant represents the full amount requested by the school.
**OnTECH Charter High School**

**District:** Syracuse City School District  
**Authorizer:** Board of Regents  
**Average Score:** 83

The school requests a grant to install an efficient cooling and ventilation system to support the 20,000 sq. ft. building. The improved HVAC system would allow the charter school to provide year round programming for certain students. The charter school is in its first year of operation serving 85 students in 9th grade.

**University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men**

**District:** Rochester City School District  
**Authorizer:** SUNY  
**Average Score:** 60

The school requests a grant to replace 50-70 year old single pane windows that fully slide open causing safety issues with new energy efficient replacement windows and secured window air conditioner units. The project will address window safety concerns as well as interior climate and efficiency concerns. The school serves grades 7-12 with 450 students.

**Utica Academy of Science Charter School**

**District:** Utica City School District  
**Authorizer:** Board of Regents  
**Average Score:** 79

The school requests a grant to assist with the cost to add six additional classrooms for art, technology, resource intervention and special education. The additional space will allow the school to advance the curriculum from STEM to STEAM by providing performance and visual arts programming. Building permits are completed and work is underway. The school serves 594 students in K-1 and 6-12. The grant funds would cover a portion of the total project and be used for the demolition, site work and foundation.