

What's New with the Quality Counts Indiana Charter School Program Cohort Two Grant?

Please find below an outline of **major changes** in the Cohort 2 RFP Application. Please read the application carefully, this is NOT a comprehensive list of all changes that have been made between the Cohort 1 application and Cohort 2 application, but rather a list of highlights. Applicants who applied and were not awarded a grant in Cohort 1 and are reapplying for a grant in Cohort 2, are responsible for revising their application to meet the requirements of the Cohort 2 application.

Funds available for the Cohort 2 RFP Competition total approximately \$14.4 million dollars.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Please see new guidance on new school applicants qualifying as a “High Quality” school
- **Eligible Applicants:** Please see updated guidance on qualifying as an early childhood program, postsecondary program, or rural school
- **Availability of Funds:** please see updated guidance about planning period, reimbursement dates, and technical assistance grant eligibility
- **Enrollment Policy:** please see updated guidance regarding preference for free and reduced lunch qualifying students
- **Authorizer Contact Information:** Please see updated guidance and requirements for authorizer signature and support in this section
- **Assurances:** Please see new assurance requirements under number 11 and 12.
- **Optional Elements:** Please note new guidance regarding the usage of charter application content and answer content. Answer content must be included in full in the answer field and applicants may not reference to charter application pages as a substitute for answers.
- **Required Elements:** Please note new guidance regarding the usage of charter application content and answer content. Answer content must be included in full in the answer field and applicants may not reference to charter application pages as a substitute for answers.
- **Required Elements:** Please note the addition of a question for new/opening schools under question 2.
- **Required Elements:** Please note the switch in order of questions under question 4.
- **Required Appendices:** Please note the addition of required Appendix H.