

691-3-.04 Norm-Referenced Assessment Assistance Grant

1. **Purpose.** This grant will provide financial assistance to state charter schools that are required to administer a nationally norm-referenced assessment to offset the cost of purchasing and administering the assessment. This grant is intended to be used for nationally norm-referenced assessments that are part of the school's schoolwide assessment program and is not intended for costs related to assessments administered to individual students to determine the need for differentiated instruction or compensatory services.
2. **Terms and Conditions.** This application is only for state charter schools that are required to administer a nationally norm-referenced assessment as a result of its charter contract. All recipients must conduct charter school programs in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Funding will be provided to schools that receive an award on a reimbursement basis. To receive funding that it has been awarded, a school must provide the SCSC an invoice from the assessment provider that the school has a legal obligation to remit funding to the assessment provider for products or services provided in relation to the administration of a nationally norm-referenced assessment in the current school year. Grant awards may be expended only on nationally norm-referenced assessments recognized by the SCSC and identified in the grant application.
3. **Eligible Recipients.** All state charter schools that are required to administer a nationally norm-referenced assessment as a result of its charter contract are eligible to apply.
4. **Criteria for Award.** Awards under this grant will be made on a formula basis. Each school eligible for an award will receive a pro-rata level of assistance calculated by dividing the total funding available under this grant by the overall cost of the nationally norm-referenced assessment administration for eligible schools.
5. **Directions and Deadlines for Applying.** Requests for information and applications should be directed to the Business and Operations Manager, State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia, 1470B Twin Towers East, 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. Specific deadlines will be included in the associated application package.

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