

Daniels Fund Charter School Grants

Bill Daniels direction in the area of education was “to support innovative education initiatives...such as charter schools”. In order to accomplish this goal, the Daniels Fund offers planning, start-up, and operations grants under the umbrella of K-12 education reform. The Daniels Fund also supports non-profit organizations that promote the charter movement in our four-state region (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) as well as nationally, including programs and projects which incorporate charter school information/resources, technical support and advocacy. Please contact grantsinfo@danielsfund.org for additional information on charter school funding or consult the Daniels Fund website at www.danielsfund.org:

Charter School Proposal Guidelines

Please include the following items with your submission:

- Daniels Fund grant application and organization summary form
- Charter school outcomes template and school performance table
- Charter application executive summary with evidence of authorization
- School organizational chart
- Business plan [5 year preferred]

Please note, Schools and organizations should generally request no more than 10% of their current operating budget as a proposed grant amount.

Planning	Start-up	Operations
<p>The request should focus on applying for a charter and planning the school until the charter gets approved. Items might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convening a design team to develop an academic plan, including standards, assessments, curricula and pedagogy • Retaining a technical assistance provider to assist in developing a charter application • Retaining a technical assistance provider to assist in developing a business plan that includes a pre-operating budget and financial projections for the school’s first 3-5 years of operation • Publishing marketing and enrollment materials, including applications, brochures and fliers • Retaining attorneys, consultants, etc. for key planning and charter negotiation services • Facilities search and acquisition costs • Travel, lodging and fees for visits to other charter schools, charter conferences and meetings 	<p>To assist a charter school <u>during</u> its first two years of operation. The request should focus on students and their academic development. Items might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furnishings • Equipment • Materials • Staff training • Programming/Curriculum 	<p>To assist a charter school <u>after</u> its first two years of operation. The request should focus on students and their academic development, and are generally made once every three years. Items might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials • Staff training • Programming/Curriculum