

June 14, 2018

Via: Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail Katrina.Johantgen@treasurer.ca.gov

Katrina Johantgen, Executive Director California School Finance Authority 915 Capitol Mall, Suite 101 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Appeal of Staff Determination of Ineligibility and Request for Reconsideration

Dear Ms. Johantgen:

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Executive Director

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Charter School Facility Grant Program LEGAL STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE

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R	esponse: None noted
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Charter School Facility Grant Program CHARTER SCHOOL CERTIFICATION

I/We hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this data is true and correct and that all data reported on this application have been compiled and reported in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, general legal assurances, and instructions to prepare this report form. I/We further certify that the Charter School will comply with all program requirements as outlined in Education Code section 46714.5 and Article 1.5 of Division 15 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations (commencing with section 10170.1). I/We attest we have provided full disclosure and understand misrepresentation can cause ineligibility to participate in the Charter School Facility Grant Program.

Signature of Principal, CEO, or Lead Administrator	0 - 4-1X Date
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3	to the SB740 address to at least provide him the information that was missing.
4	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
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FW: SB740 Program - is still Open (App ID 1088)

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To: "Davis, lan" <lan.Davis@treasurer.ca.gov>

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California School Finance Authority

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Applicant: Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Morgan Hill

Application ID:	1087	Submitted:	
Charter Number:	1716	CDS Code:	43104390131748
Application status	Open		
Creation Date:	5/24/2018	Last update:	6/4/2018 11:27:44 AM

Contact Information

Contact Info:	Beth Nuthals	(408) 791-1609 bnuthals@voicescharterschool.com
Mailing Address:	14271 Story Rd. San Jose, CA 95127- 3823	

Facility Information

	Submitted Lease	Site	Expiration Date	Base Rent
Facility 1:	N	610 Jarvis Dr, San Jose, CA 95127	6/30/2021	\$31,871.00
Facility 2:				
Facility 3:	N			
Other	Υ			

Eligibility

Charter Site FRPM at least 55%	
Preference in Admissions for Local Elementary FRM at least 55%	
Occupy District/COE site?	N
Lease or Purchase	N, N/A
Applying for Incentive Grant	N

Related Parties

Owner/(Sub)lessor:	K12 Management Inc. (Sublandlord) 610 Jarivs LLC (owner)		
Related Party	N Lessor formed to manage the charter?		NA
Evidence to support Purpose	n/a		
RP Explanation:			
5) a. RP's name and role	n/a		
5) b. Evidence RP recused themselves	n/a		
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Charter Number:	1743	CDS Code:	43104390132530
Application status	Open		
Creation Date:	5/24/2018	Last update:	6/4/2018 11:27:43 AM

Contact Information

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Mailing Address:	14271 Story Rd. San Jose, CA 95127- 3823	

Facility Information

	Submitted Lease	Site	Expiration Date	Base Rent
Facility 1:	Υ	14271 Story Rd, San Jose, CA 95127	6/30/2020	\$33,333.33
Facility 2:				
Facility 3:				
Other	Υ			

Eligibility

Charter Site FRPM at least 55%	Υ
Preference in Admissions for Local Elementary FRM at least 55%	Υ
Occupy District/COE site?	N
Lease or Purchase	N, N/A
Applying for Incentive Grant	N

Related Parties

Owner/(Sub)lessor:	The Foundation for Hispanic Education			
Related Party	N	Lessor formed to manage the charter?	NA	
Evidence to support Purpose	n/a			
RP Explanation:				
5) a. RP's name and role	n/a			
5) b. Evidence RP recused	n/a			
themselves	II/ d			
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interest	II/ a			
5) d. Fair Market	n/a			

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June 27, 2018

Beth Nuthals, Director of Accounting Voices College-Bound Language Academies 14271 Story Road San Jose, CA 95127

RE: SB740 Program - Late Application

Dear Ms. Nuthals,

Thank you for your interest in the Charter School Facility Grant Program (SB740 Program). On June 15, 2018 the California School Finance Authority (CSFA) received two 2018-19 Program appeals on behalf of the Voices College-Bound Language Academies (Voices) for the schools listed below:

- Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Morgan Hill (CDS 43104390131748)
- Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Mt. Pleasant (CDS 43104390132530)

Title 4, California Code of Regulations, section 10175.5 (a) states the "Application deadline shall be 5:00 p.m. on the date five weeks from the date the application is made available by the Authority." The application was made available April 30, 2018 and was due on June 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Consequently, Program applications submitted beyond the above due date will not be eligible for an award of grant funds through the 2018-19 funding round of the Program.

Pursuant to Program regulations section 10170.10(d), the applicant may appeal the matter to CSFA's Board, by submitting a letter of appeal within 30 calendar days of this notice to the above address. CSFA is already in receipt of Voices' current request for appeal regarding the late Program applications. As such, Voices' appeal shall be brought before the Board at the next CSFA Board Meeting, currently scheduled for August 8, 2018 at 11:00am. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Ian Davis at (916) 651-7712 or Anne Osborne at (916) 651-7716.

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Katrina Johantoen

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THE GROVE SCHOOL



Our Mission: The Grove School is a public Montessori community that guides adolescents in their work of self-construction, as they become engaged and respectful world citizens.

July 26, 2018

Charter School Finance Authority Board,

I am writing to appeal the denial of The Grove School's application for the SB740 Charter School Facility Grant for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Grove School is unique for a few reasons; first, it is one of the older charter schools in California with the charter number #180. It is going into its 20th year and has a strong record of academic success and community support. The school is also unique because it is the only charter middle and high school that follows the Montessori educational philosophy in all of California and also has a 9-acre farm that students help to manage. Besides the 9-acre farm campus, the school also leases a building from Montessori in Redlands (MIR), a private school that is across the street from the farm campus. Grove receives the SB740 Facilities Grant for our lease with MIR.

The Grove School was counting on the estimated \$56,000 from the SB740 Facility Grant to support its continued improvement of its classroom facilities and farm facilities for applied studies. As well as, offsetting costs for the lease so that it could use that money instead for replacing old and dilapidated furniture, purchase of new books and resource materials for students, and replacing our first set of Chromebooks that we purchased five years ago. I have a feeling that the \$56,000 might be a relatively small amount of funding since I hear and read of much larger amounts for schools, but it is a critical amount for Grove.

The reason I did not apply in time for the SB740 Facility Grant is due to a few factors. The first factor is that I did not know the due date for the SB740 until one week before it was due. Second, I thought I needed to have a new lease from Montessori in Redlands (MIR) created and signed before applying (Grove's three year lease with MIR expired June 30, 2018) and MIR did not complete the lease until after the June 4 deadline. The third factor is the reduced administrative support and scattered work by the school's administrative team in the spring.

This third factor really caused the first factor of not knowing about the final due date for SB740. The reduced support was due to the office manager being absent for eight weeks in the spring due to husbands sudden near death illness. The scattered work by the administrative team in the spring is due to two other very



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serious situations that affected the school as a whole and me personally. The first was that one of Grove's teachers, Kramer Gudgeon, died in a traffic accident on his way to school the last week in January. Although this tragedy happened months before the SB740 Grant was due, it along with the reduced administrative support caused me and the administration of the school to be behind on many aspects of our work for the remainder of the year due to the support and leadership students, faculty, parents, and the community of Redlands needed from me. The other situation was that was happening at the same time as the due date for SB740 was that my father was dying, which caused me to not have my normal focus on my work (he died on June 8).

I was reluctant to write all of this because to me it seems like making excuses, but I decided that I needed to do all I could to receive the grant to support the school. I also feel that these details are important because they significantly changed how the school functioned administratively and how I functioned in my job during the spring and especially at the end of the year due to my personal situation. I was doing all I could to keep the school running well and I just lost track of the SB740 Facility Grant, doing do my due diligence of notifying MIR of the due date earlier, and also carefully reviewing the documentation to see if a lease was required for application.

Grove is relatively new to receiving the SB740 Facilities Grant having only received it the past two years. I only learned about it in 2015 after being hired by Grove. It has been immensely helpful to Grove in improving its campus and offsetting lease costs to allow it to make progress on specific goals that impact student learning. Grove is a very modest school and values every dollar it receives and uses most of its funds to directly impact student learning through hiring high quality teachers and purchasing the best and most cost effective materials for students.

I ask that you grant this appeal for The Grove School to submit an application after the deadline this one time due to the special circumstances that influenced the school's normal administrative functioning and my focus on completing the SB740 Grant application this spring.

Sincerely,

Benedict Moudry Head of School

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June 14, 2018

Charter School Finance Authority Representative,

This is a letter of appeal for the Charter School Finance Grant SB740.

The Grove School leases a building from Montessori in Redlands. The Grove School did not receive a new lease from Montessori in Redlands until June 8, 2018. I requested one earlier, so Grove could meet the deadline for applying for the SB740 grant, but they did not finish it in time. For this reason, I did not complete an application for the SB740 grant. I was not aware that a grant application could be completed without a lease, otherwise I certainly would have done it.

The Grove School has received the SB740 grant the last two years and it has been tremendously helpful for the school to improve the campus for its students. The amount we receive is likely small compared to other schools, \$56,000, but it is a significant help to the work we are trying to do to improve the campus and classroom materials for the students.

I am requesting the opportunity to submit a grant application now that I have a new three-year lease agreement from the property owner.

Sincerely,

Benedict Moudry

Head of School





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June 27, 2018

Ben Moudry, Head of School Grove Charter 200 Nevada St. Redlands, CA 92373

RE: SB740 Program - Late Application

Dear Mr. Moudry,

Thank you for your interest in the Charter School Facility Grant Program (SB740 Program). On June 20, 2018 the California School Finance Authority (CSFA) received a 2018-19 Program appeals on behalf of the Grove Charter (CDS 36678433630928).

Title 4, California Code of Regulations, section 10175.5 (a) states the "Application deadline shall be 5:00 p.m. on the date five weeks from the date the application is made available by the Authority." The application was made available April 30, 2018 and was due on June 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Consequently, Program applications submitted beyond the above due date will not be eligible for an award of grant funds through the 2018-19 funding round of the Program.

Pursuant to Program regulations section 10170.10(d), the applicant may appeal the matter to CSFA's Board, by submitting a letter of appeal within 30 calendar days of this notice to the above address. CSFA is already in receipt of Grove Charter's current request for appeal regarding the late Program application. As such, Grove Charter's appeal shall be brought before the Board at the next CSFA Board Meeting, currently scheduled for August 8, 2018 at 11:00am. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Ian Davis at (916) 651-7712 or Anne Osborne at (916) 651-7716.

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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Peak to Peak Mountain Charter I 'm appealing to the treasurer to allow Peak to Peak Mountain Charter to apply for the SB740 Facility Grant. I received our first and only notification that the grant was open on May 29th. According to Ian Davis there were previous emails sent out that our school did not receive, yet we received an email on May 29th. I've checked my SPAM mail to confirm that this was the only email I had received.

I logged on May 1st to start our application and due to a problem with connectivity I was not able to complete. Ian Davis stated the sight doesn't show an application started.

I could have an application completed with in an hour. It would be greatly appreciated if we could complete this as our small charter greatly depends on this funding.

Please let me know.

Thank you,

Wendy Worster Office Manager Peak to Peak Mountain Charter 19009 Cerro Noroeste Rd., P.O. Box S Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 (661) 242-3811 From: <u>Davis, Ian</u>
To: <u>"Office"</u>

 Subject:
 RE: 2018-19 SB740 Application

 Date:
 Wednesday, June 06, 2018 8:28:17 AM

According to our records an application for Peak to Peak Mountain Charter CDS 15636280128504 was never started nor submitted. The likely means you may have opened the application but did not fill out information on the 1^{st} page and/or click the continue button. Once you click the continue button a record of the school's information is stored in our database. The SB740 Application period closed June 4, 2018 at 5:00pm.

SB740 Program regulations, Section 10175.5 (a & b) provides:

- "(a) Application for grant funds shall be made on an online form (CSFA Form 740-01) prescribed by the Authority, and will be available as described below. The Authority will accept applications during the application periods described. Applications received after the final filing date will not be accepted for review. Applications may not be submitted by email or facsimile.
- (b) The Application for each grant year shall be made available by the Authority in the month of April. Application deadlines shall be 5:00 p.m. on the date five weeks from the date the application is made available by the Authority. The Authority shall make application materials available on the Authority's website and notify the public of the application release date."

Because Peak to Peak Mountain Charter's application was not received within the application period, it will not be eligible for review or award of grant funds in this funding round of the Program as specified in the above-referenced Regulation section.

Pursuant to Program Regulations Section 10170.10(b) the applicant may appeal staff's eligibility determination, by submitting a letter of appeal within 30 calendar days of this notice to either SB740@treasurer.ca.gov or:

California School Finance Authority 915 Capital Mall, Suite 101 Sacramento CA, 95814

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at (916) 651-7710.

IAN DAVIS

Associate Governmental Program Analyst California Schools Finance Authority 915 Capitol Mall, Suite 101 Sacramento, CA 95814 PH (916) 651-7712 F (916) 651-7709 Ian.Davis@treasurer.ca.gov **From:** Office [mailto:office@peaktopeakmountaincharter.org]

Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 8:12 AM **To:** Davis, lan <lan.Davis@treasurer.ca.gov> **Subject:** RE: 2018-19 SB740 Application

Mr. Davis,

I had started an application Friday, May 1st and was unable to finish. Was there anyway I could complete?

Thank you,

Wendy Worster Office Manager Peak to Peak Mountain Charter 19009 Cerro Noroeste Rd., P.O. Box S Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 (661) 242-3811

----- Original Message ------- Subject: 2018-19 SB740 Application

From: "Davis, Ian" < <u>Ian.Davis@treasurer.ca.gov</u>>

Date: 5/29/18 9:58 am

To: "'office@peaktopeakmountaincharter.org'" < office@peaktopeakmountaincharter.org >

Good Afternoon,

The 2018-19 funding round for the Charter School Facility Grant Program (SB740 Program) is currently open. Please visit the California School Finance Authority (Authority) website for a copy of the Online Application, Regulations and Program FAQs.

The 2018-19 Online Application will close **June 4, 2018 at 5:00 P.M**. No late applications will be accepted

Click on the below links for the SB740 Online Application and website:

• Online Application

Resources

- SB740 Regulations
- SB740 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- SB740 Website

Sincerely,

SB740 Team



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