

# Attachment #3

CSFA Appeal Response



## CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY

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Thank you for your interest in the Charter School Facility Grant Program (Program). An appeal to consider a late submission of other costs for the 2017-18 Funding Round on behalf of Environmental Charter Middle (CDS 19101990121772) was received on December 5, 2018.

Persuant to Program regulations section 10170.6 (e) requests for reimbursement of an applicant's costs associated with remodeling buildings, deferred maintenance, initially installing or extending service systems and other built-in equipment, improving sites and common area maintenance charges (other costs), must be submitted no later than July 16, 2018.

On August 10, 2016, the California School Finance Authority (Authority) Board approved a policy memo regarding late application submissions for the Program. The memo recommended that late applications be accepted at the staff level when the following conditions are met: 1) all other programmatic requirements have been met by the applicant; and 2) there is funding available under the Program. While the policy memo was originally drafted for late application submissions, the policy may also be extended to additional reimbursement requests including other costs. As you may be aware, the 2017-18 Funding Round is oversubscribed. In adherence to Program regulations 10170.9 (e), the Other Cost portion of each grantee's award is pro-rated based on the remaining funds available to award grantees' other costs. As the Program is already oversubscribed, any additional costs submitted for reimbursement will further lower the funds available to compensate each grantee's timely other costs submissions. For these reasons the Authority is denying Environmental Charter Middle's appeal to consider the school's late other costs submission.

Pursuant to SB740 Program Regulations Section 10170.10(d) the applicant may appeal the matter to the Authority Board, by submitting a letter of appeal within 30 calendar days of this notice to the above address. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Ian Davis or Anne Osborne at (916) 651-7710.

Sincerely,

Katrina Johantgen