REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION

SECRETARY OF STATE

(See SFN 02580)

Received: 09/14/2026

Request #: 2174

Requestor Information

Department name: North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Department number: 201

Name of contact person: Arlene Wolf

Telephone number: (701) 328-2755

Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No

Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
Operating Expenses	$107,713
Grants-Other Grants	$1,077,628

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Federal

Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No

Will continued funding be required if Federal funds are no longer available? No

Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No

Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No

Is the request for a new program? No

Does the request require an FTE increase? No

Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes

Provide explanation:
SB 2241 directed NDDPI to serve as the state's charter school authorizer and established the statutory framework for charter school approval and oversight. This federal award directly funds implementation of that legislative direction, including subgrants to new charter schools and the systems NDDPI needs to authorize and monitor them with fidelity.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
NDCC Chapter 15.1-40 – Public Charter Schools,
NDAC Chapter 67-36 – Public Charter Schools
Title IV, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Assistance Listing Number 84.282, CSP State Entity Program.

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:
ND Launch builds NDDPI's capacity to carry out its charter school authorizing responsibilities under SB 2241 and supports the ND PK-12 Strategic Vision by expanding high-quality public school options for North Dakota families. The grant funds subgrants to up to four charter schools across two competitive cycles, along with the authorizing infrastructure, technical assistance, and oversight systems needed to ensure those schools operate with fidelity and accountability. This uses federal funds to build a sustainable statewide authorizing function at no cost to the state general fund, implementing a program the Legislature has already directed NDDPI to run.

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Provide any other relevant information:
This is a new discretionary federal award from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, with a Federal Award Date of 09/08/2026. The award covers a five-year period of performance from 10/01/2026 through 09/30/2031, totaling $7,988,000 across all budget periods, subject to availability of funds and NDDPI's demonstrated progress each year (Year 1: $1,185,341; Year 2: $1,637,222; Year 3: $2,351,951; Year 4: $1,983,729; Year 5: $829,757).

Signature

☒ I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Arlene M. Wolf — Sign Here

09/11/2026 — Date

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AGENCY REPORT ON FEDERAL GRANTS

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SFN 59976 (Rev. 6/14/2022)

This form is for all ***NEW*** Federal grants that the agency is applying for over $25,000 as required in N.D.C.C. 54-27-27. Complete Section 1, retain copy, and return original to OMB ***prior to submitting grant application***. **Within 30 days of notification of grant award/decline, complete Section 2** and send a copy to OMB**.** Mail to: OMB, Attn: Federal Grant Report, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 110, Bismarck ND 58505-0400 or e-mail to omb@nd.gov.

SECTION 1

Agency Name:	Agency/Department Number:	Date Form Completed:
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction	201	6/3/2026
Contact Name:	**Contact Telephone Number:**	**Date Grant Application Due:**
Arlene Wolf	(701) 328-2755	6/18/26
Title of Grant:	**Time Period Covered by Grant:**	**Amount of Grant Request:**
Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP) -Grants to State Entities	10/1/26 to 9/30/31	$ 8,000,000

Purpose of Grant:

The CSP State Entity grant enables the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction to (1) award subgrants to eligible applicants to open and prepare for the operation of new charter schools, open and prepare for replicated high-quality charter schools, or expand high-quality charter schools; and (2) provide technical assistance to eligible applicants and authorized public chartering agencies, including working with authorizers in the state to improve authorizing quality and to develop capacity for fiscal oversight and auditing of charter schools.

Additional Employees (FTE) Required Due to Grant Award:

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Grant Requirements (include state matching requirements, maintenance of effort requirements and any other requirements):

No cost sharing or matching is required. The program does not require cost sharing or matching, and there is no maintenance-of-effort requirement. Funding set-asides apply: at least 90% of funds must go to subgrants to eligible applicants, at least 7% reserved for technical assistance, and no more than 3% for administrative costs. It is a pass-through (subgrant) program requiring a peer review process for subgrant awards. Subgrants are limited to 5 years and a maximum of $2,000,000 per subgrantee. The grant uses an unrestricted indirect cost rate, and standard 2 CFR 200 Uniform Guidance applies.

Authorized Department Signature:	Authorized Name (Printed):	Date Signed:
Arlene M. Wolf	Arlene M. Wolf	6/16/26

SECTION 2

Notification Date of Grant Award/Decline:	Amount of Grant Received:
	$7,988,000