

**AUTHORIZE GRANTS TO AND APPROVE ENTERING INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH
CHARTER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS IN NON-BOARD-CONTROLLED FACILITIES FOR
ACCESSIBILITY RENOVATIONS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize grants to and approve entering into grant agreements with certain charter school operators who
~~operate in independent (non-Board controlled) facilities for the purpose of making their facilities more~~

accessible to people with disabilities, in an aggregate grant amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. This grant

CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATORS RESPONSIBILITIES: Each charter school operator will be required to comply with the ADA renovation plan submitted to the Board and to provide funding to cover a certain percentage of the construction/renovation cost. Each charter school operator will also be required to

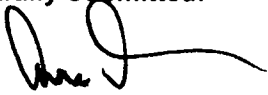
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perform dedicated outreach to the disability community. In addition, the grant agreements will provide

that any charter school operator that does not complete the agreed-upon ADA renovation plan within the prescribed deadline will be required to repay to the Board all or a portion of grant funds expended.

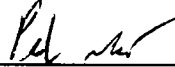
GRANT AMOUNTS: The estimated grant amount for each charter school operator is listed on the Attachment. The total aggregate grant amount payable to all charter school operators shall not exceed

Respectfully Submitted:

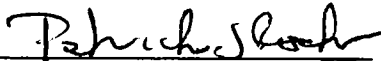


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel

ATTACHMENT

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommend that the Board hold in reserve a portion of the total \$3 million grant fund, to cover unanticipated cost overruns and additional Board-recommended ADA renovations; and recommend that the Board award grants to the five applicants listed below based on

each applicant's submitted ADA renovation plan, as specified in the table below.

Charter School Operator/ Campus	Recommended Grant Amount	Conditions Precedent for Grant
<p>1. Namaste Charter School – only campus</p> <p>3737 South Paulina Street Chicago, Illinois 60609</p> <p><u>Contact Person:</u> Kathleen Clarke Director of Operations Namaste Charter School 3737 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Ph: 773-715-9558 Fx: 773-375-6495</p>	<p>\$486,050</p>	
<p>2. Chicago International Charter School –</p>	<p>\$282,000 + up to \$250,000 more</p>	<p>CICS work with Board experts to redesign more holistic solutions to accessible route issues, with the Board</p>

Octavio Paz Primary Campus 2651 West 23rd Street	\$58,000	
Rufino Tamayo Campus 5135 South California Avenue	\$88,000	
Carlos Fuentes Campus 2845 West Barry Avenue	Up to \$900,000	UNO work with Board experts to design an elevator to connect as many floor levels as possible.
4. Betty Shabazz	• Hold \$600,000 in	• RSICS explore possibilities of long-term facilities