

April 28, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you to appeal a denied Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2015 Form 471 number 1022157 for FRN #'s 2773913, and 2773927. Detroit Leadership Academy (BEN 16061400) requests that the denied funding status be changed to funded for the two requests for services/equipment from Charter Technologies, Inc. (SPIN 143028457).

The text we are appealing is the Funding Commitment Decision Explanation for both denials: "Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation needed to determine the eligibility of the following items: Budget Reduction", and "Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation needed to determine the eligibility of the following items: Vendor documentation and budget reduction."

The questions were responded to in detail on October 9, 2016, and a bid from the service provider was attached to the email. The questions posed after this date, in the 10/13/2015 PIA letter could have been answered by looking at the materials already provided in the bid and PIA letter. See the attached bid, email screenshot and original responses to the PIA questions.

We request that this appeal be awarded due to the fact that the questions were responded to in the first letter and the ministerial and clerical errors ruling. There was not sufficient time given to respond to the PIA letter dated 10/13/2015, and an extension request was denied. In addition, a new management company took over management of the school and the FCDL denial was not addressed within the 60 day time-frame due to this management change. On February 29, 2016 USAC denied our appeal based on the 60 day postmark rule. Again, we cite that this was a clerical error and request the appeal ruling to be overturned and for the funds to be awarded to the school.

Please feel free to contact me at 760-237-8327, Valerie@grantconsultingservices.com, or at 101 S. Spruce Street #219, Escondido, CA 92025 or via fax at 248-768-6866 to discuss this appeal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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