

<p>Subject:</p> <p><i>Allowing Chartered Public Schools to be Eligible for School Building Aid.</i></p> <p>Date: July 1, 2024</p>	<p>Legal Reference – HB 354 (2023-2024 Legislative Session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RSA 198:15-a-d</i> • <i>RSA 194-B:3, II(z)</i> • <i>RSA 194-B:16, IX</i> • <i>RSA 194-B:11, VII (repealed)</i>
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This Technical Advisory continues the New Hampshire Department of Education’s communication regarding new legislation which was passed during the 2023-2024 legislative session. Specifically, HB 354, which pertains to the eligibility of chartered public schools for school building aid.

HB 354 becomes effective July 1, 2024.

During the 2023-2024 legislative session, HB 354, relative to chartered public school eligibility for state school building aid was passed into law. This new law allows chartered public schools to be eligible for school building aid. By way of relevant background, state building aid is comprised of state funds which support the construction of new schools, additions or renovations to existing schools, or the purchase or lease/purchase of equipment designed to improve energy efficiency and indoor air quality of school buildings.

Applications are due by April 1st each year in order to be considered for funding in the following year. All eligible applications are reviewed and subsequently ranked. Building aid grant awards are based upon the ranking of the school’s building aid application and the availability of State funds. If selected for funding, chartered public schools qualify for a grant to cover up to 30% of the eligible project costs. For chartered public school construction projects, the amount of the annual grant shall be an amount equal to 5 percent of the eligible grant amount each year for 20 years upon approval of the application by the state board of education. No more than 10 percent of the eligible grant amount shall be disbursed until the completion of the construction and verification of the final cost.

To learn more about the school building aid program, please visit:

<https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-education-and-analytic-resources/bureau-school-facilities/school-building-aid>.

The website will be updated with revised forms by August 2024.

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