



Contracts for Excellence

FY 2023 Proposed Plan
Borough Hearing - Queens
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Contracts for Excellence (C4E) is a State Funding Stream Which Has Existed Since School Year 2007-08

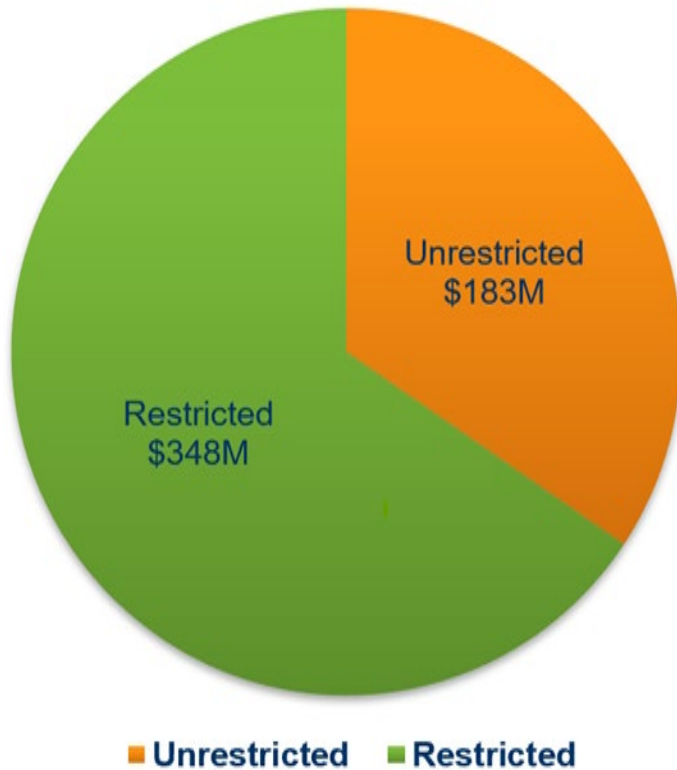
- Approximately \$531 million in NYC school funding is subject to the requirements of Contracts for Excellence (“C4E”).
- The New York State Commissioner of Education has set the amount of C4E funding at \$531 million annually since SY 2011-12.
 - C4E is a subset of the total State Foundation Aid amount allocated to NYC. Foundation Aid is New York State’s primary funding stream to school districts.
 - Unlike Foundation Aid, C4E may only be spent for certain purposes, and is subject to additional allocation requirements and monitoring, as set forth in the C4E legislation and the New York State Education Commissioner’s Regulation.

Contracts for Excellence Requirements

- C4E funds must be distributed to schools that meet certain requirements and must be spent by those schools in designated program areas, as set forth in the Contract for Excellence legislation. Funds must support any of the following specific program initiatives:
 - Teacher & Principal Quality Initiatives
 - Full day Pre-Kindergarten Programs
 - Model Programs for English Language Learners
 - Middle & High School Restructuring
 - Class Reduction
 - Time on Task
- Schools should use these funds to meet their overall educational goals as outlined in the School Comprehensive Educational Plan (SCEP).
- Funding is allocated to schools based on needs weights published by the New York State Department of Education that account for the number of students in the following categories attending schools:

State C4E Funding Breakdown 2022-23

Total = \$531 million



- Of the \$531 million subject to Contracts for Excellence, \$183 million is “unrestricted”.
 - Since 2007-08, this funding has been used to support Fair Student Funding.
 - Were this funding to be used for another purpose, the DOE would not be able to continue funding all schools at 100% FSF.
- The remaining \$348 million must be used for the specific purposes set forth in the law: Teacher and Principal Quality Initiatives; Full-Day Kindergarten; Model Programs for English Language Learners; Class Size Reduction; Middle and High School Restructuring; and Time on Task.
- As the amount of Contracts for Excellence funding has been unchanged since SY 2011-2012, NYC uses this funding, for the most part, to maintain existing programming.
 - Reallocation of these funds to other purposes without an increase in funding will reduce amounts allocated to existing programs.

Proposed Allocation of Restricted Funds

Discretionary

- \$214 million or 61% of restricted Contracts for Excellence funds are released to 1,400+ schools in late Spring.
 - These funds may be used by these schools for any allowable purpose under C4E.
 - The allocation methodology – how much funding goes to each school – is set under C4E legislation, where funding must go to our neediest schools as determined by “needs weights” provided by NYSED.
- Principals will work with their School Leadership Teams (SLTs) to plan the use of this funding for SY 2022-23. They may choose to change the use of the funding or to maintain existing staffing positions or programs that were funded in SY 2021-22.

Targeted & Maintenance of Effort

- \$134 million or 39% of restricted funds will be targeted for specific programs and will maintain these existing programs. Schools receiving allocations were chosen based on a) overall student need and b) capacity to carry out the specific program.
 - \$90.7 million – Integrated Co – Teaching Classrooms (ICT)
 - \$30.0 million – Summer programming (maintenance of effort)
 - \$9.0 million – Full-Day Pre-K
 - \$4.7 million – Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Classrooms

Proposed Allocation of Restricted Funds Citywide

Allocation Type	Amount	%
Discretionary (schools may spend on allowable program areas)	\$214.1 million	61%
Targeted (schools must spend on this purpose) – ICT	\$90.0 million	26%
Targeted (schools must spend on this purpose) – Pre-K	\$9.1 million	3%
Targeted (schools must spend on this purpose) – ASD	\$4.8 million	1%
Summer Programming (Maintenance of Effort)	\$30.0 million	9%
Total	\$348.0 million	100%

Proposed Allocation of Restricted Funds Queens

Allocation Type	Amount	%
Discretionary (schools may spend on allowable program areas)	\$53.1 million	63%
Targeted (schools must spend on this purpose) – ICT	\$18.1 million	23%
Targeted (schools must spend on this purpose) – Pre-K	\$2.7 million	3%
Targeted (schools must spend on this purpose) – ASD	\$1.0 million	1%
Summer Programming (Maintenance of Effort)	\$8.8 million	10%
Total	\$83.7 million	100%

Timing of C4E Engagement

- The way in which schools utilize C4E funds is subject to consultation with stakeholders.
 - This is achieved through public engagement at each district's CEC and at borough hearings, as well as public comments submitted to the DOE.
- In alignment with the Chancellor's deep commitment to public engagement, the DOE is meeting with stakeholders months earlier than in prior years.
- Feedback is collected from this public process and considered in planning funding utilization.
- For SY 2022-23, the DOE will complete CEC engagement by the end of June, and plans to hold a public hearing in each borough on the Citywide C4E Plan during the month of June.
 - Those dates will be posted on our website, which can be found at <https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/contracts-for-excellence>

Public Comment

- We will take public feedback into account in the coming weeks as we continue to develop a citywide Contracts for Excellence plan.
- The deadline for submitting public comment is be July 5th, 2022.
- The public may comment on any aspect of the plan, including:
 - How schools should spend their discretionary funds within the six allowable program areas
 - How the DOE is allocating the targeted Contract for Excellence funds to schools
 - The public comment process
- Educators, parents, and all other members of the New York City community may submit their comments by email to ContractsForExcellence@schools.nyc.gov
- How schools schedule their Contracts for Excellence funding will be posted to our website in the coming months.