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Attachment 12

# Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination Request

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This document presents the determination of funding request for Empire Springs Charter (charter #1592). Information from the school has been exported from the web-based Funding Determination Form at [Nonclassroom-Based Determination of Funding - Charter Schools (CA Dept of Education)](https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ch/nclrbifunddet.asp#form).

Responses from the school have been provided, as is, and have not been edited by the California Department of Education for capitalization, punctuation, or spelling.

## Empire Springs Charter Determination of Funding Request 2023–24

### Section 1. General Information

Charter School Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Charter School Name | Empire Springs Charter School |
| Charter School Authorizer | Helendale Elementary SD |
| Charter School Number | 1592 |
| County District School (CDS) Code | 36-67736-0128439 |
| Street Address | 27740 Jefferson Avenue |
| City | Temecula |
| County | Riverside |
| ZIP Code | 92590 |
| Grade Levels Served | TK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 |
| Date Charter Expires | 6/30/2025 |
| Contact First Name | Tanya |
| Contact Last Name | Rogers |
| Contact Title | Asst Sup of Business |
| Contact Phone Number | 951-252-8800 |
| Contact Email Address | tanya.rogers@springscs.org |

Funding Determination Request Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this a reconsideration request? | No, this is not a reconsideration request. |
| Requested Funding Level | 100% |
| Beginning Period Requested | FY 2024–25 |
| Number of Years Requested | 2 |
| Source Data | FY 2022–23 Audit |
| If the source data used was “Other”, provide a description. | [No Response] |

### Section 2. Financial Information

#### A. Total Resources

Revenues and Other Resources

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Federal Revenues[[1]](#footnote-1) | $1,860,555 |
| Public Charter School Grant Program Funds (separately identified) | $0 |
| State Revenues[[2]](#footnote-2) | $19,816,116 |
| In-Lieu of Property Taxes (separately identified) | $304,981 |
| Local Revenues | $1,262,783 |
| Other Financing Sources | $0 |
| **Total Revenues** | **$22,939,454** |

**If Other Financing Sources were reported, provide a description:**

[No Response]

#### B. Total Expenditures and Other Uses

Instruction and Related Services

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits for Instruction and Related Services | $9,266,886 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $3,075,615 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $1,142,498 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Services | $599,260 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Support | $829,349 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: All Other Instruction Related Operating Costs | $1,583,796 |
| **Total Instruction and Related Services** | **$16,497,404** |

Operations and Facilities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $0 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $461,504 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $39,024 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs | $600,017 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | $0 |
| **Total Operations and Facilities** | **$1,100,545** |

Allowable Facilities Costs

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total facility square footage occupied by the charter school | 34350 |
| Enter total classroom-based P-2 ADA reported in the prior fiscal year. Do not include nonclassroom-based ADA. | 0 |
| Enter total student hours attended by nonclassroom-based pupils at the school site in the prior fiscal year. | 781195 |
| Calculated Facilities Costs | $899,994 |
| **Allowable Facilities Costs** | **$899,994** |

Administration and All Other Activities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $94,321 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $383,852 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $5,709 |
| Contracts for Other Administrative Services | $74,332 |
| Supervisorial Oversight Fee | $165,318 |
| All Other Administration and Other Activities, Services, and Operating Costs | $178,032 |
| **Total Administration and Other Activities** | **$901,564** |

Other Outgo and Other Financing Uses

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Debt Services | $0 |
| Transfers to Local Educational Agencies | $0 |
| All Other Transfers and Outgo | $0 |
| **Total Other Outgoing and Other Financing Uses** | **$0** |

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for Transfers to Local Educational Agencies and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

[No Response]

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for All Other Transfers and Outgo and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

[No Response]

#### C. Fund Balance

Total Expenditures and Fund Balance

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total Expenditures | $18,499,513 |
| Revenues Over Expenditures | $4,439,941 |
| Beginning Fund Balance | $6,557,667 |
| **Ending Fund Balance – June 30** | **$10,997,608** |

#### D. Reserves

Reserves

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | $5,206,592 |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | $2,750,000 |
| Reserves Required by Charter Authorizer | $0 |
| Other Reserves | $3,041,016 |
| Unassigned/Unappropriated Fund Balance | $0 |
| **Total Reserves** | **$10,997,608** |

Reserves as a Percentage of Total Expenditures

| **Reserves** | **Percentage of Total Expenditures** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | 28.14% |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | 14.87% |

**Explanation for reserves designated for economic uncertainties if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

Due to statewide economic uncertainty and volatile state revenues, Empire Springs maintains a Reserve for Economic Uncertainties higher than the 5% minimum recommended state level to ensure continuity in its educational program.

**Explanation of Other Reserves:**

Empire Springs maintains a Cash Flow Reserve of $3,041,016 equal to 60 days of operating expenses - this is separate and apart from Reserve for Economic Uncertainties, and ensures stable cash flows throughout the fiscal year. In addition, Empire Springs received $2,567,021 in one-time state stimulus revenues through the Learning Recovery and Arts/Music/Instructional Materials Block Grants that is set aside to be spent down on grant-eligible costs over the remaining years of each grant.

**Explanation for reserves designated for facilities acquisition or capital projects if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

Empire Springs is planning an improvement and expansion of its Rancho Cucamonga learning center.

**Explanation of school’s unassigned/unappropriated fund balance and details regarding the school’s plans for these funds: *(Optional)***

[No Response]

### Section 3. Pupil-Teacher Ratio

Pupil-Teacher Ratio

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| FY 2022–23 Average Daily Attendance for independent study pupils | 1487.99 |
| FY 2022–22 Full-Time Equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study | 73.07 |
| Among the unified school districts in the county or counties in which the charter school operates, do any districts report a PTR greater than 25 to 1? | [No Response] |
| Provide the name of the unified school district that reports a PTR greater than 25 to 1. | [No Response] |
| Enter the PTR for the district above. | [No Response] to 1 |

### Section 4. Funding Determination Calculations

Calculated Percentages

| **Criteria** | **Funding Determination Calculations** |
| --- | --- |
| Percentage Spent on Instructional Certificated Salaries and Benefits to Total Public Revenues | 42.75% |
| Percentage Spent on Instruction and Related Services and Allowable Facility Costs | 75.84% |
| 2022–23 Pupil-Teacher Ratio | 20.36 to 1 |
| Pupil-Teacher Ratio of Largest Unified School District in the County or Counties in which the Charter School Operates | [No Response] to 1 |

### Section 5. Supplemental Information

#### A. Virtual Charter Schools

Virtual Charter Schools

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this charter school a virtual or on-line charter school as defined in 5 *CCR* Section 11963.5? | No |
| If yes, can the charter school demonstrate compliance with 5 *CCR* sections 11963.5(b)(2) to (8)? | [No Response] |

#### B. Entity and Contract Information

Entity and Contract Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Did any entity receive or will receive $50,000 or more or 10% or more of total expenditures from the school in FY 2022–23 or FY 2023–24? | Yes |
| Number of reportable entities | 12 |

##### List of Reported Entities

Reported Entity 1

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | EdTheory, LLC |
| Amount | $499,984 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Special Education Services |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 2

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Amazon |
| Amount | $249,292 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Instructional Materials |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 3

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Keystone NPS, LLC |
| Amount | $223,799 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Special Education Services |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 4

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | CharterSAFE |
| Amount | $160,357 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Insurance |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 5

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Springs Charter Schools, Inc. |
| Amount | $124,640 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Professional Development |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 6

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Cherry Valley Brethren Church |
| Amount | $99,079 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Facility Rent |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 7

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Curriculum Associates, Inc. |
| Amount | $75,183 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Instructional Materials |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 8

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Harbor Building Maintenance |
| Amount | $72,392 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Facility Maintenance |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 9

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | UPS |
| Amount | $67,646 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Shipping and Delivery |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 10

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | US Bank |
| Amount | $65,362 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Banking |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 11

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Scoot Education Inc |
| Amount | $57,888 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Sub Staffing |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

Reported Entity 12

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Entity | Epiphany Curriculum, LLC |
| Amount | $52,209 |
| Purpose/Explanation | Instructional Materials |
| Are contracts based on specific services rendered? | Yes |
| If no, are payments based on amount per ADA or some other percentage? | [No Response] |

#### C. Current Governing Board Information

##### List of Board Members

Board Member 1

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Ivo |
| Last Name of Board Member | Caouette |
| Title of Board Member | Director 1 |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Election |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | No |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 07/2021 to 06/2024 |

Board Member 2

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Dianne |
| Last Name of Board Member | Mendez |
| Title of Board Member | Chair |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Election |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | No |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 07/2022 to 06/2025 |

Board Member 3

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Jason |
| Last Name of Board Member | Rodriguez |
| Title of Board Member | Director 2 |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Election |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | No |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 07/2021 to 06/2024 |

Board Member 4

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Stephanie |
| Last Name of Board Member | Vargas |
| Title of Board Member | Vice Chair |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Election |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | No |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 07/2022 to 06/2025 |

Board Member 5

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Michelle |
| Last Name of Board Member | Nagelvoort |
| Title of Board Member | Secretary |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Election |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | No |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 07/2021 to 06/2024 |

Board Member 6

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Craig |
| Last Name of Board Member | Schneider |
| Title of Board Member | Treasurer |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Election |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | No |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 07/2021 to 06/2024 |

Board Member 7

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Tracey |
| Last Name of Board Member | Vela |
| Title of Board Member | Director 3 |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Election |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | No |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 07/2021 to 06/2024 |

### Section 6. Mitigating Circumstances

**Explain why the charter school did not meet the criteria for the funding level requested. Include specific measures or actions taken by the charter school to comply. List and explain the mitigating circumstances to be considered by the CDE and ACCS.**

We are requesting that $2,567,021 in one-time state stimulus revenues through the Learning Recovery and Arts/Music/Instructional Materials Block Grants be excluded from the revenue calculation. Rather than deferring these revenues to future years when they will be expended, accounting rules required recognizing 100% of this multi-year state grant as 2022-23 revenues, which significantly distorted and inflated revenues used in the funding determination formula. If this $2,567,021 of one-time unexpended state stimulus revenues are excluded from the revenues used in the funding determination formula, we would meet the funding determination tests with 48.49% certificated staffing and 85.40% of instructional spending.

### Section 7. Additional Information

**Provide any other pertinent information that may assist the CDE and ACCS in conducting a detailed review or develop a reasonable basis for a recommendation.**

The pandemic created a unique set of financial circumstances that added significant volatility and disruption to normal revenues, expenditures and reserve levels, and we request that this one-time unique situation be taken into account when approving our funding determination.

### Section 8. Certification

**1) The information provided is true and correct to the best of my ability and knowledge.**

**2) This charter school's nonclassoom-based instruction is conducted for and substantially dedicated to the instructional benefit of the school's students.**

**3) This charter school's governing board has adopted and implemented conflict of interest policies.**

**4) All of the charter school's transactions, contracts, and agreements are in the best interest of the school and reflect a reasonable market rate for all goods, services, and considerations rendered for or supplied to the school.**

**Enter your name below which will serve as a signature and certify agreement with all of the above terms.**

Kathleen Hermsmeyer

**Indicate whether the certification is from the charter school's director, principal, or governing chairperson:**

Director

1. Includes Public Charter Schools Grant Program funds, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes In-Lieu of Property Taxes, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-2)