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# High-Quality Charter Schools Workshop Series: Starting a High-Quality Community Charter School in Ohio

October 17, 2007: Cleveland  
October 29, 2007: Columbus

# Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools

## Quality

**Mission:** The Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools aspires to provide children with greater educational opportunities by improving the quality and fostering the growth of Ohio's public charter schools.

Unity

Advocacy

Knowledge

Services

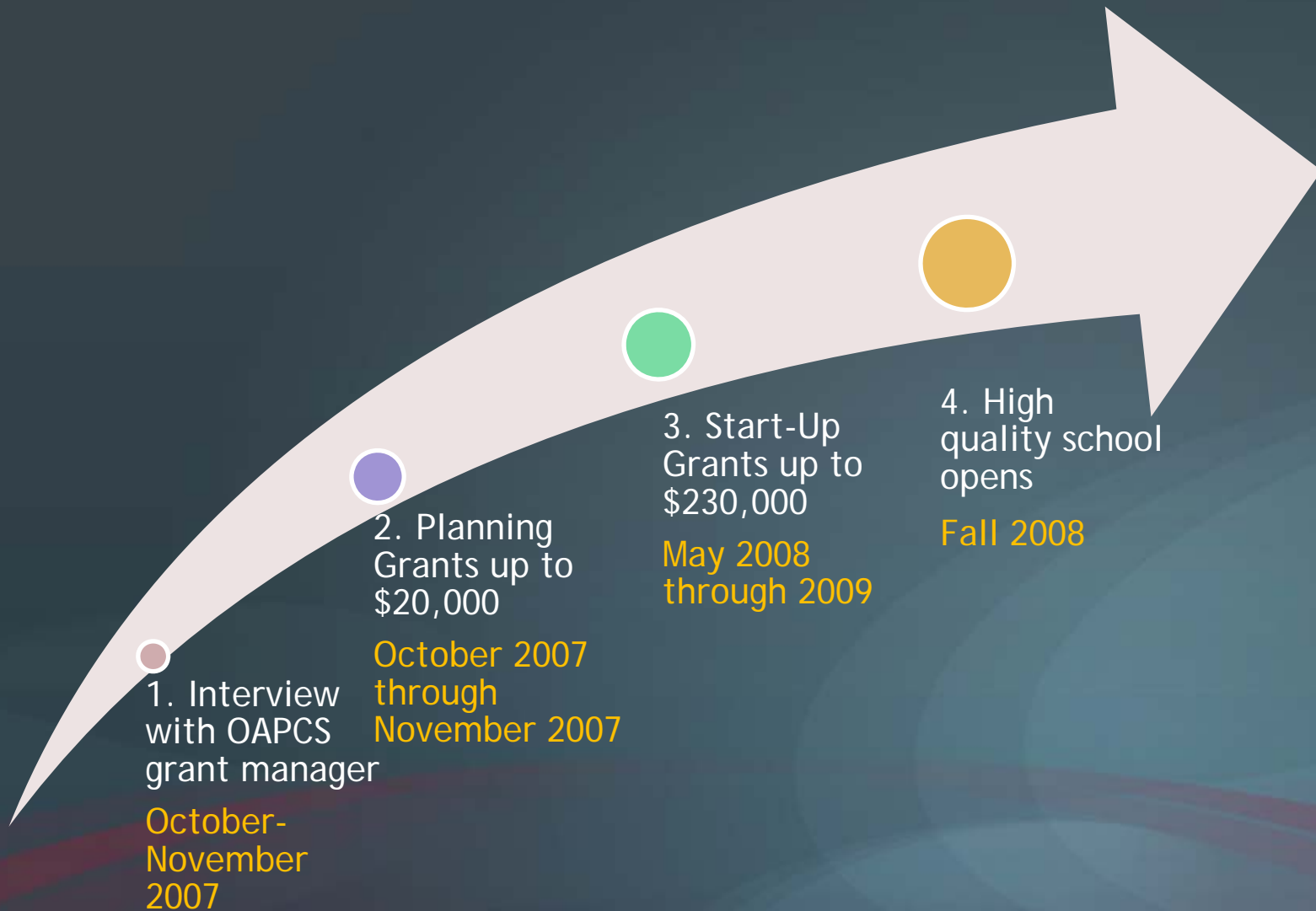


# High Quality Community Charter School Grant Program

The **High Quality Community Charter School Grant Program** provides planning and start-up grants to Ohio community charter school developers and is funded through a grant partnership with the Walton Family Foundation.



# Timeline for Schools Opening in Fall 2008



# Timeline for Schools Opening in Fall 2009\*

*\*Tentative and subject to change*



# HQCCS Grant Flow Chart

Planning Grant  
\$20,000

- **Business Planning Grant \$10,000**
  - Interview with OAPCS Grant Manager
  - Complete WFF Planning Grant Proposal
  - Secure OAPCS recommendation
  - Deadline: December 10, 2007

- **Charter Petition Grant \$10,000**
  - Submit Business Plan for review
  - Update WFF Planning Grant Proposal (as necessary)
  - Secure OAPCS recommendation
  - Deadline: March 1, 2008

Start-Up Grant  
\$230,000

- **Pre-Authorization Grant \$30,000**
  - Charter contract adopted by school board, sponsor board, and submitted to OCS for sufficiency review
  - Complete WFF Start-Up Grant Proposal
  - Deadline: May 15, 2008
  - Invited to interview with independent grant committee

- **Post-Authorization Grant \$200,000**
  - Provide proof of approved contract in form of Sponsor Assurances Letter to OCS 10 days prior to school opening

Quality  
School  
Opens Fall  
2008



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## Next Steps:

- Become an OAPCS Start-Up member,
- Attend future workshops to learn about quality charter schooling,
- Discuss your charter school start-up ambitions with your OAPCS Grant Manager, including:
  - Your vision for a quality school,
  - Your timeframe for opening a new charter school,
  - The composition of your founding team,
  - Preliminary conversations you've had with sponsors, and
  - How you will qualify as an "operator" under the law.





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**Thank you!**

Comments and feedback welcome

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