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Metro briefs

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CHICAGO:

Charter schools getting relief

Some relief is on the way for cash-strapped public charter schools hoping to build and renovate school buildings. The Illinois Facilities Fund, a Chicago-based lender to non-profits, recently won a \$10 million federal grant it hopes to leverage into \$160 million in capital investments in 16 charter schools in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin. An \$8 million federal grant in 2005 helped enhance 10 charter campuses in Chicago. CHICAGO: