

Colorado League of Charter Schools

Great Schools Colorado CSP Project

State:

Colorado

PR Award Number:

S282A240003

Duration (Years):

5 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$17,702,194

Total Expected Funding:

\$68,146,405

Number of Subgrants:

36

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A 2023 study found Colorado's charter schools to be the second highest-performing in the nation when comparing charter school student performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress exam to national averages. Furthermore, a 2023 national study conducted by the Center for Research on Educational Outcomes found that Colorado charter school students outperformed their demographically similar peers attending traditional public schools in both Reading and Math. And a 2022 report published by the Keystone Policy Center found that Colorado charter schools significantly outperformed district-managed schools on key growth measures. These findings provide a rationale for the *Great Schools Colorado (GSC) Charter Schools Program (CSP)* project: expanding access to high-quality charter schools through the allocation of 30 new subgrant awards that catalyze the addition of 6,500 high-quality seats will ensure even more students have access to transformational educational opportunities. The Colorado League of Charter Schools (CLCS), will administer the CSP project. CLCS is one of Colorado's leading sources of technical support for new school planning teams and has been instrumental in contributing to an operating environment conducive to the implementation of best practices for charter school authorizing. CLCS will pursue two principal objectives over the five-year CSP project period:

Objective #1: Increase the number of high-quality charter schools and high-quality charter school seats in Colorado.

Objective #2: Improve the quality of Colorado's charter school sector and intensify its impact on overall school quality and school improvement across the state.