

FY 2018 Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)
Grants to State Entities (CFDA Number: 84.282A)
Project Abstract

New York State Education Department

State:

New York

PR Award Number:

U282A180009

Duration (Years):

5 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$4,166,667.00

Total Expected Funding:

\$78,888,888.00

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"The mission of the New York State Board of Regents is to ensure that every child has equitable access to the highest quality educational opportunities, services and supports in schools that provide effective instruction aligned to the state's standards, as well as positive learning environments so that each child is prepared for success in college, career, and citizenship."

New York State Board of Regents, March 2017

The objectives for the New York State Education Department (NYSED) through the Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grants to State Entities are:

Project Objective 1: Increase the number of high-quality charter school seats in New York State, especially for those charter schools serving students who are at greatest risk of not meeting State academic standards.

Project Objective 2: Improve student achievement outcomes in New York State charter schools, particularly for students who are at greatest risk of not meeting State academic standards through high quality charter authorizing and technical assistance.

Project Objective 3: Promote the dissemination of NY charter school effective practices to other public schools.

Project Objective 4: Strengthen the overall quality of the New York State charter authorizing and CSP grant administrative infrastructure.

New York State's objectives are aligned with its Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan and with its My Brother's Keeper Initiative, which include ensuring that all students enter school ready to learn, read at grade level by third grade, graduate from high school ready for college and careers, complete post-secondary education or training, successfully enter the workforce, grow up in safe communities, and be given a second chance if a mistake is made.

NYSED is requesting approximately \$100 million over a five-year period to strengthen and support additional high-quality education options for children in New York State: (1) Start-up funding for newly-authorized or replicated charter schools; (2) Funding for existing high-quality charter schools that are expanding to serve new grade spans (elementary to middle, middle to high school); (3) Funding for high-quality charter schools to collaborate with both district schools and other charter schools, particularly newly-authorized or replicating charter schools in their planning year and first years of operation; (4) Creation of technical assistance partnerships across New York State to foster the development of high quality school leaders and board members, new or replicating charter school applicant groups, newly-authorized or replicated charter schools, and charter schools serving students who are at greatest risk of not meeting State academic standards, particularly students with disabilities and English language learners; (5) Funding to bring effective academic and school leader development practices to New York through case studies of effective national models; and (6) Expanded autonomy regarding the creation of weighted lottery procedures, particularly those that support diversity to the extent permitted under New York State law.

NYSED is committed to its ESSA plan and the My Brother's Keeper Initiative to mutually support the development and the adoption of policies and programs that promote the values of socioeconomic, racial, cultural, and other kinds of diversity.