

Tennessee Department of Education

Tennessee Charter School Program Project

State:

Tennessee

PR Award Number:

S282A220010

Duration (Years):

5 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$7,938,018.00

Total Expected Funding:

\$24,668,630.00

Number of Subgrants:

40

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Tennessee's charter schools are providing learning opportunities for students of all backgrounds and abilities and are achieving strong results with their full student populations. Since Tennessee charter schools serve a high percentage of educationally disadvantaged students, additional funding is critical to ensure access to necessary resources to implement high-quality schools.

The primary objectives of the Tennessee Department of Education 2022 CSP program is to:

Objective #1: Increase the number of high-quality charter schools through new start-up, expansion, and replication of successful models.

Objective #2: Decrease the number of academically poor-performing charter schools by strengthening charter school accountability and oversight of authorizers.

Objective #3: Support improvement in all schools with emphasis collaboration and sharing best practices.

The purpose of the Tennessee Charter School Program is to continue the progress of high-quality charter school growth in Tennessee with a particular focus on meeting the needs of educationally disadvantaged students. Tennessee proposes to provide up to 40 subgrants over the course of the five-year grant period, through 30 planning and implementation subgrants and 10 subgrants, including developing systems and procedures to facilitate the sharing of best practices that existing charter schools have demonstrated are successful. Ultimately, after five years the Tennessee Department of Education strives to open 30 new high-quality charter schools with 10,000 new seats. In addition, Tennessee Department of Education will have replicated an authorizer consortium for charter schools so that charter schools and LEAs across Tennessee will collaborate and share best practices.