

The Opportunity Trust

Expanding Access to Quality Public Schools in Missouri.

The Opportunity Trust (OT) will bring a Charter School Program (CSP) State Entity (SE) grant to the State of Missouri for the first time. The components of CSP-Missouri (CSP-MO) are rooted in data and research that demonstrate how the state's charter schools have provided access to quality educational opportunities for parents and students in high-need communities, and access to innovative school models not offered through traditional public-school districts. Across Missouri, 81 charter schools currently educate nearly 25,000 students. In the 25 years since the state's charter enabling law was codified, these schools have consistently outperformed the traditional public schools in their communities. Charter schools in Missouri serve educationally disadvantaged students at proportionately high rates. 80% of Missouri's charter school students are Black or Hispanic, a percentage that dwarfs the statewide rate of 23%. Missouri's charters are also more likely to enroll low-income students than are other public schools: 64% of students attending charters are from economically disadvantaged families, a number more than 20 percentage points higher than the statewide rate of 43%. The OT is focused on ensuring every child in Missouri is prepared to thrive through empowering parents, building the capacity of educators to improve learning outcomes, and supporting an ecosystem of innovation and improvement in public education.

Objective 1: Increase the number of high-quality public-school seats for educationally disadvantaged students by supporting the creation and expansion of diverse and innovative charter models reflects the project's ambitious efforts to address the lack of high-quality seats in the State of Missouri.

Objective 2: Strengthen charter school operation and authorization across the state.

State:

Missouri

PR Award Number:

S282A230004

Duration (Years):

5 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$15,555,556.00

Total Expected Funding:

\$35,555,557.00

Number of Subgrants:

16

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