

Indiana Department of Education

Quality Counts II

State:

Indiana

PR Award Number:

S282A230012

Duration (Years):

5 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$21,825,244.55

Total Expected Funding:

\$109,753,231.10

Number of Subgrants:

50

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In 2010 and 2017, Indiana obtained Charter School Program (CSP) grant funding. The 2010 grant enabled the state to distribute more than \$31 million in start-up and implementation funding to support new charter schools, many of which lacked sufficient resources to operate. The 2017 grant, Quality Counts, provided Indiana with nearly \$60 million in vital start-up funds for the expanding Hoosier charter school sector.

The Quality Counts II project has four specific objectives:

Objective 1: Increase number of high-quality charter schools operating in Indiana.

Objective 2: Leverage support specific to building the capacity necessary for the Indiana charter school sector to grow quality programs.

Objective 3: Evaluate the impact of charter schools on student outcomes.

Objective 4: Support the implementation of high-quality charter school authorizing practices.

All K-12 students in Indiana will be potential beneficiaries of this grant. This includes urban, rural and suburban students, all grade levels, all income levels, all racial groups, all English language status, and special- and non-special needs. Indiana's charter schools serve proportionally more minority and low-income students than district-run public schools.

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will award subgrants to charter schools that are starting new, replicating, or expanding, to support activities

necessary for a successful launch. IDOE will also award subgrants to locally- and nationally-recognized non-profit entities to support new school incubation and authorizer quality. Funding for subgrant recipients will specifically support school start-up work including paying school leaders, paying for staff training, purchasing curriculum, supplies, furniture, technology needs, and minor building renovations.