

FY 2018 Directory of Funded Programs:
Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)
National Dissemination Grants (CFDA Number: 84.282T)
Project Abstract

State:
Illinois

PR Award Number:
U282T180004

Duration (Years):
3 Years

Year 1 Funding:
\$799,671.00

Total Expected Funding:
\$2,399,414.00

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National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA), in partnership with the National Association of State Boards of Education, Chiefs for Change, and the Charter School Growth Fund, proposes to widely and actively improve the quality of charter school authorizing through the Strengthening Charter Authorizing Nationally (SCAN) Project. The Project will produce more than 40 deliverables disseminated through more than 30 channels to strengthen charter school authorizing and oversight (Absolute Priority 1) and build capacity of authorizers most in need (Competitive Preference Priority).

Using proven research methods, the SCAN Project develops, identifies, and expands upon best practices through four initiatives, each aligned with priority areas of the grant:

1. Promoting and monitoring the compliance of charter schools;
2. Facilitating replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools;
3. Closing persistently underperforming charter schools; and
4. Building capacity of authorizers with the most need.

The Project will serve authorizers of every institutional type and size in all states with charter schools throughout the nation. The Project will disseminate best practices through three types of channels that allow users to select the medium that matches their own learning modality: in-person, virtual, and digital.

Because NACSA and each of its three partners are experienced, national organizations, the SCAN Project will have nationwide impact and is well-positioned to achieve the purpose of the National Dissemination Grant program: to support the charter school sector and increase the number of high-quality charter schools available to our nation's students.