

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

## National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

**State:**

District of Columbia

**PR Award Number:**

U282T180010

**Duration (Years):**

3 Years

**Year 1 Funding:**

\$791,320.00

**Total Expected Funding:**

\$2,385,960.00

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As the leading nonprofit dedicated to supporting the charter school sector, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools is keenly aware that limited access to adequate facilities and facilities funding is one of the major issues impacting the ability for more students nationwide—including traditionally underserved students—to attend public charter schools (Absolute Priority 2). To address this challenge, the National Alliance—in partnership with the Tennessee Charter School Center, a state-level nonprofit with best-in-class facility support programs for charter schools—**will create and launch the Charter School Facility Center (CSFC), the first-ever entity solely dedicated to helping charter schools access better and less expensive facilities and facility financing.** By lowering the cost and complexity of accessing buildings, charter schools will have more money to put in classrooms and leaders will have more time to devote to student success.

The CSFC will (1) **capture and widely disseminate existing best practices** for locating, improving and funding facilities for charter schools, and (2) **develop and widely disseminate new, innovative solutions** for the same. Major activities include: (a) creating a national advisory board of industry leaders to improve the collection of existing best practice resources and identify the best new ideas that merit wide dissemination; (b) supporting discrete projects to address acute needs (e.g. acquiring cheaper funding for rural facilities; collecting detailed facility transaction deal data to allow for benchmarking); and (c) widely disseminating the information and resources to school leaders, policymakers, and finance professionals through local, state, and national channels already developed by the National Alliance and its grant partners.

In the short term, the CSFC will measure its success via the demand for resources created and via participation in the projects, events, and activities. Over time, the CSFC will gauge its success through specific evidence of increased access to high-quality buildings and cost savings for charter school facilities.