

FY 2019 Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)  
Grants to State Entities (CFDA Number: 84.282A)  
Project Abstract

**State:**

Washington

**PR Award Number:**

U282A190002

**Duration (Years):** 5

**Year 1 Funding:**

\$1,786,360.00

**Total Expected Funding:**

\$19,960,265.00

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## Washington State Charter Schools Association

As the forty-second state in the nation to launch a charter school sector, Washington has some of the strongest policy supports of any state. Launched in 2012, the sector has a tumultuous history of legal opposition, concluding in October 2018 with the Washington Supreme Court's ruling upholding the constitutionality of the charter school law in the case *El Centro v. Washington*. In spite of these challenges, our sector has twelve operating charter public schools that are, overall, showing strong academic results. It is within this still young, yet robust and determined, charter sector that the Washington State Charter Schools Association (WA Charters) applies for this CSP grant in partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the State Board of Education (SBE), and the Washington State Charter School Commission (Commission). This application demonstrates how these state entities are collaboratively working to strengthen a cohesive statewide system to support the opening, expansion, and replication of new, high-quality charter schools. In direct support of this overarching goal, WA Charters proposes four strategic objectives:

**Objective 1:** Increase the number of high-quality charter schools and authorized charter school seats in Washington.

**Objective 2:** Improve student outcomes in Washington's charter schools, especially for at-risk students.

**Objective 3:** Disseminate innovative, effective educational practices that improve student outcomes with key Washington stakeholder groups (i.e., educational partners, traditional public education systems, parents and families, and community-based organizations.)

**Objective 4:** In collaboration with Washington authorizers, support and strengthen our best-in-class authorization process and develop, review, and iterate an authorization renewal process in alignment with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)'s quality practices.