

FY 2018 Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)
Grants to State Entities (CFDA Number: 84.282A)
Project Abstract

Arizona Department of Education

State:

Arizona

PR Award Number:

U282A180003

Duration (Years):

5 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$7,395,549.00

Total Expected Funding:

\$55,000,000.00

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Project Objectives: Arizona Charter Schools Program (AZ CSP) has three primary objectives:

- **Objective 1** - Increase the number of high quality charter schools in Arizona focusing on educationally disadvantaged students. Educationally disadvantaged students are defined in this application as racially and ethnically diverse students, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English Language Learners (ELL).
- **Objective 2** - Close achievement gaps for educationally disadvantaged students in AZ CSP schools.
- **Objective 3** - Increase high school student academic achievement and graduation by encouraging participation in dual or concurrent enrollment programs or early college high schools (Preference points for dual/concurrent, early college programs will be allocated in the application).

Expected outcomes:Short-term outcomes (in five years):

- 40 high quality charter schools serving disadvantaged students are approved and awarded. (Objective 1)
- 40 of 40 AZ CSP schools demonstrate base-line disadvantaged students' academic growth of at least one year in mathematics and reading/language arts on the state assessment. (Objectives 2&3)
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- Graduation rate of disadvantaged students at 85% of AZ CSP charter schools meet or exceed the state average graduation rate of students with similar student demographics. (Objective 3)

Long-term outcomes (after five years):

- The academic outcomes for disadvantaged students attending AZ CSP awarded schools cumulatively increase over five years closing achievement gaps.
- Identify and disseminate proven practices based on evaluation findings.

Contributions:

With the AZ CSP funding and technical assistance resources, Arizona seeks to create 40 new high-quality charter schools to serve disadvantaged students using proven models and practices that are already working in previously awarded AZ CSP schools. AZ CSP implementation and activities will generate research-based leading indicators from the field and develop an evidence-based framework for creating high-quality charter schools serving educationally disadvantaged students.