

FY 2020 Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)  
Grants to State Entities (CFDA Number: 84.282A)  
Project Abstract

## California Department of Education

**State:**

California

**PR Award Number:**

S282A200007

**Duration (Years):** 3

**Year 1 Funding:**

\$7,777,776.00

**Total Expected Funding:**

\$41,666,667.00

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The 2020 Charter School Program (CSP) project, known as the Public Charter School Grant Program (PCSGP) builds upon California's (CA) past successes and proposes new partnerships with districts as well as greater collaboration among high-performing public schools. CA considers charter schools as part of the public education system and is designed to ensure the system is working to benefit communities. The goal of the PCSGP is to improve academic achievement for all students in California public schools, particularly educationally disadvantaged students, and to provide technical support to rural communities, new charter school developers, and to authorizers, creating a support network for all.

To achieve this goal, the three-year PCSGP will increase enrollment in high-quality charter schools, expand the sharing and use of best practices between public schools, strengthen charter school authorizer practices, and provide an effective system of support. The CA grant pipeline intends to fund up to 60 sub-grants for new or expanding high-quality charter schools. Grant funding will be used to provide regional workshops throughout the state for public schools and for targeted technical assistance to charter school authorizers to develop regional networks, streamline oversight procedures including best practices to ensure charter schools are accountable for fiscal, operational, and academic performance, and increase understanding of new legislative regulations.

The outcomes of the PCSGP include increased academic achievement for CA charter school students, increased number of high-quality charter schools, and improved, calibrated charter authorizer practices in CA.