

Louisiana Department of Education

Louisiana Public Charter Schools Program Grant Project

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), which functions as Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's (BESE) administrative arm, has done pioneering work over the past decade to ensure that all authorized public chartering agencies utilize best practices when conducting their oversight responsibilities.

Through the Louisiana Public Charter Schools Program (LPCSP), the LDOE will catalyze charter growth in high-need communities to meet insistent parental demand for these schools. Over the five-year project period, LDOE will support the addition of over 5,000 seats at 25 new, expanding, or replicating charter schools that are primarily located in districts where multiple schools have been designated as being in Academically Unacceptable Status for three or more years, districts receiving state letter grades of 'D' or 'F', rural districts, and districts where free public school choice options are currently limited. In addition, through LPCSP, LDOE will work on a systematic basis to solicit parental input; cultivate pipelines of innovative, capable charter school developers; provide essential start-up support, impactful technical assistance, and efficient monitoring; and systematically build the human, organizational, policy, and resource capacity of all public chartering agencies across the state.

The objectives of LDOE's project are:

Objective 1: Broaden access to high-quality public-school seats for educationally disadvantaged students throughout Louisiana.

Objective 2: Improve educational outcomes for educationally disadvantaged students attending Louisiana charter schools.

Objective 3: Enhance the quality of charter school authorization across Louisiana.

State:
Louisiana

PR Award Number:
S282A230003

Duration (Years):
5 Years

Year 1 Funding:
\$4,444,445.00

Total Expected Funding:
\$55,555,555.00

Number of Subgrants:
25

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