

# Minnesota Department of Education

## Minnesota Charter Schools Program

**State:**

Minnesota

**PR Award Number:**

S282A230006

**Duration (Years):**

5 Years

**Year 1 Funding:**

\$7,953,420.00

**Total Expected Funding:**

\$37,579,122

**Number of Subgrants:**

24

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The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)'s vision for the Charter School Program (CSP) grant is to have a landscape of high-quality/high-performing charter schools that all communities can access. In 2022-23, 180 Minnesota charter school Local Education Agencies (LEA)'s served 67,234 students in grades K-12 (7.9% of the total K-12 public school enrollment). Expected outcomes of this project include: awarding 24 new charter school and 24 expansion subgrant awards within five years. Key activities include: subgrant competitions for startup and expansion/replication of a high-quality charter schools including seat expansion; implementing an incubator program to strengthen charter schools at inception; developing a network improvement cohort focused on credit recovery to provide Technical Assistance (TA) to charter school leaders in the development and implementation of a credit recovery program; forming a Parent and Community Member Advisory Council to support the development of a charter school information guide; a Board Governance Research Study to identify and document root cause(s) of persistent governance issues; and authorizer training funds and a professional development series to ensure all public chartering agencies implement best practices for charter school authorizing.

**Objective 1:** Facilitate further student access, particularly for traditionally underserved students, to high-quality public charter schools in Minnesota by awarding CSP Startup and site, grade and/or seat Expansion/Replication subgrants.

**Objective 2:** Provide TA to and share best practices with charter schools to further increase student academic and operational performance.

**Objective 3:** Provide evaluation and technical assistance to support charter school authorizer best practices.