



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Announcing Expanding Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Program - Grants to State Entities Competition

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor (DOL).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), is soliciting applications in support of the administration of the Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)-Grants to State Entities Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.282A.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, June 18, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sareeta Schmitt. Telephone: (202) 987-1758. Email: SE_Competition@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through the CSP – State Entity grants program, ED awards grants on a competitive basis to State entities that, in turn, award subgrants to eligible applicants for the purpose of opening new charter schools and replicating and expanding high-quality charter schools. The FY 2026 competition includes an absolute priority, seven competitive preference priorities, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priority is: Best Practices for Charter School Authorizers. The competitive preference priorities are: At Least One Authorized Public Chartering Agency Other than a Local Educational Agency, or an Appeals Process; Equitable Financing; Best

Practices to Improve Struggling Schools and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs); Charter School Facilities; Serving At-Risk Students; Returning Education to the States; and Expanding Education Choice.

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priority and program requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-birth-grade-12/charter-school-programs/expanding-opportunities-through-quality-charter-schools-program-csp-grants-state-entities>, on DOL's website at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/find-opportunities, and on Grants.gov at <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/361920>. The application notice and instructions on Grants.gov is the official document governing the grant competition.

Eligible Applicants: State entities in States with a specific State statute authorizing the granting of charters to schools are eligible to apply. "State entity" means— (a) A State educational agency; (b) A State charter school board; (c) A Governor of a State; or (d) A charter school support organization.

Program Authority: Title IV, part C of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7221-7221j).

Accessible Format: On request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

Note: Henry Maklakiewicz signs this notice in furtherance of DOL's role in providing support to ED.

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In concurrence.

Henry Maklakiewicz,

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