

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Department of Education (ED)
Office of Innovation and Improvement

Programs with PZ Benefits:

Charter Schools Program Grants For Replication and
Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools

Charter Schools Program (CSP) Replication Expansion Grant

Website: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/charter-rehqcs/index.html>

Benefit Type: Grant Competition

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, and Tribal communities located in states with charter school laws.

Eligible Applicants: Non-profit charter management organizations (CMOs) and other entities that are not for-profit may apply. A CMO is an organization that operates or manages multiple charter schools by centralizing or sharing certain functions and resources among schools. Eligible applicants may apply as a group or consortium. This competition includes an absolute priority that eligible applicants must have experience operating or managing more than one high-quality charter school. A high-quality charter school is defined at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/charter-rehqcs/eligibility.html>.

Funding Availability: For FY16, Department of Education estimates that \$1,600,000 will be made available, which is estimated to fund 25 new awards.

Application Notice: April 18, 2016

Application Deadline: June 2, 2016

Benefits to Promise Zone: Priority Consideration

Goal: The purpose of the Charter Schools Program (CSP) is to increase the national understanding of the charter school model by (1) expanding the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools, and (2) by evaluating the effects of charter schools, including their effects on students, student academic achievement, staff and parents.

Program Description: Under the Replication and Expansion for High-Quality Charter Schools competition, the CSP awards grants to eligible applicants, including non-profit charter management organizations. Eligible applicants must have demonstrated success, including success in increasing student academic achievement. Grant funds may be used to expand enrollment of one or more existing charter schools by substantially increasing the number of available seats per school, or to open one or more new charter schools based on the model for which the eligible applicant has presented evidence of success.

The Replication and Expansion grant is administered by the Office of Innovation and Improvement. Please direct inquiries to Brian Martin at: Brian.Martin@ed.gov.