

**Great Oaks Foundation
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The Great Oaks Foundation's goal is to substantially expand two high-quality schools and launch two new schools, creating a total of 1,200 new high-quality seats across a three-year grant period. The existing schools include Great Oaks Charter School - Newark and Great Oaks Charter School - New York City. In 2014, the Great Oaks Foundation will launch Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport, having been granted a charter by the Connecticut State Board of Education on April 2, 2014. The following academic year, we will launch Great Oaks Charter School - Wilmington, having been granted a charter by the Delaware State Board of Education on April 17, 2014.

For new and expanding charter schools, expenses that make strong programmatic sense – building out technology, carrying out renovations that create a safe school environment conducive to learning, meeting enrollment targets to ensure a robust per pupil funding stream – are often delayed by limited resources. The proposed grant will allow the Great Oaks Foundation to accelerate growth through targeted expenditures and bridge the fiscal gap until school expenditures are sustainable on per-pupil funding.

In line with the purpose of the CSP, the Great Oaks Foundation will offer high-quality seats to students, and open schools that serve as a proof point for the effectiveness of charter schools. The Great Oaks Foundation is prepared to offer at-risk students options that close the achievement gap and promise college readiness.