

New York State Department of Education
FY2011 Application for Grants Under the Charter School Program
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Abstract

The *New York State Charter Schools Program (CSP) Project 2011–2016* seeks to double the number of high-quality charter schools (to almost 400 charter schools) that serve students in New York State, particularly English Language Learners, students with disabilities, those in high poverty, and those in rural communities. The four project objectives are:

- **Project Objective 1:** Increase the number of high-quality charter schools in New York State, especially those serving students who are at greatest risk of not meeting State academic standards.
- **Project Objective 2:** Strengthen the overall quality of the New York State charter authorizing and CSP grant administrative infrastructure.
- **Project Objective 3:** Promote the dissemination of New York State charter school best practices to other public schools.
- **Project Objective 4:** Improve student achievement outcomes in New York State charter schools, particularly for students who are at greatest risk of not meeting State academic standards.

This CSP grant project emphasizes high-quality authorizing of new charter schools through the *New York State Quality Charter Authorizer Partnership (NYSQCAP)*. The focus on collaboration and quality authorizing will help maintain charter quality amidst rapid expansion. The project will incentivize the development of high-quality charter schools that meet specific needs—especially those of educationally disadvantaged students—by awarding significantly increased planning and implementation grants to applicants who intend to serve target populations with specific program designs. The project also focuses on the identification and dissemination of successful charter schools through a Race-to-the-Top style dissemination subgrant competition. Finally, the project proposes a robust, comparative study to monitor and analyze student achievement gains over the five-year grant period. This proposal demonstrates that New York has both the capacity and expertise to significantly expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students in New York State.

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