**Facility Center - Project Application Proposal**

Dear Colleagues,

The Charter School Facility Center at the National Alliance for Public Schools received a three-year grant in 2018 to (1) **capture and widely** **disseminate existing best practices** for locating, improving and funding facilities for charter schools, and (2) **develop and** **widely** **disseminate new, innovative solutions** for the same.

Major activities include: (a) creating a national community of practice of industry leaders to improve the collection of existing best practice resources and identify the best new ideas that merit wide dissemination; (b) supporting discrete projects to address acute needs; and (c) widely disseminating the information and resources to school leaders, policymakers, and finance professionals through local, state, and national channels developed by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

The Facility Center is soliciting recommendations for collecting best practices, supporting discrete projects, and disseminating resources. This application process is intended to gather a wide response of ideas for projects for the next two years.

Please fill in the following information for any idea that would help to disseminate best practices related to charter school facilities. Submit this proposal to:

Mark Medema

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**Project Name**:

**Project Sponsor**:

**Project Abstract (one paragraph)**:

**Project Deliverables**:

**Project Outcomes/Goals**:

**Dissemination Strategies**:

**Estimated Cost (if known)**:

**Timeline (if known)**:

*Please return this form to Mark Medema at the Facility Center at the National Alliance: mark@publiccharters.org*

*A sample of ideas is attached.*

**Examples of projects**

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| **Project Name**: | **Common Loan App** | **Architectural Magazine** | **Facility Professional Recruiting** | **Facility Master Planning** |
| **Project Sponsor:** | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| **Project Abstract**: | Charter schools spend too much time calling lenders to find an interested party. | Charter schools don’t have a way to learn about innovative design and construction techniques. | Encourage people to work in the field | Show how comprehensive master planning can lead to better results |
| **Project Deliverables**: | An on-line loan application that can be sent to multiple lenders. | A semi-annual e-magazine showcasing innovative charter school facilities, | A recruiting platform | Case studies on how CMOs and Cities have done master planning |
| **Project Outcomes/Goals**: | Reduce time to find a lender | More informed charter school operators resulting in better charter school designs. | More people in the field | More master plans |
| **Dissemination Strategies**: | Article on how other sectors have used common applications (i.e. higher ed enrollment, charter enrollment)  Host the loan app on a website (i.e. Alliance’s Facility Center). | On-line magazine hosted on a website.  Possible charter school building of the year award. | On-line recruiting platform  Presentations to grad schools  Articles for sector switchers | Case studies  Testimonials |
| **Cost:** | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| **Timeline:** | ? | ? | ? | ? |