

**Lehigh Valley Charter  
High School for the Arts**  
– Bethlehem, PA

City First provided \$6 million in affordable NMTTC financing for Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts (“Charter Arts”), a performing arts charter school founded 12 years ago located in Bethlehem, PA. It offers students selected across 12 Pennsylvania counties through an audition process, majors for disciplines such as dance,



theatre, vocal and instrumental music, visual arts, and figure skating. Charter Arts is located in a moderate-income census tract, and the purpose of the NMTTCs was to refinance the debt related to the construction of its new facility. The 91,000 sq new facility has 38 classroom, a 356 auditorium, and now has the capacity to serve 650 students. It is also LEED certified. Charter Arts will have 77 full time equivalent (FTE) positions all with living wage jobs and full benefit packages. Charter Arts is located within the Bethlehem Stacks vicinity of another CFB NMTTC transaction, PBS 39, which was a new broadcasting and programming facility for PBS and expansion of community educational programming. These two transactions demonstrate the power of catalytic impact to revitalize a distressed area.

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