

## **Lawndale Educational & Regional Network (LEARN)**

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### **Abstract**

LEARN Charter School Network is requesting \$5,510,000 from CSP to support its expansion and replication. LEARN received its charter in 2001 and has grown from 110 students in one school to 990 across three schools over the last nine years thanks to an aggressive growth plan launched in 2008. LEARN has very impressive academic outcomes, strong financial management, and absolutely no issues in the area of student safety, financial management, or statutory or regulatory compliance. Our expansion plans outlined in this application fully meet the competitive priorities of this grant: 93% of LEARN's students qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch; our plan was designed in partnership with our LEA to serve students attending schools that have been identified for improvement, corrective action, closure, or restructuring; and we have secured matching funds that are equal to 32.3% of our requested amount. With the assistance of CSP funds we will accelerate our expansion plans and reach our goal of opening three new schools and expand two of our existing schools over the next three years. This will increase our enrollment from 960 to 2,310 or 140%. In order to do this, we will build the capacity of our Teacher Apprentice Program, Student Support Services and Charter Management Organization. In addition, we will purchase educational materials and supplies for 54 new classrooms. The outcomes we will be measuring include: serving an additional 1,350 new students, having at least 95% of our graduates attend college preparatory high schools, achieving 90% meet/exceed on ISAT by the end of the grant term, growing 5 points in national percentile rankings per year (as defined by MAP), and having at least 90% of our teachers in the apprentice program become lead teachers in their own classrooms.