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Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy: Expanding Access to Public School Choice for Rhode Island Families

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Project Description and Goals

Rhode Island Mayoral Academy Blackstone Valley, more commonly referred to as Blackstone Valley Prep (BVP) Mayoral Academy, is a network of tuition-free public schools chartered by the Rhode Island Department of Education. BVP's mission is to prepare every scholar for success in college and the world beyond. Currently serving nearly 1,000 "scholars" in grades K-8, BVP offers a high quality public school choice to the families of Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln and Pawtucket.

BVP is requesting \$2,447,978 over five years. Grant funds will be used to expand BVP's vision for growth in RI from the current 1,000 students enrolled to allow for more than 2,500 students enrolled annually once all BVP schools reach full enrollment.

Expected Outcomes

BVP will accomplish this by a) expanding to seven schools by growing the three (3) current schools to scale and opening the doors to an additional four (4) schools by 2017-2018 for a total of three (3) elementary schools, and three (3) middle schools feeding into one (1) high school; and b) replicating the model of BVP's current middle and elementary schools, which have a track record of success.

Contribution to Research, Policy or Practice

BVP is committed to reflecting on its practice, building on its successes and positively contributing to the educational outcomes for all children by serving as a proof point for what is possible with high expectations as well as rigorous and joyful learning that provides instructional support to help every student become college and career ready. Evaluating its impact is a critical component to achieve this.

BVP is also deeply committed to building partnerships, investing stakeholders and collaborating whenever possible.