

Alliance College-Ready Public Schools

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Abstract

Project Description: Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, a nonprofit Charter Management Organization located in Los Angeles, California, is requesting an \$8,000,000 CSP Replication Grant to open 10 new charter schools (5 high schools and 5 middle schools) by the end of the grant period. This expansion will allow Alliance to provide an additional 5,250 economically disadvantaged students with a high-quality educational experience. Each of the proposed Alliance schools will deliver a consistent educational environment and experience for students, offering every student the skills, experience, and knowledge to enter college. Alliance's vision is that, given the correct educational foundation, underserved students can and will succeed in college and in life. In realizing this vision, Alliance has created a powerful, proven, scalable-model for the nation's schools. Of considerable importance, this project is supported by both Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent John E. Deasy and the Honorable Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

Goal 1 Replication: Alliance proposes to open 10 high quality charter schools at the rate of 2 per year within the 5 years CSP grant in low-income, minority areas of the Los Angeles School District.

Objectives: Complete critical planning tasks and start-up tasks for each new school. Sustain each new school. Achieve student outcomes for low-income, minority, and special needs students consistent with those for existing Alliance schools. Outcomes: 10 charter schools will be planned, approved, opened, and operated.

Goal 2 Fidelity to Model: All schools created with this CSP grant will be designed and operated in a manner consistent with the established Alliance model.

Objectives: Every student will be provided with the skills, experience, and knowledge to enter college. Each school will demonstrate adherence to design standards.

Outcomes: 10 charter schools operated in accordance with the proven Alliance model.

Goal 3 High-Quality Charter Schools: All schools created with this CSP grant will be High-Quality Charter Schools as measured by student achievement.

Objectives: All new schools will meet NCLB AYP. More than 90% of students enrolled for over 1 year graduate from high school, pass CA A-G college admission requirements, earn acceptance and enroll in college.

Outcomes: By end of grant period 3,900 students attending 10 charter schools are on path to academic excellence. At full enrollment, the schools will serve 5,250 students.

Application meets the purpose of the CSP as stated in Notice Inviting Applications.

Alliance will replicate its high-quality charter schools in a manner that continues its demonstrated record of success, including success in increasing student academic achievement.