

Green Dot Public Schools: CSP Grants for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools

Abstract Narrative

Project title: *Built to Scale: Green Dot's Strategic Response to National Need*

Project Goals and Alignment with CSP: The project will replicate Green Dot's successful school achievement model by opening 20 new middle and high schools in neighborhoods in Los Angeles, Memphis, and Tacoma where the need is urgent and demand for good schools is high. Specifically, over the next five years, Green Dot plans to: (1) expand *Ánimo Charter Middle School #2*, *Ánimo Avalon Middle School*, and *Ánimo Charter Middle School #1* in Los Angeles; (2) create three new middle schools in Los Angeles; (3) create two new middle schools and two new high schools in Tacoma where current school options are poor; and (4) transform ten middle schools and high schools in Memphis based on Green Dot's experience with the whole-school turnaround with chronically-underachieving schools.

Expect Outcomes: Expected long-term outcomes for the project include: (1) Enroll 10,000 new students annually in new Green Dot schools by 2019; (2) Sustain SPED, ELL, and high-poverty student populations at a rate comparable to neighboring schools; (3) 100% of new Green Dot schools outperform district in state tests; (4) 100% of new Green Dot high schools outperform district schools in graduation rates; (5) 100% of high schools outperform district schools in student retention.

Contributions for Research, Policy, and Practice: The proposed project will significantly enhance the field of practice related to the successful expansion, replication, and management of middle schools and high schools in high need areas. In particular, the project will expand Green Dot's documented expertise as a national leader in whole-school turnarounds.

Target Population: Educationally disadvantaged students in Los Angeles, Memphis, and Tacoma.

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