

Urban Prep Academies: Abstract Narrative (84.282B2012-1)

Urban Prep Academies is located at 420 N. Wabash, Suite 300; Chicago, IL 60611. Urban Prep's Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Kelly Dickens, can be reached at (312) 276-0259 ext. 1122 or kdickens@urbanprep.org. Urban Prep Academies is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2002. Our mission is to provide a rigorous college prep curriculum that prepares a traditionally underserved population for success in college and life. Urban Prep currently holds three charters for schools in the City of Chicago: Urban Prep Englewood, Urban Prep West Campus and Urban Prep Bronzeville Campus (formerly South Shore Campus).

The Urban Prep Bronzeville Campus (nee South Shore) received a Federal CSP Planning grant with a grant period start date of March 1, 2010 and end date of July 31, 2010. Thus, this school conducted planning activities for a total of five months, well under the 18 month cap mandated by the CSP program. This school also received an implementation grant, with a grant period start date of March 15, 2011, and a grant period end date of July 31, 2011. Thus, this school conducted implementation related activities for a total of approximately 4.5 months, well under the 24 month cap. The CSP grant began when activities began March 1, 2010, not to exceed 36 months. Since this school is still in the implementation stage (24 month period ending March 1, 2013), and has only conducted 4.5 months of implementation with CSP funding, the school is eligible for a continuation of funding under this announcement.

We are requesting a continuation of funding in the amount of \$202,500 for the Bronzeville Campus (nee South Shore) to further support the schools' final implementation initiatives.