

Applicant: BRICK Newark • [REDACTED]

Project Title: Building Responsible Intelligent Creative Kids: BRICK CSP Replication and Expansion

Project Director: Christopher Perpich, BRICK Chief Academic Officer

Competitive Preference Priorities Addressed: **CPP 1**—Supporting High-Need Students by Increasing Access to High-Quality Educational Choice; and **CPP 3**—Single-school charter

Project Summary: BRICK seeks CSP funding to expand its single-school charter and replicate that model, thereby growing its network to six schools in three cities and states—Newark, NJ; Bronx/NYC, NY; and Bridgeport or New Haven, CT.

Project Goals: **1)** Finalize the Achieve Community Charter Network’s full K-8 academic model that will prepare the next generation of innovators; **2)** Build operational capacity of BRICK as a charter management organization; **3)** Provide strong, experienced, regional leadership to support replicated schools; **4)** Replicate BRICK’s high-quality charter school model in two additional locations; and **5)** Improve organizational performance in all BRICK charter network schools.

Highlight of Project Features: BRICK implements a unique model for school, student, family, and community improvement in the South Ward of Newark. Since 2010, BRICK has successfully turned around student academic performance at two traditional public Pre-K-8 schools in Newark Public Schools. In 2017, BRICK launched its first open-enrollment charter school, Achieve Community Charter School, which has been recognized for its unique combination of academics and support services. BRICK also operates the South Ward Children’s Alliance, which focuses on early intervention through family-focused outreach programs that build family resiliency by addressing problems such as lack of health care, hunger, inconsistent housing, and parenting issues that impede academic performance.

Students Served: 2,625 by the end of the CSP funding period; 4,050 by full school enrollment