

ABSTRACT
AMERICAN HERITAGE CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION

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American Heritage Charter School (“AHCS”) is a small, rural school with big dreams. AHCS opened in 2013 and is a fully accredited and successful K-12 public charter school, serving 334 students. The AHCS mission is to create patriotic and educated leaders by giving all students a rigorous education, developing good character and habits for success, and inspiring students to pursue the American dream, regardless of their circumstances. The Core Knowledge curriculum is the heart of the K-8 program, emphasizing a classic liberal arts education in literature, music, art, and history. In upper grades, core classes are delivered in a dynamic, mastery and project-based learning environment, where every student has a mentor, access to a computer, and actively participates in directing their own learning. We seek grant support to:

1. Double enrollment in grades 2 through 6 during the grant period and concurrently recruit, retain, and organically grow the emerging middle and high school population, including rural and traditionally underserved student populations;
2. Expand access to and increase participation in dual credit, AP, career-technical, and other advanced opportunities to graduate more college-ready, career-oriented students;
3. Expand mastery and project-based learning in core subjects, with an emphasis in developing cognitive skills and habits that will lead to success in college, careers, and personal life.
4. Implement a new and rigorous business and entrepreneurship program to inspire the next generation of American innovators and entrepreneurs; and
5. Increase individualized, expeditionary, and experiential learning opportunities.