

Central Queens Academy Expansion and Replication
April 2018 Charter Schools Program Competition
Education Abstract

Central Queens Academy Charter School, an independent public charter middle school serving a highly diverse, high-need school population in Queens, New York City, seeks funding from the Charter Schools Program to support its expansion to add grades K-4 to CQA's existing grades 5-8. Inside the same grant period of 2018-2023 ("Grant Period") CQA will also replicate our successful middle school model serving grades 5-8.

CQA's proposal has two goals. The first is to prepare and provide for our initial expansion to K-4, beginning with a planning phase to prepare for implementation in 2020. The second goal is to replicate our successful middle school program in the latter half of the grant period. We expect that by the end of the five-year grant period, we will have more than doubled our current enrollment of 400 students to serve 900 scholars in grades K-8 using CSP funds and begun the replication of our second 400 student middle school for a total of 1,600 students. At full scale, we envision a full K-12 system serving a high-need, high-ELL population of more than 2,000 students inside one of the nation's most overcrowded public school districts, Community School District 24 in New York City.