**City Garden Montessori School**

**Grantee:**

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**PR Award Number:**

S282E190007

**Duration (Years):** 5

**Year 1 Funding:**

$297,000

**Total Expected Funding:**

$1,470,000

**City Garden Montessori School:**

1618 Tower Grove Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

Founded in St. Louis in 2008, City Garden Montessori School exists to improve student achievement and outcomes by increasing access to excellent education for historically marginalized children and defying the pervasive segregation that plagues St. Louis and the United States. City Garden achieves this goal by combining the Montessori Theory of Development, rigorous state standards and an Anti-Biased, Anti-Racist (ABAR) framework to provide culturally relevant, individualized educational experiences for children in kindergarten through grade eight.

The project for expansion over the next five years is the first phase of a multi-year plan to dramatically expand City Garden’s impact by making excellent education accessible to more St. Louis families. During this project period, City Garden will increase academic outcomes for all students and eliminate academic disparities among subgroups of students, enhance teacher coaching and support, launch an elementary Montessori teacher training program, increase organizational capacity to support growth of students, and increase the financial sustainability of the school.

In St. Louis, Missouri, the majority of children do not have access to high quality education—particularly low-income children, minority children, children with disabilities, and English learners.

Through this project, City Garden will realize the following outcomes: academic proficiency results in language arts and math will increase by five percentage points each year; City Garden will have a comprehensive, codified curricular model that integrates the Montessori Method, Missouri State Standards, and Anti-Bias, Anti-Racism education; teacher retention will increase from less than 75% to 95%; City Garden will train and certify 18 elementary Montessori teachers; the number of students served will increase from 228 to 462; and City Garden will have at least a 10% discretionary fund balance at the end of each fiscal year.

**Number of Participants to be Served**

Students: 2019-20 Enrollment = 228; expected 2023-24 Enrollment = 462 (234 increase)

Number of Teachers and Assistants: 2019-20 = 22; expected 2023-24 = 38 (16 increase)

At full capacity in 2028-29, the school will employ 48 teachers and assistants (26 increase).

By virtue of serving students, City Garden serves their families who are deeply rooted in the surrounding community. City Garden currently operates in a single facility located at 1618 Tower Grove Avenue. The project seeks to expand Kindergarten at this site while expanding to a new site located at 4209 Folsom, only two blocks away from 1618 Tower Grove.The 4209 Folsom 56,000 square footage space will accommodate the first through eighth grade classrooms, plus lab space, community areas, personnel offices, and supplemental instructional spaces. This CSP grant will not fund City Garden facilities.