YES Prep Public Schools, Inc.

For two decades, YES Prep Public Schools, Inc. (YES Prep or system) has redefined what is possible in public education by operating, replicating, and expanding high-quality charter schools in the most underserved communities in Houston, Texas. Our mission – unchanged – is to increase the number of students from underserved communities who graduate from college prepared to lead. In 2019-2020, we operate 19 charter schools and serve 14,101 students from 22 traditional school districts. Overall, 98% of our students are African American and Hispanic, 91% are educationally disadvantaged, and 88% are economically disadvantaged. YES Prep is requesting $20,966,911 over five project years (60 months) for our Leading Houston Forward Campaign to replicate and expand our proven, college-ready model: providing 8,990 seats (11,310 seats at scale) in 14 high-quality charter schools (elementary and secondary), raising systemwide enrollment to 26,420 students in 30 charter schools, and making a measurable, long-term impact on Houston’s most underserved communities. At scale, over 2,200 seniors will graduate from a YES Prep high school, and 100% will be accepted to college every year.

YES Prep is applying under Absolute Priority 2 and Competitive Preference Priorities 1, 2, and 3. Our project objectives are: (1) Increase the number of high-quality charter schools available to educationally disadvantaged students in Houston from 19 to 30 by the end of the grant period and ensure those schools are sustainable on public funding; (2) increase the number of students enrolled in high-quality charter schools by 8,990 by the end of the grant period with a focus on educationally disadvantaged students; (3) increase the percentage of college-ready students by 20% by the end of the grant period; (4) increase the percentage of college graduates by 10% by the end of the grant period; and (5) increase parent and community engagement by 30% by the end of the grant period.