Resurgence Hall educates every K-8 student for success in high school, college and life within a structured, joyful and values-based school community, and with an absolute focus on academic achievement. Founded in 2016, Resurgence Hall has quickly realized remarkable academic achievements with scholars and become one of the highest performing school systems in the state of Georgia. With CSP funding Resurgence Hall seeks to double the size of its network by opening two new schools within the next five years which would grow to ultimately serve scholars in grades K-8 at scale. This will create 450 new, high-quality charter school seats and support the addition of 375 high-quality seats at the founding academies during the grant period, and 2,025 total seats annually at vision. By serving more scholars throughout Atlanta, Resurgence Hall seeks to reverse decades of educational inequity and ensure all scholars receive an excellent education and are poised for success in high school, college and life.

All proposed sites will be in the southwest quadrant of Atlanta, an area where few high-quality public schools exist today. Resurgence Hall is applying under Absolute Priority #2, serving a student population of at least 40% from low income families as 77% of Resurgence Hall scholars across the Primary & Middle Academies qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. Resurgence Hall is applying under Competitive Preference Priority 1: Spurring Investment in Qualified Opportunity Zones. The Primary & Middle Academies reside in a severely distressed, new market tax credit qualified census tract with a poverty rate of 35.7%, an unemployment rate 20.4% and a median family income in the 54.5% percentile. Resurgence Hall would target the new campuses in one of six neighboring census tracts, all of which are certified opportunity zones. Resurgence Hall is also applying under Competitive Preference Priority 2: Number of Charter Schools Operated or Managed by the Eligible Applicant, for currently operating two campuses and seeking to open two additional campuses during the grant period and two additional campuses beyond the grant period.

The project objectives are to dramatically expand the number of high-quality elementary and middle school seats in Southwest Atlanta, where few quality public schools exist today. This will be achieved by creating 900 new high-quality elementary school seats through the creation of two new K-5 campuses, 450 new high-quality middle school seats through the creation of two new 6-8 campuses, and expanding the founding primary and middle academies to serve 450 scholars in grades K-5 and 225 scholars in grades 6-8. The project will also seek to build a robust talent pool in metro Atlanta through onboarding, training, ongoing professional development and feedback sessions that results in at least 162 highly effective teachers and 15 highly effective instructional leaders at vision. Through ongoing data review and reflection, the academic model will be refined to ensure all scholars – particularly those who are economically disadvantaged – fulfill the vision of enrolling in college preparatory high school courses and entering competitive universities. These objective will be achieved by providing innovative design thinking and computer science core curriculum beginning in kindergarten, providing scholars with 200 minutes of daily literacy instruction through a unique two-teacher push-in staffing model, extending the academic day and year, instilling the values of reflection, integrity, service and endurance, and offering enrichment programming such as yoga and dance – with strong instructional leaders underlying all of the above. Resurgence Hall scholars will achieve three critical long-term goals of enrolling in college-preparatory coursework in high school, graduating from competitive colleges, and embarking on careers that contribute to their long-term success and happiness.