

## Citizens of the World Charter Schools – Los Angeles

**Grantee:**

Citizens of the World Charter Schools – Los Angeles

**PR Award Number:**

S282M200012

**Duration (Years): 5****Year 1 Funding:**

\$752,256

**Total Expected Funding:**

\$4,124,999

**Citizens of the World Charter Schools – Los Angeles:**

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Applicable Priorities: Citizens of the World Charter Schools Los Angeles (CWC LA)'s proposed growth plan addresses Absolute Priority 2: Low-Income Demographic because CWC LA's network-wide student population is 43% low income as measured by eligibility for Free or Reduced Price Lunch. CWC LA is a Charter Management Organization that provides centralized instructional, operational, financial, facilities, legal and human resource services to three charter schools under three charters with their authorizer, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), therefore addressing Competitive Preference Priority 2: Operates 2 – 5 Schools. CWC LA plans to replicate three additional schools in areas within LAUSD boundaries. Within each of the three proposed communities, more than 51% of census tracts within the target area's boundaries qualify as federal Qualified Opportunity Zones, addressing Competitive Preference Priority 1: Qualified Opportunity Zones.

Locations: Replicated schools will be in Los Angeles, specifically in Reseda, Van Nuys, and the area adjacent to Culver City. Objectives, Activities, and Number of Persons Served: CWC LA was recently approved by LAUSD to add two more TK-8 schools, one opening in Fall 2020 the second in Fall 2021. Additionally, CWC LA plans to open another K-5 school in 2023, adding 2,790 more seats across Los Angeles. When the replication served by this grant reaches full capacity, the CWC LA Network will serve more than 5,500 students across Los Angeles. nearly doubling CWC LA. CWC LA schools serve significant populations of educationally disadvantaged students; our economically disadvantaged, special education, English learner and reclassified English learner subgroups all have consistently and significantly outperformed the district and the state on the California Assessment of Student

Performance and Progress (CAASPP) for the past five years. Further, all CWC LA schools have significantly outperformed LAUSD and the state on the CAASPP (and all other standardized state content area measures) since our inception. Therefore, CWC serves educationally disadvantaged students well, therefore the schools proposed for replication would generate high-quality seats. Bellwether will conduct a high-quality, rigorous, independent evaluation of the proposed replication. Bellwether has served as the external evaluator for four CSP-awarded CMOs.

Project Outcomes: The power of CWC LA's Learning Model, which is evidence-based and well-conceived, the promising student results, and our reasonable and well-planned replication plan, will drive toward the following expected outcomes of CWC LA's growth: 1) increase the students attending a high-quality charter schools by replicating three schools in Los Angeles, resulting in 2,790 new seats; 2) new seats outperform district and statewide performance on state assessments, thus resulting in high proficiency rates for CWC LA students of all subgroups; 3) new school student racial demographics reflect the surrounding community and the percentage of English learners and students with disabilities are comparable to the district average; 4) new schools meet or exceed their diverse by design culture measures; and 5) staff, families, and students embrace the CWC LA model.