

FY 2020 Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—
Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools
(CFDA Number: 84.282B)
Project Abstract

Kairos Academies

State:

Missouri

PR Award Number:

S282B200014

Duration (Years): 4**Year 1 Funding:**

\$819,625.00

Total Expected Funding:

\$1,495,312.00

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Kairos Academies (“Kairos”) is a Missouri charter Local Education Agency (LEA). The LEA is proposing a project to support the launch and quality of a charter school that opened in the 2019-2020 school year with its first class of sixth graders. Kairos opened in a high-needs area of St. Louis, which is not a rural community. The LEA meets Competitive Preference Priority 5, since it has never received a Charter School Program grant before (or any discretionary funding from the federal government).

The objectives of this project are to:

1. Provide key infrastructure needs to grow and scale to serve 360 students by Year 3 of operation, drawn from one of St. Louis’ most underserved student populations.
2. Set the bar for academic excellence in St. Louis, meeting targeted proficiency levels (detailed below), both as a school average and for all at-risk subgroups (FRPL, Homeless, Non-White, Male, SPED); performance goals are about 65 percentage points higher than the district’s performance.

The mission of Kairos is to empower students to direct their own lives and learning. Kairos is a grassroots movement of educators trying to rethink public education for the 21st century. By leveraging technology and reimagining traditional instruction, Kairos personalizes

the learning experience and nurtures student autonomy. Our model develops not just academic knowledge, but the organizational, social, and emotional competencies students need for true agency in our changing economy and society.

The six broad components of proposed project activities are:

1. Support of planning for the school’s opening and growth
2. Provisioning of the school model
3. Project management
4. Marketing for student and staff recruitment
5. Support for project-based learning
6. Professional development of the staff.

Quantitative performance measures and outcomes for each project objective are specified. The school will grow to serve 360 students over the course of this project.