

Organization Name: Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative

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Absolute Priority: Presidential Academies for Teaching American History & Civics for 250 Teachers and Congressional Academies for 500 AHC students

Competitive Preference Priorities: Using the Resources of the National Parks

Requested Total Award Amount: \$2,498,129

Project Description: The Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative (KEDC), in partnership National Council of History Education (NCHE), Kentucky Council for the Social Studies (KCSS), Gettysburg Foundation (GF), Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP), Abraham Lincoln Birth Place, the National Constitution Center (NCC), The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement (RCCCE), the Library of Congress (LC), Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Georgetown College (GC), Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Morehead State University (MSU), the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), proposes Project ACHIEVE (Advocating for Civics and History Engagement & Instruction through Valuing Educators) to support the establishment of the required Absolute Priority 1 with Presidential Academies for the Teaching of American History and Civics that offer innovative instructional workshops for 250 (50 per year for five years) veteran and new teachers to strengthen their knowledge of American history and civics. To address Absolute Priority 2, Project ACHIEVE will provide Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics to provide 500 (100 per year) high school students with opportunities to develop a broader and deeper understanding of these subjects in the history and principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights.

Project Expected Outcomes: Each year ACHIEVE will include National Park encounters during each summer institute and include resources along with guidance from curators. Goals of the project are 1) Increase Teacher Content Knowledge; 2) Increase Student Achievement; 3) Cultivate partnerships for collaboration; 4) Infuse Professional Learning Community Into School Culture; and 5) Principals will receive more content knowledge and instructional insight.

Project Special Features: KEDC will target Special Needs beneficiaries, recruitment and train special education teachers in American History and Civics, and service 9,354 eastern Kentucky students who are at risk.

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