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Applicant Name: Wilderness Education Project

Project Title: Project EMPOWER

Absolute Priority the Project Addresses: (select all that apply)

- Absolute Priority 1 – Title IA Schoolwide Program Eligibility
- Absolute Priority 2 – Title IA Schoolwide Eligibility and Rural Districts – Small and Rural or Rural and Low-Income
- Absolute Priority 3 – Capacity Building and Development Grants
- Absolute Priority 4 – Multi-Local Educational Agency Grants
- Absolute Priority 5 – FSCS State Scaling Grants

Competitive Preference Priorities the Project Addresses: (select all that apply)

- Competitive Preference Priority 1—Meeting Student Social, Emotional, and Academic Needs
- Competitive Preference Priority 2—Strengthening Cross-Agency Coordination and Community Engagement to Advance Systemic Change

Total number local educational agencies (LEAs) to be served by the project: Two (2) LEAs

Total number of schools to be served by the project: Nine (9) schools

Total estimated number of students to be served by the project: 4,496

Brief description of proposed project, including project activities: Our Focus will be to improve the

coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families.

This work

will be supported by the Kentucky Department of Education in partnership with Morehead State University Office of Community Support Services. Each district and prospective partners will ensure

services are focused on all nine (9) school buildings' comprehensive school-wide programs.

WEP and

partners will provide services for Competitive Preference Priority 1 - To meet student Social, emotional,

and Academic Needs. Project EMPOWER is designed to improve students' social-emotional academic,

and career development, focusing on underserved students and Competitive Preference Priority 2 -

Strengthening Cross-Agency Coordination and Community Engagement to Advance Systemic Change.

Summary of project objectives and expected outcomes: Goal 1: Integrated supports;

Outcomes 1:

students will participate in off-campus recreation, students will participate in Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice workshops, reduce the number of students using the food backpack program,

reduction in the number of discipline incidents, staff participation in SEL training, improve school

climate, implement PBIS/MTSS, improve chronic absenteeism, Goal 2: Expanded and Enriched

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Learning Time Outcome 2: community service, reduce juvenile offenses, improve substance abuse training, improve graduation rates, improve literacy and STEM skills, shifts in funding for student achievement, remediation through extended services, transition readiness. Goal 3: Family and community engagement Outcomes 3: Parents understanding of SEL, Teachers, and parents participating in Summer EMPOWER academies, families using student support services, access to community resources, understanding of services provided by community partners, staff community connection training, parents have input in the educational process, child development training opportunities for the community, employment training sessions. Goal 4: Outcomes 4: high-quality research-based professional development offered, instructional delivery methods offered, community involvement, hiring diverse staff, community coalition meetings, Advisory Team Meetings, and individualized career learning plan for students.

Proposed location(s) of implementation (e.g., city, town, county, State(s)): Johnson County Schools, Paintsville, KY, and Pikeville Independent Schools, Pikeville, KY

List all LEAs that will be partnering with this project, including rural designation under the

Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program or the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS)

program if applicable: Johnson County Schools – Pikeville Independent Schools

List all non-LEA organizations partnering with this project: Wilderness Education Project

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Kentucky Department of Education – Morehead State University – University of Pikeville – Big

Sandy Community Technical College – Big Sandy Health Care, Inc – Christian Appalachian

Project – Curriculum Associates – Franklin Covey – Hands and Feet Ministries – BARR Center –

Johnson County Sheriff Department – Pikeville Police Department – Kings Daughters Medical

Center – Appalachian Regional Healthcare – Southern Regional Education Board – Pike County

Health Department – Mountain Comprehensive Care Center – Elevate Early Learning Collaborative – Walmart Paintsville Supercenter – Soul Food of Kentucky – Kentucky Department of Community-Based Services – Kagan Publishing & Professional Development –

Positive Action – Nearpod – Rack Room Shoes – Dolly Parton Imagination Library – Pike County

Public Library – Johnson County Public Library