Grantee Name:

Cincinnati Classical Academy

Grant Award Number:

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ALN:

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State:

Ohio

Project Duration:

4 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$445,628

Total Expected Funding:

\$1,991,846

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Cincinnati Classical Academy

CSP Developer Grants for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools

Cincinnati Classical Academy (CCA) is a non-profit public charter school in southwest Ohio. CCA opened with 460 students in K-6 during its first year of operation in 2022-23 and will expand to 600 students in 2023-24 with a wait list of 400+ students. The school will add one grade per year, and expand to four classes per grade, until reaching a K-12 capacity of up to 1,300 learners reflective of the regions' diverse community demographics. Cincinnati is one of the big 8 urban districts wherein Ohio charters were encouraged to open to help combat the effects of historically low performing schools. In the first year of operation, CCA has achieved success in providing parents and students a quality educational choice by replicating a classical education model that has previously proven its merits in 23 economically diverse charter schools across 13 states.

In this first year, CCA achieved state test results that exceed state averages in every grade level and every subject (e.g., 94% reading proficiency) by using 1) time-proven curriculum and pedagogical principles; 2) effectively trained teachers and leaders who use high-yield practices that lead to academic and behavioral success and independence; 3) meaningful parent and community engagement practices that give voice to those often underrepresented; and 4) a high-quality educational and organizational environment that creates efficient and effective operational systems to support learning and safe, positive classrooms.

CCA will build on this success in its growth to K-12 by pursuing the following **project objectives**:

- 1. Help to close the achievement gap for economically disadvantaged students in southwestern Ohio;
- 2. Continue to provide a proven and tuition-free charter school option to underserved children and families in an area where <u>limited options for quality schools</u> exist; and

3. Meet the high level of interest and demand for a classical education model offered at no cost and within reasonable travel distance.

<u>Competition Priorities Addressed</u>: <u>Competitive Preference</u> <u>Priority</u> – Promoting High-Quality Educator-and Community Centered Charter Schools to Support Underserved Students.