State:

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17

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Illinois Network of Charter Schools

Illinois Impact Initiative: Creating and expanding high-quality educational opportunities for Illinois' most underserved students and communities

The Illinois Network of Charter Schools (INCS), the sole charter support organization in Illinois, proposes statewide activities to increase the availability of high-quality charter schools across Illinois.

To expand opportunities for Illinois students, INCS proposes to create additional high-performing seats through new school creation and current school replication and expansion in priority areas. Through the proposed project, entitled the Illinois Impact Initiative, INCS will address the lack of high-quality charter schools in rapidly diversifying suburban areas and downstate communities by launching new schools across the state and focusing on replication and expansion in Chicago. This project focuses on growing the charter sector to increase access to high-quality schools and further improve student achievement for Illinois' most underserved students. Through a robust subgrant competition and comprehensive training and technical assistance for new and existing charter operators via targeted intensive support programming, INCS proposes the following objectives:

Objective #1: Increase the number of high-quality charter schools in Illinois educating traditionally underserved students.

Objective #2: Improve the overall quality of Illinois' charter sector