

Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc. - S374A230001
Recommended Three-year Funding Amount: \$14,836,422.00

The Arkansas Public School Resource Center (APSRC) in partnership with Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative (CRESC), LEA number 5620000, seek a TSL grant under *both* Absolute and Competitive Priorities 1 and 2. APSRC is a service-oriented, non-profit membership organization that offers support, technical assistance, and training to charters and rural school districts across Arkansas. CRESC is a state-funded education service cooperative that delivers support services to member schools located in the Delta region in Northeast Arkansas.

The Promoting Educator Effectiveness in Rural Arkansas (PEER 2.0) model will serve 20,660 students, 1,573 teachers, and 90 school leaders, in 45 High-Need charter and rural schools. APSRC will address each of the competitive preference priorities and by implementing a human capital management system (HCMS) with a performance-based compensation system (PBCS) to increase educator effectiveness in high-poverty, rural Arkansas schools. PEER 2.0 cultivates *teacher leaders* and *teacher leader mentors* and provides performance incentives in excess of \$10 million across three years to recruit, develop, and retain effective educators.

The goals of the PEER 2.0 model are to provide a quality HCMS with PBCS through system development; provide effective, evidence-based strategies for teacher recruitment, development, and retention; and increase student achievement and school improvement through improved instructional practices to be sustained beyond the life of the grant. APSRC is seeking funding to replicate our successful TSL grant awarded in 2021 with a new cohort of schools across Central and Northeastern Arkansas and develop organizational infrastructure that will support change and leverage powerful results for future generations.