

# **NOSOTROS Education Center Announces 100% Funding Success Rate**

## **\$149 Million in Upward Bound Grants Awarded to Clients**

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(DALLAS) -- NOSOTROS Education Center (NEC) assisted 53 colleges, universities, and non-profit agencies in writing 88 successful federally funded grant proposals during the U.S. Department of Education's 2022 Upward Bound grant competition, the company announced today. NEC assisted clients in securing \$149 million to help low-income and potential first-generation college students prepare for college enrollment and graduation.

Results for the 2022 Upward Bound grant competition include:

- NEC developed or reviewed 88 Upward Bound proposals. All 88 were funded, resulting in a success rate of 100%.
- NEC submitted 67 proposals for continuation grants, all of which were funded.
- NEC developed 21 proposals for new grants; all were funded and received perfect scores.
- NEC clients were awarded \$149 million over 5 years in federal funding.

Elizabeth Retamozo, NEC Principal and Executive Director, celebrated the success of her clients and her team after this recent grant competition. Retamozo said, "Our team has a passion for helping our clients secure funding, so this announcement makes us all happy. To help low-income and potential first-generation college students advance in their education through Upward Bound programming is a mission for us, and it is wonderful to see these results."

In 2021, NEC assisted clients with 54 successful proposal submissions totaling \$96 million in federal funding.

Since 2006, NEC has had a successful track record (93%) of securing over \$712 million via new and continuation federal grant proposals. NEC also provides technical assistance nationwide to institutions and agencies in project implementation; compliance assessments; external process-based evaluations; documentation, recordkeeping, and annual performance reporting; database management; and professional development workshops.

About Upward Bound: ([www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)) Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families; and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. The program emerged out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the administration's War on Poverty.

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