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These K-12 school systems face challenges providing students with working, playable music instruments. Most students in these communities cannot afford to purchase or rent instruments. Our program, *We Are Instrumental*, aims to help school systems assess their current instrument inventories, facilitate instrument-collection drives in those communities, and return refurbished instruments to those school systems for student use. In addition, we provide much-needed training to music faculty on instrument repair. We will begin by targeting three counties (~10,000 students) and plan to scale up, adding three counties/year to reach all 194 school districts in twelve counties (~140,000 students).

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Success will be measured by a doubling of the instruments collected (reaching 300-400 instruments/year after four years), creating three instrument repair clinics in the first year to train more teachers, and establishing strategic partnerships that increase the geographic area of targeted schools and decrease the overall cost and time for instrument repairs.

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