



**FISCAL YEAR 2017
INNOVATION FUND GRANT AWARD WINNERS**

PLANNING GRANTS

<i>Organization</i>	Baldwin County School District
<i>Project Name</i>	Read Baldwin County
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Baldwin County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$ 5,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Baldwin County School District will plan and refine their vision for Read Baldwin County – a program that will unite educators, families, and community agencies in supporting young readers.

<i>Organization</i>	Clarke County School District
<i>Project Name</i>	Coaching for Innovation in P-3 Language & Literacy
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Clarke County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$10,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Clarke County School District will plan a program that provides birth-to-third grade providers with professional learning and targeted instructional practices and students and families with support services.

<i>Organization</i>	Charles R. Drew Charter School
<i>Project Name</i>	21CLM: Promoting School Innovation and Success throughout Georgia
<i>Priority Area</i>	Applied Learning with a Focus on STEAM Education
<i>Areas Served</i>	Atlanta/Statewide
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$ 9,996.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Charles R. Drew Charter School – in partnership with Georgia Institute of Technology’s Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing (Georgia Tech CEISMC); honorCode and others – will develop a strategic plan to scale the 21CLM program to Drew Charter School’s Senior Academy (grades 9 through 12) and throughout the state. Developed with an FY16 Innovation Fund implementation grant, the 21CLM program addresses summer reading loss and supports teachers in implementing more rigorous, creative, project-based learning, instructional approaches. The program accomplishes these objectives through a Literacy in the Making full-day summer program for targeted rising 1st through 3rd graders and STEM makerspace initiatives.

<i>Organization</i>	Elm Street Elementary
<i>Project Name</i>	STEAM in 3D - Dream, Design, Do!
<i>Priority Area</i>	Applied Learning with a Focus on STEAM Education
<i>Areas Served</i>	Rome, GA
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Rome City Schools’ Elm Street Elementary School will refine STEAM in 3D Dream, Design Do!, a program that uses new instructional methods and cutting-edge technology to advance student learning.

<i>Organization</i>	Greenwood Learning Center/Rome Transitional Academy
<i>Project Name</i>	Building STEAM
<i>Priority Area</i>	Applied Learning with a Focus on STEAM Education
<i>Areas Served</i>	Rome
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$9,500.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	The Building STEAM program will serve the high-needs populations at two alternative-education programs (housed in the same building) and a high-needs elementary school. This program seeks to motivate traditionally undeserved and under-performing students through problem-based, applied-learning projects, some with an entrepreneurship focus. The goals of the planning grant are to: (a) determine teachers' professional development needs, (b) provide teachers with professional development based on these needs, and (c) and implement a pilot program with the future possibility of scaling to schools with similar populations.

<i>Organization</i>	Houston County Schools
<i>Project Name</i>	Read to Lead
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Houston County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$10,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Houston County will pilot a leveled literacy intervention program for struggling kindergarten through second graders at C.B. Watson Primary School in Warner Robbins, GA. Through parent literacy nights, Read to Lead will also provide families with strategies, books, and resources to help boost their children's social-emotional development, school engagement, and reading achievement.

<i>Organization</i>	Liberty Tech Charter School
<i>Project Name</i>	Every Student, Every Day: Applied Service Learning
<i>Priority Area</i>	Applied Learning with a Focus on STEAM Education
<i>Areas Served</i>	Fayette County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$9,912.52
<i>Description of Project</i>	Liberty Tech will use its planning grant to develop and enhance a service-learning model that will allow students to use classroom content to solve real-world problems in a hands-on, project-based format. Specifically, Liberty Tech will explore the Maker movement, provide teacher professional development, and establish a professional learning community around project-based learning, applied learning and creative space. Through this planning process, Liberty Tech hopes to transform its school into a service-oriented maker environment for the 2017-2018 school year.

<i>Organization</i>	North Heights Elementary School
<i>Project Name</i>	Growing Up Green
<i>Priority Area</i>	Applied Learning with a Focus on STEAM Education
<i>Areas Served</i>	Rome, GA
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Rome City Schools' North Heights Elementary School will refine Growing Up Green, a program where students apply STEAM classroom content to address the community obstacle of living in a food desert.

<i>Organization</i>	Tattnall County Schools
<i>Project Name</i>	Lead-Read-Succeed: Developing Teachers and Leaders to Achieve Student Literacy Mastery
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Tattnall County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$10,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Tattnall County Schools, in partnership with GLISI, will refine Lead-Read-Succeed, a program designed to build teacher and leader capacity through a combination of team-based professional learning, coaching, and technical assistance for district leaders.

<i>Organization</i>	Telfair County Schools
<i>Project Name</i>	Tiny Trojans Early Literacy Program
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Telfair County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$10,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Telfair County Schools will use its planning grant to conduct a community needs assessment, provide teacher professional development, and, finally, create an implementation plan for the Tiny Trojans Early Literacy Program. This program will serve three-year old children as part of a high school elective class in the Early Childhood Education career pathway – providing both language and literacy instruction for three-year olds and classroom experience for aspiring teachers.

<i>Organization</i>	Screven County Elementary School
<i>Project Name</i>	School and Family Ties
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Screven County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$10,000.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Screven County Elementary School will explore language and literacy development best practices, assess its community needs, and develop resources to expand literacy services throughout the community.

<i>Organization</i>	West End Elementary
<i>Project Name</i>	SusTEAMability: Sustaining Pollinators
<i>Priority Area</i>	Applied Learning with a Focus on STEAM Education
<i>Areas Served</i>	Rome, GA
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$9,900.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	West End Elementary will address the community and world need of the decline of pollinators and the impact this decline has on the world’s food supply. Through STEAM and project-based learning professional development and a school-developed systematic, standards-aligned curriculum, West End Elementary aims to increase students’ financial literacy, problem solving skills, and entrepreneurship skills.

IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

<i>Organization</i>	Cobb County School District
<i>Project Name</i>	KickStART Cobb: Using the Power of Arts Integration to Fuel Early Language and Literacy Development
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Cobb County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$ 652,491.67
<i>Description of Project</i>	The KickStART Cobb program will serve kindergarten through third grade students by integrating the arts into language and literacy instruction. Through robust professional development for teachers, collaboration with community partners such as artists in residence, and resource development for parents, KickStART Cobb hopes to fuel early learning. KickStART Cobb will begin in four targeted elementary schools –LaBelle Elementary, Powder Springs Elementary, Clarkdale Elementary, and Kennesaw Elementary – and will serve close to 2,000 students and their families and 140 teachers.

<i>Organization</i>	Whitfield County Schools
<i>Project Name</i>	Beyond the Classroom
<i>Priority Area</i>	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
<i>Areas Served</i>	Whitfield County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$ 611,360.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Through Beyond the Classroom, Whitfield County Schools (WCS) and its community partners will enhance literacy development for children, ages birth to eight, and their families. The implementation grant will expand Power Lunches and Learning Academies—piloted during WCS’ Innovation Fund planning grant – to six school communities, three in year one and an additional three in year two. Through these programs, Beyond the Classroom will bring literacy into the most at-risk communities by providing children and families access to resources that promote language and literacy development as well as address health, family, and social-emotional needs.

SCALING GRANTS

<i>Organization</i>	Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School
<i>Project Name</i>	CREATE (Collaboration and Reflection to Enhance Atlanta Teacher Effectiveness)
<i>Priority Area</i>	Teacher and Leader Development for High-Need Schools
<i>Areas Served</i>	Atlanta
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$ 589,022.85
<i>Description of Project</i>	CREATE (Collaboration and Reflection to Enhance Atlanta Teacher Effectiveness) works to recruit, boost the capacity of, and retain effective educators in southeast Atlanta high-need schools through professional development focused on collaboration and reflection. An expansion of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School’s Race to the Top Innovation Fund project, the New Teacher Residency Program, CREATE is a unique collaborative of both traditional and public charter schools, as well as universities and a school district, that utilizes Critical Friendship, Cognitively-Based Compassion Training, and mentoring. With this grant, ANCS will provide support and mentoring to additional teachers at current CREATE schools as well as expand the program to three new schools – Kindezi, Dunbar Elementary, and Thomasville Heights Elementary.

<i>Organization</i>	Carroll County Schools
<i>Project Name</i>	Full STEAM Ahead
<i>Priority Area</i>	Applied Learning with a Focus on STEAM Education
<i>Areas Served</i>	Carroll County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$ 699,997.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Full STEAM Ahead will scale Carroll County’s Step into STEM program – developed with an Innovation Fund implementation grant – to serve 15-year old students who are at the highest-risk of dropping out from all five of Carroll County’s high schools. The program will provide students with an integrated STEAM curriculum, academic and soft skills support, and real-world experiences through partnerships with the county’s leading employers. Through Full STEAM Ahead, Carroll County aims to ensure that its students stay in school, graduate, and successfully enter postsecondary educational programs or the workplace with the real-world skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

<i>Organization</i>	Gwinnett County Public Schools
<i>Project Name</i>	Gear Up for Graduation!
<i>Priority Area</i>	Development and Replication of Blended Learning School Models
<i>Areas Served</i>	Gwinnett County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$ 293,741.40
<i>Description of Project</i>	Gear Up for Graduation (formerly the STEP Academy) utilizes a blended learning model to provide at-risk, over-aged 8th grade students with the opportunity to complete their 8th and 9th grade coursework in one year and rejoin their peers in 10 th grade. Gear Up for Graduation began serving students at Moore and Sweetwater Middle Schools through a Race to the Top Innovation Fund grant, and Lilburn Middle School through a state-funded Innovation Fund grant. Through this scaling grant, Gwinnett County Public Schools will expand Gear Up for Graduation to serve an additional 100 students at Summerour Middle School.

<i>Organization</i>	Thomas County School System
<i>Project Name</i>	Scaling of Blended Learning to Thomas County Central High School
<i>Priority Area</i>	Development and Replication of Blended Learning School Models
<i>Areas Served</i>	Thomas County
<i>Amount Funded</i>	\$699,312.00
<i>Description of Project</i>	Thomas County School System (TCSS) will scale the Bishop Hall Charter School blended learning program, developed with an Innovation Fund implementation grant, to 1,496 Thomas County Central High School students with the goal of increasing math achievement. During the scaling process, TCSS will support its teachers with professional development, improved technology, and strong local partnerships – enabling them to increase student ownership of learning and college/career readiness.