

INNOVATION FUND FOUNDATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT SUMMARIES

Grantee	Board of Control for the Southern Regional
Priority Area	Elementary Mathematics Teaching and Learning
Grant Amount	\$73,590.00
Project Name	SREB/Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative Joint Project to Support Elementary Teachers of Mathematics
Project Description	The Board of Control for the Southern Regional (SREB) will partner with the Columbus Regional Collaborative to work with schools in Talbot, Meriwether, and Chattahoochee counties to increase mathematics content knowledge for elementary teachers. The project will include content-based professional development, face-to face and virtual coaching, classroom observations, and research-based assessments to impact student achievement. To further support this initiative, SREB will contribute matching funds.

Grantee	University of West Georgia Foundation, Inc.
Priority Area	Positive Learning Climate
Grant Amount	\$71,121.00
Project Name	STEMDesign: Design Thinking for Elementary Teachers and Students
Project Description	The University of West Georgia Foundation and the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (GYSTC) of West Georgia will collaborate with Haralson and Heard County Schools to provide students and teachers with a summer enrichment opportunity. This summer camp will engage students in design thinking processes and STEM-focused project-based learning. Teachers will simultaneously participate in robust STEMDesign professional learning focused on effective pedagogy that incorporates design thinking, project-based learning, and student engagement.

Grantee	DeKalb County School District - Stoneview Elementary School
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
Grant Amount	\$72,319.00
Project Name	Loving Literacy
Program Description	Stoneview Elementary School will partner with First Saint Paul AME of Lithonia, Hands on Atlanta, DeKalb County Library, and Kids Doc on Wheels to support students' literacy development needs. Early elementary teachers will engage in professional learning based on the Orton-Gillingham approach to increase student-centered instructional practices. Stoneview's community partners will further engage families through tutoring, healthcare services, learning sessions, and wraparound support.

Grantee	Charles R. Drew Charter School
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
Grant Amount	\$57,748.00
Project Name	PREPPing for Success in Early Learning: Parent Engagement and Data Alignment
Project Description	Charles R. Drew Charter School, East Lake Early Learning Academy, Sheltering Arms East Lake Center, and the Rollins Center for Language and Literacy will leverage an established partnership to launch a parent engagement series and cross-partner Professional Learning Community model. The partnership will maximize the long-term impact of early learning within East Lake's cradle-to-college pipeline. Along with the East Lake Foundation's Resident and Community Support Program, the project will increase early learning enrollment while enabling teachers and leaders to best use data to inform instruction.

Grantee	Boys and Girls Club of the CSRA - Thomson Club
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
Grant Amount	\$75,000.00
Project Name	GREAT Readers - Thomson Club
Project Description	The Boys & Girls Club of CSRA-Thomson Club will extend its GREAT Futures Academy to include a focused literacy component - GREAT Readers - for McDuffie County students. Partnering with Maxwell and Thomson Elementary Schools, GREAT Readers will support literacy development outside of school. The project will also utilize community partnerships with East Georgia Housing Authority, Augusta Technical College, The Book Tavern, Serenity Behavioral Health, and the McDuffie County Health Department to impact students' and families' non-academic needs.