

**INNOVATION FUND FOUNDATION
INNOVATION SUMMIT PILOT GRANT SUMMARIES
AUGUST 2018**

Grantee	Barrow County School System and Piedmont Regional Library
School District	Barrow County School System
Contact Name	Ellen Petree
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language & Literacy Development
Project Name	Community Helpers at the Public Library
Program Description	In this collaborative project, Barrow County School System will partner with the Piedmont Regional Library System to provide 18 Pre-Kindergarten classrooms a three-hour fieldtrip, lunch, and access to 23 Chromebooks. Library information will be available before, during, and after fieldtrip to educate students, teachers and families about the various resources available at public libraries. The school system will partner with the Winder, Auburn, Statham library branches of the Piedmont Regional Library System.

Grantee	Brantley County School System
School District	Brantley County School System
Contact Name	Angela Haney
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language & Literacy Development
Project Name	Brantley County Kindergarten Literacy and Readiness Initiative
Program Description	Brantley County's Kindergarten Literacy and Reading Initiative will introduce students and their families to a literacy-rich environment through a specialized reading curriculum, literacy workshops for parents, and in-home student resources. The program will target at-risk students in the community who need additional support in language and literacy.

Grantee	Brantley County Middle School
School District	Brantley County Schools
Contact Name	Sarah Miller
Priority Area	Blended & Personalized Learning
Project Name	Flying Further
Program Description	Brantley County Middle School (BCMS) will implement Flying Further, a program that will allow teachers to work with ten at-risk, overage seventh graders who have been retained. Flying Further will combine seventh grade and eighth grade curricula to give students the opportunity to enter high school in fall 2019 as freshmen.

Grantee	CDF Action
Contact Name	Roberta Malavenda
Priority Area	Teacher & Leader Development
Project Name	All About Our Children: Clarkston
Program Description	CDF Action will pilot All About Our Children, which will address the needs of low-income students attending Early Learning Scholars in Clarkston, GA. The program will utilize a combination of strategies including conducting home visits, providing resources for families, providing teachers with coaching and professional development, and building community partnerships to help ensure students are prepared for kindergarten.

Grantee	Lee County Family Connection
School District	Lee County Schools
Contact Name	Patsy Shirley
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language & Literacy Development
Project Name	Wraparound Services for Students in Dougherty County Turnaround Schools
Program Description	Literate Lee will work with Lee County Schools to hold a monthly book club with students at Kinchafoonee Primary School and Lee County Primary School. Students selected for the book club are those who have a demonstrated need for additional support in the areas of language and literacy.

Grantee	New Hope Elementary School
School District	Henry County Schools
Contact Name	Tara Perryman
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language & Literacy Development
Project Name	Artists Reading Beyond the Text
Program Description	Third graders at New Hope Elementary School in Henry County will partner with a local senior center to read grade-level novels to senior citizens. Using a combination of mentor texts, literary discussions, and artistic lessons, students will deconstruct meaning of a text and transform that meaning into a visual piece of art. By the end of the project, students will have created a grade-level mural and six individual pieces of art. This work will be showcased in a literacy gallery where students will celebrate and defend their work.