

INNOVATION FUND FOUNDATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT SUMMARIES

Grantee	Boys and Girls Clubs of the CSRA – Washington County Club
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy
Grant Amount	\$75,000.00
Project Name	GREAT Readers- Washington County Club
Project Description	The Boys & Girls Club of CSRA-Washington County Club will extend its GREAT Futures Academy to include a focused literacy component - GREAT Readers. Partnering with Ridge Road Primary and Ridge Road Elementary Schools, GREAT Readers will support literacy development outside of school. The project will also utilize community partnerships with Washington County Head Start, Oconee Fall Line Technical College, The Book Tavern, and Serenity Behavioral Health, to impact students' and families' non-academic needs.

Grantee	Brooks Coleman Middle School
Priority Area	Coordinated Community Services
Grant Amount	\$45,000.00
Project Name	Coleman Biosphere
Project Description	Brooks Coleman Middle School will partner with HATponics and Duluth Co-Op to develop an alternative energy biosphere that utilizes aquaponics, traditional farming practices, and hydroponic systems to harvest crops for the community. Coleman Biosphere will assist HATponics in their mission of feeding 20 million people while allowing students to engage in hands-on STEAM activities and community services. Crops harvested by Coleman Middle School students will be donated to the Duluth Co-Op.

Grantee	Coffee County School District
Priority Area	Coordinated Community Services
Grant Amount	\$69,349.00
Project Name	Why Try: Reducing Recidivism Rates in an Alternative Education Setting by Increasing Wrap-Around Services
Program Description	Coffee County School System will partner with Cord of Three Counseling Services to provide mental health services, social-emotional support, and substance abuse counseling to their most at-risk student population. By broadening accessible services through the school system, children and teens entering the Coffee County Alternative Education Center will be provided with student specific interventions services in an effort to decrease recidivism rates.

Grantee	Dublin City School District
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
Grant Amount	\$64,362.00
Project Name	Language as a Missing Link for Grade Level Reading Outcomes
Project Description	Dublin City School District will partner with Georgia Association of School Nurses, Georgia Department of Education, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and the Get Georgia Reading Campaign to train multi-disciplinary staff with knowledge and skills essential to: (1) recognize signals of children in pre-K through third grade indicating language delays, (2) implement screening protocols to determine the level of language development needs, and (3) use screening findings to inform classroom instructional practices that strengthen language development. The practices developed by this partnership will be integrated into the school district's multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) and inform the creation of a series of freely accessible online learning modules and resources to increase the accessibility of these tools to all schools in Georgia.

Grantee	Haven Elementary School
Priority Area	Elementary Mathematics Teaching and Learning
Grant Amount	\$74,976.00
Project Name	Gratifying Problem-Solving (GPS): Cultivating Learning Communities to Improve the Problem-Solving Skills of Turnaround Elementary School Mathematics Teachers and their Students
Project Description	Haven Elementary School will partner with Georgia Southern University's College of Education and College of Science and Mathematics to implement monthly professional development (PD) workshops within teacher-learning community (TLC) meetings to offer immediate responses to teachers' inquiries. The project will include math content-focused observation and consultation to aid teachers in identifying problems, while exploring, implementing, and revising solutions as collaborative working groups.

Grantee	Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership
Priority Area	Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development
Grant Amount	\$75,000.00
Project Name	Reach Out Roan
Project Description	Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership will partner with Roan Elementary and the surrounding neighborhood of Roan in Dalton, Georgia to address issues of childhood literacy. The project will coordinate a cohort of diverse, yet complimentary, community partners to provide comprehensive educational services to the community. Reach Out Roan will offer a range of literacy-based programs for children and caregivers by maintaining a community access hub located within Roan Elementary School.