

INNOVATION FUND FISCAL YEAR 2018 ACCELERATOR APPLICATION

Please note that ALL Innovation Fund grant applications must be submitted through the Innovation Fund's online application site, <http://innovationfund.fluidreview.com>, by October 5, 2017 GOSA will **not accept** applications submitted in any other format (mail, email, etc.) or after the submission deadline. The following document provides the application questions for your reference only.

GENERAL INFORMATION

I. Applicant Information

- a. Address
- b. Federal Employer ID Number
- c. Contact Name
- d. Contact Role
- e. Contact Phone
- f. Contact Email/confirm email
- g. Alternate Contact Name
- h. Alternate Contact Role
- i. Alternate Contact Email/confirm email
- j. Alternate Contact Phone

II. Project Information

- a. Project Name
- b. Priority Area Addressed

SECTION I. WHAT IS YOUR IDEA? (8 POINTS POSSIBLE, 10% OF TOTAL SCORE)

1. Briefly describe your idea for an innovative program. *(250 words)*
2. What is the problem your program is trying to solve? How do you know this problem is a problem? *(300 words)*
3. What do you think is causing your problem? Why? *(300 words)*
4. Describe how your idea will address the problem and its cause(s) as described above. *(300 words)*

SECTION II. WHO IS INVOLVED? (8 POINTS POSSIBLE, 40% OF TOTAL SCORE)

1. Describe the team that will participate in the Accelerator? *(500 words)*. In your answer:
 - a. Provide evidence that the school or district-level leader chosen to participate in the accelerator has actual decision-making power;

- b. Describe each individual's role/experience within the school or and why each individual was selected to be on the Accelerator team.

** Please note, as part of this section, each member of the Accelerator team must upload a Statement of Commitment indicating the extent to which s/he will participate in the Accelerator.*

SECTION III. OTHER QUESTIONS (8 POINTS POSSIBLE PER QUESTION, 10% OF TOTAL SCORE PER QUESTION)

1. What is the appropriate amount of risk in education? Why? (500 words)
2. You have \$100,000 to start a mini-school for 20 students. Describe your school. (500 words)
3. What is the biggest obstacle to all students achieving academic success? Why? (500 words)
4. Answer **ONE** of the below questions. Please support your answer with data and examples. (500 words)
 - a. In 2016, 35.1% of Georgia's 3rd graders scored proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones reading assessment. Why?
 - b. In 2016, Georgia's four-year graduation rate was 79.4%. Why?
5. What's the most helpful piece of **critical feedback you did not agree with** that you have received from a student or students. Why? How did you respond to this feedback? (500 words)