
Innovation Fund Technical Assistance Day

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Goals of the Day

At the end of the day, you should be able to:

- ✓ Determine if the grant proposal you had in mind aligns with one or more of the Innovation Fund Priority Areas,
- ✓ Discuss this information with stakeholders and partners as you prepare your grant application, and
- ✓ Apply for the type of grant that your organization is ready for (planning, implementation, or scaling).

Overview of the Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund supports local education authorities (LEAs), schools, institutions of higher education (IHEs), and nonprofit organizations in planning, implementing and scaling innovative education programs that advance student achievement throughout Georgia.

During Race to the Top, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement awarded 23 grants to programs focused on:

- Providing applied learning opportunities (12 grants),
- Creating teacher and leader induction programs (5 grants),
- Growing the teacher and leader pipeline, (3 grants) or
- Developing or expanding charter schools (3 grants).

Overview of the RT3 Funded Innovation Fund

- Providing applied learning opportunities (12 grants),
 - Middle School STEM Academies
 - STEM For Life
- Creating teacher and leader induction programs (5 grants)
 - Fulton County Charter System Leadership and Innovation Academy
 - UGA/GAEL Early Career Principal Residency Program
 - ANCS New Teacher Residency Project
- Growing the teacher and leader pipeline (3 grants)
 - GLISI's Community Partnership
- Developing or expanding charter schools (3 grants)
 - Drew STE(A)M

Innovation Fund: Current Grant Opportunities

To continue the work of the Innovation Fund, Governor Deal appropriated \$5 million in FY 2015 state funding to offer grants to programs focused on:

- Applied Learning with a Focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education,
- Development and Replication of Blended Learning School Models,
- Development and Replication of Innovative Resource Management Models, and
- Teacher and Leader Induction and Development.

Innovation Fund: Current Grant Opportunities

Desire to build upon lessons learned:

- Opportunity to plan/collaborate
- Strategic partnerships
- Continued focus on communication and evaluation
- Opportunity to replicate success

Innovation Fund: Current Grant Opportunities

GOSA will award three types of grants:

- **Planning Grant** (10 grants of \$10,000 each): for organizations seeking to plan a program related to one or more of the Innovation Fund priority areas,
- **Implementation Grant** (3 grants up to \$1,250,000 each**) for organizations seeking to implement a new innovative program focused on one or more of the Innovation Fund priority areas, and
- **Scaling Grant** (5 grants up to \$200,000 each**): for organizations wishing to expand or replicate an existing successful program focused on one or more of the Innovation Fund priority areas.

Innovation Fund: Current Grant Opportunities

Frequently Asked Questions

- Reviewers?
- Limit on Grants?
- Competition?
- External Evaluators?
- Grant timelines?

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Award Timeline

- **August 22:** Intent to Apply and Application Release
- **September 12:** Intent to Apply Due
- **October 3:** Planning Grant Proposals Due
- **October 27:** Implementation and Scaling Grant Proposals Due
- **December 15:** Awards Announced

For more information, please visit:

<http://gosa.georgia.gov/innovation-fund-grant-opportunities-o>

Innovation Fund: Flow of the day

- Breakout Session I
- Lunch
- Breakout Session II
- Reconvene in auditorium

Critical Questions

- Do I have all of the information I need to articulate the grant guidelines and expectations to additional stakeholders?
- Do I have all of the information I need to ensure that the grant application I submit is aligned to the priority areas?
- Do I know where to go if I run into a roadblock with the application?
- Do I have all of the information I need to be successful if awarded?

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