



FUNDING CRITERIA

Sprint to Excellence grants will be awarded in the following programmatic areas and proposals must adhere to the outlined funding criteria. Grants can be combined up to a maximum of \$10,000 per school.

1. Innovative Instruction and Professional Development Grant

Maximum Award: \$7,500

- Improve teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance by;
 - Supporting teacher and principal exchange opportunities. (Grants will cover the cost of site visits to model schools and/or visits from master teachers' travel to the Territory.)
 - Supporting the implementation of model instructional strategies from high performing schools
 - Supporting opportunities for transferring teacher/ principal learning throughout the school.
- Provide effective support to teachers and principals for;
 - Innovative teaching strategies which provide engaging learning experiences for students
 - The implementation of Rigor/Relevance Framework projects that are embedded with challenging, real world curriculum
 - Developing and implementing cross-curriculum instructional techniques for core and elective courses.

2. Literacy Reinforcement and Assessments Grant

Maximum Award: \$5,000

- Implement or expand proven, results-driven literacy programming (e.g. Scholastic Reading Counts, Accelerated Reader, etc.). Program must consist of formal assessments and MUST incorporate speech, and writing as a critical extension of literacy enrichment. (*Schools are encouraged to expand upon existing literacy programs.*)
- Develop and implement a detailed plan on how data will be used to drive decisions for timely academic intervention
- Utilize proven assessments to demonstrate progress in closing achievement gaps

3. Model Learning Environments Grant

Maximum Award: \$2,500

- Implement and institutionalize Model School-wide Discipline Policies and Practices and proven Classroom Management Strategies (modeled after the Foundation's Classroom Management Resource Guide)
 - Must include rewards and incentives to encourage student and teacher participation
 - Must also establish criteria for evaluating the impact of Classroom and School-wide discipline strategies

4. Mentoring and Personal Development Grant

Maximum Award: \$2,500

- Collaborate with private sector and community-based entities to develop strategic partnerships that directly support mentoring opportunities for students and teachers
- Develop and implement projects that provide students *and educators* with innovative opportunities to develop personal skill sets to include:
 - Student internships and professional mentoring opportunities for educators
 - Life skills and personal development experiences for students. (*Proposals can include innovative approaches to support the whole child, i.e. psychosocial, spiritual or physical education programming that nurtures mind, body and spirit.*)