



## SPRINT TO EXCELLENCE FUNDING CRITERIA

### 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.

### Reading Counts: Literacy Reinforcement and Assessments Grant

**Maximum Award: \$5000**

- 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 assessment to demonstrate progress in raising achievement and closing gaps

### Model Learning Environments Grant

**Maximum Award: \$2500**

- 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

### Mentoring and Personal Development Grant

**Maximum Award: \$2500**

- 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 opportunities to interact with community partners in meaningful ways to include:
  - Student internships and professional mentoring opportunities for educators
  - Life skills and personal development experiences for students. (*Proposals can include programming that offers innovative approaches to support the whole child, i.e. psychosocial, spiritual or physical education programming that nurtures mind, body and spirit.*) **For Model Projects, Visit our website: [www.stxfoundation.org](http://www.stxfoundation.org)**