

Supporting Early Learning in i3: 2010 HIGHEST-RATED i3 APPLICANTS

- 1,698 applications were received for the Investing in Innovation Fund (i3) competition.
- 23% of the total addressed Competitive Preference Priority 5, *to improve early learning outcomes for high-need students who are young children (birth through 3rd grade) by enhancing the quality of early learning programs.*
- 13 (27%) the 49 highest- rated applicants addressed Competitive Preference Priority.
(Link to project abstract of the highest-rated applicants:
<http://www.data.ed.gov/grants/investing-in-innovation/highest-rated>)

The 13 applicants, project name, requested funding (\$229M+)

1. [AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation](#)—“Every Child Ready” (\$5M)
2. [ASSET Inc. \(Achieving Student Success through Excellence in Teaching\)](#)—“ASSET Regional Professional Development Centers for Advancing STEM Education” (\$22,308,433)
3. [Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee](#)—“The Milwaukee Community Literacy Project” (\$4,142,965)
4. [Erikson Institute](#)—“Mathematics: A Whole Teacher approach to Professional Development” (\$4,999,993)
5. [KIPP Foundation](#)—“Success as the Norm: Scaling-Up KIPP’s Effective Leadership Development Model” (\$50M)
6. [Los Angeles Unified School District](#)—“L.A.’s Bold Competition—Turning Around and Operating Its Low-Performing Schools” (\$4,880,392)
7. [Montgomery County Public Schools](#)—“North Star” (\$4,999,634)
8. [Parents as Teachers National Center](#)—“Improving Educational Outcomes for American Indian Children” (\$14,253,165)
9. [Saint Vrain Valley School District](#)—“St. Vrain Valley School District i3 Project” (\$3,608,880)
10. [School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida](#)—“Florida Master Teacher Initiative” (\$5M)
11. [Success for All Foundation](#)—“Scale-Up and Evaluation of Success for All in Struggling

Elementary Schools” (\$49,285,513)

12. [Teach For America](#)—“Force to Ensure All Our Nation’s Students Have Access to a Quality Education” (\$50M)
13. [Utah State University](#)—“New Mexico K-3 Plus Extended School Year Validation Study” (\$15,282,720)

At least two more highly-rated applicants, totaling over \$66 million requested, included significant early learning components in their projects:

1. [The Ohio State University](#)—“Reading Recovery: Scaling Up What Works” – literacy intervention for 1st grade students - (\$45,593,170)
2. [Children's Literacy Initiative](#)—“Classroom innovation for Raising Teaching Quality and Increasing Student Literacy” – professional development for K-3 teachers - (\$21,726,296)

Application narratives and reviewers' comments and scores for all highest-rated applicants can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/innovation/2010/applications.html>

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