**Grant Title:** INVESTING IN INNOVATION FUND

**Funding Opportunity Number:** ED-GRANTS-031210-001, ED-GRANTS-031210-002, ED-GRANTS-031210-003. CFDA Number(s): 84.396, 84.396, 84.396.

**Agency/Department:** Department of Education.

**Area of Research:** Provide competitive grants to applicants with a record of improving student achievement and attainment in order to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative practices that are demonstrated to have an impact on improving student achievement or student growth.

**Release and Expiration:** Release Date: March 15, 2010.

**Application Deadline:** New application deadline: May 19, 2010. Original closing date was May 12, 2010. Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: April 1, 2010.

**Amount:** Scale Up Grants: Up to $50,000,000. Expected Number of Awards: 5. Validation Grants: Up to $30,000,000. Expected Number of Awards: 100. Development Grants: Up to $5,000,000. Expected Number of Awards: 100.

**Length of Support:** 36-60 months.

**Eligible Applicants:** Entities eligible to apply for Investing in Innovation Fund grants include: (a) An LEA or (b) a partnership between a nonprofit organization and (1) one or more LEAs or (2) a consortium of schools. An eligible applicant that is a partnership applying under section 14007(a)(1)(B) of the ARRA must designate one of its official partners (as defined in this notice) to serve as the applicant in accordance with the Department’s regulations governing group applications in 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129.

**Summary:** The Investing in Innovation Fund, established under section 14007 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), provides funding to support (1) local educational agencies (LEAs), and (2) nonprofit organizations in partnership with (a) one or more LEAs or (b) a consortium of schools. The purpose of this program is to provide competitive grants to applicants with a record of improving student achievement and attainment in order to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative practices that are demonstrated to have an impact on improving student achievement or student growth (as defined in this notice), closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, or increasing college enrollment and completion rates. These grants will (1) allow eligible entities to expand and develop innovative practices that can serve as models of best practices, (2) allow eligible entities to work in partnership with the private sector and the philanthropic community, and (3) support eligible entities in identifying and documenting best practices that can be shared and taken to scale based on demonstrated success. Under this program, the Department is awarding three types of grants: "Scale-up" grants, "Validation" grants, and "Development” grants. Applicants must specify which type of grant they are seeking at the time of application. Among the three grant types, there are differences in terms of the evidence that an applicant is required to submit in support of its proposed project; the expectations for "scaling up" successful projects during or after the grant period, either directly or through partners; and the funding that a successful applicant is eligible to receive. Applicants for all types of grants must choose one of the four absolute priorities and address that priority in its application. Applicants will address the selected absolute priority in the project narrative by addressing the Selection Criteria. These priorities are: Absolute Priority 1--Innovations That Support Effective Teachers and Principals, Absolute Priority 2--Innovations That Improve the Use of Data, Absolute Priority 3--Innovations That Complement the Implementation of High Standards and High-Quality Assessments, Absolute Priority 4--Innovations That Turn Around Persistently Low-Performing Schools.

**Detail Information:** [http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-5139.htm](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-5139.htm)