



Greetings!

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (ELSEC) is excited to announce the winners of the 2013 Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act grant awards under the investing in public facilities and influencing replication and growth categories. As you know, the funding will support renovation/reconstruction of former DCPS or other District-owned facilities released by the District for lease by public charters, as well as supporting replication and expansion of new charter schools by funding planning and development of a new school to increase the number of high-quality seats available.

The investing in public facilities category received 23 applications totaling \$16,045,622 competing for \$4,000,000. Projects include construction of new facilities, renovation/improvement to current facilities, and adding physical fitness space to current facilities. The top 10 projects were funded at 55% of their overall request (based on peer review rubric scores, PMF overall percentage of 50% and above, or Performance Report meeting 50% of accountability plan targets). If the applicant had neither, the PMF and/or Performance Report must have met this requirement within all other schools in their network. Funding will support 44% of applications received and the 10 best rated projects. 86% of the projects will create 3,075 new seats and be completed within 1 or 2 years.

**The winners of the Investing in Public Facilities are:**

1. KIPP (Webb), \$413,643.23
2. Community Academy, Amos 2 (Rand), \$413,643.23
3. Excel Academy, (Birney), \$413,643.23
4. Mundo Verde (Cook), \$413,643.23
5. DC Prep, (Benning), \$413,643.23

6. Washington Latin (Rudolph), \$413,643.23
7. E.L. Haynes (Clark), \$413,643.23
8. Paul, (Paul), \$413,643.23
9. Friendship Collegiate (Carter Woodson), \$413,643.23
10. Friendship Chamberlain, (Chamberlain), \$277,210.93

The influencing replication and growth category received 13 applications totaling \$1,296,048 competing for \$1,000,000. Projects include planning and design for PK3-4 and high school campuses and continuing implementation of elementary and middle school campuses. Funding will support 100% of the applications received at 77% of funds requested and increase the number of new seats for more than 2,500 students.

**The winners of the Influencing Replication and Growth are:**

1. DC Prep Benning Middle (Implementation) \$77,157.65
2. Apple Tree@ Achievement Prep (Planning) \$74,108.20
3. Thurgood Marshall Academy High School (Planning) \$77,157.65
4. Yu Ying - High School (Planning) \$77,157.65
5. Mundo Verde - High School (Planning) \$77,157.65
6. DC Prep - Elementary (Planning) \$77,157.65
7. LAMB PCS - South Dakota (Planning) \$77,157.65
8. KIPP DC - Spring Academy (Planning) \$77,157.65
9. KIPP DC - Connect Academy (Planning) \$77,157.65
10. DC Bilingual - High School (Planning) \$77,157.65
11. E. W. Stokes - High School (Planning) \$77,157.65
12. LAMB - High School (Planning) \$77,157.65
13. Paul - High School (Planning) \$77,157.65

ELSEC would like to thank everyone who applied. This was a tough competition and we are excited in the facility projects and efforts to increase the number of high quality seats for the families and students in the District of Columbia. Information regarding award documentation will be forthcoming. Results for the increasing

academic quality and addressing special populations will be released next week on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Office of State Superintendent will issue a press release addressing all of the winners within the four categories.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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