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Illinois Reading Council
Legislative Committee

Dear IRC members, as you know stimulus funds are available. We have just received more information about them from IRA and how they could be of benefit to you, your council, and districts. I am including information.

The stimulus will be in two waves, one to protect jobs and another to use for innovations. These funds will be in addition to *No Child Left Behind* and *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*, and other federal programs. The rules are that they should be for maintenance of effort and supplement, not supplant other programs.

Information is still coming out and opportunities-competitive programs. Here are a few: **Race to the Top**, there are some in our state who are involved. The department will hold two rounds of competition for the grants. For the First round, it will accept states' applications until the middle of January 1010. Peer reviewers will evaluate the applications and the department will announce the winners of the first round of funding next spring.

Applications for the second round will be due June 1, 2010, with the announcement of all the winners by Sept. 30, 2010.

To qualify, states must have no legal barriers to linking student growth and achievement data to teachers and principals for the purposes of evaluation. They also must have the department's approval for their plans for both phases of the Recovery Act's State Fiscal Stabilization Fund prior to being awarded a grant.

To provide competitive grants that expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative and evidence-based practices, programs and strategies that significantly:

- Improve K-12 achievement and close achievement gaps;
- Decrease dropout rates;
- Increase high school graduation rates; and
- Improve teacher and school leader effectiveness.
- To accelerate the creation of an education sector that supports the rapid development and adoption of effective solutions.
- Have significantly closed the achievement gaps between groups of students;
- Have demonstrated success in significantly increasing student academic achievement for all groups of students;
- Have made significant improvement in other areas (graduations rates, high-quality teachers and school leaders);
- Demonstrate that they have partnerships with the private sector that will provide matching funds.
- Applicants will submit proposals to one of the three categories:
- "Scale-up", "Validation"; or "Development." The level of evidence supporting the idea will determine which category is most appropriate.

A leader in gifted education since 1984, the Summer Institute for the **Gifted (SIG)** provides academic summer programs for gifted and talented students.

There is also an **Innovation Fund**. You can apply for these. They are looking for "Out of the box thinking," You can combine your council with your local school. Here is information about it.

What Is the Social Innovation Fund?

Posted by Jesse Lee on May 06, 2009 at 07:55 PM EST

*Last night the First Lady discussed the Social Innovation Fund at the Time 100 Most Influential People Awards; we asked **Michele Jolin, Senior Advisor for Social Innovation for the Domestic Policy Council**, to tell us about it:*

Yesterday, the President announced that he would ask Congress in the FY2010 budget to provide \$50 million in seed capital for his Social Innovation Fund, fulfilling a campaign pledge. The Fund will identify the most promising, results-oriented non-profit programs and expand their reach throughout the country.

This is a dramatically different way for the government to do business – and it reflects the President’s new governing approach -- finding and scaling the best social innovations; partnering with those who are leading change in their communities; and creating a policy environment for all these innovations to thrive.

President Obama has said that this is an "all-hands-on-deck" moment and that government cannot solve our nation’s problems alone. He has said that it is critical to partner with citizens, nonprofits, social entrepreneurs, foundations and corporations to make progress on our nation’s great challenges. The President has also talked about finding new solutions to old problems, and this is where the social innovation can play a unique role.

As the First Lady said in her remarks on Tuesday <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Flotus-Remarks-at-Time-100-Most-Influential-People-Awards/> to the TIME 100 Most Influential people:

The idea is simple: to find the most effective programs out there and then provide the capital needed to replicate their success in communities around the country that are facing similar challenges. By focusing on high-impact, result-oriented non-profits, we will ensure that government dollars are spent in a way that is effective, accountable and worthy of the public trust.

(First Lady Michelle Obama attended and gave remarks at the TIME 100 Annual Dinner at the Rose Jazz Center in New York City. She was greeted by (L to R) Jeffrey Bewkes, Chairman of Time Warner Inc., Rick Stengel, Managing Editor of TIME magazine, and John Huey, Editorial Director of TIME Inc.)

The First Lady also talked more broadly about the need help nurture a new generation of innovators and entrepreneurs who will direct their skills and energy toward solving their community’s – and our nation’s – most serious social problems:

Careers focused on lifting up our communities – whether helping transform troubled schools or training workers for green jobs or helping low-income families access health care – are not always obvious. But, at a time when our nation is facing unprecedented challenges, encouraging careers in public service and social innovation are more important than ever.

The First Lady highlighted the work of a couple of young, new social entrepreneurs. One example was Rebecca Onie, a creative young woman who founded "Project Health <<http://www.projecthealth.org/>> " to help break the link between poverty and poor health. Rebecca organizes college students to staff Help Desks in urban medical centers, universities and community centers. Students then connect low-income families to other critical community and government resources – such as housing vouchers, supplemental nutrition assistance, and educational support.

This is just one example of the kind of social innovation and entrepreneurship that the Obama Administration wants to encourage and replicate in communities across the country.

The Social Innovation Fund will help do that. We recognize that there is no ready and available source of growth capital for programs and ideas that have demonstrated they work and are ready to spread. This gap in the social capital markets is a good niche for government action. The Social Innovation Fund will build a "pipeline" of programs that have demonstrated results and are ready to spread across the country to meet community needs. Now, more than ever, we need to invest in programs that work and find innovative, effective solutions to our nation’s most serious challenges.

Here are some programs with which the state is engaged.

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- Accountability (now Educator and School Development)
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- Advanced Placement <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm>
- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Afterschool Snack Program
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/nutrition/htmls/afterschool_snack.htm>
- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Agency Budget
<<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/budget/default.htm>>
- Agriculture Education <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/cte_ag_ed.htm>
- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Annual Financial Report
<<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sfms/afr/afr.htm>>
- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Assistive Technology
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/assist_tech.htm>
- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Assessment Division
<<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/default.htm>>
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- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Bilingual Special Education
<<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/bilingual/htmls/bilsp.htm>>
- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Bilingual Teacher
Recruitment and Certification <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/bilingual/htmls/biteacert.htm>>
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- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Career and Technical
Education Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/default.htm>>

- Career and Technical Education Improvement Grants (CTEI) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/perkins.htm>>
 - <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Certification Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/certification/default.htm>>
 - <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Certificate Renewal <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/certification/default.htm>>
 - <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Charter Schools <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/charter/Default.htm>>
 - Chicago Certification Office <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/chicago/default.htm>>
 - <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Child and Adult Care Food Program <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/nutrition/htmls/child_adult.htm>
 - <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> Complaint Investigation Process - Special Education <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/complaint_investigation.htm>
 - Computer and Business Education <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/cte_bus_ed.htm>
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- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/advanced_placement.htm> e-Plans <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sos/htmls/improvement_process.htm>
- Early Childhood Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/earlychi/Default.htm>>
- Educational Equity <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/accountability/html/equity.htm>>
- Educator and School Development <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/esd/default.htm>>
- EFAB - Educational Funding Advisory Board <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/EFAB/default.htm>>
- Engineering, Technical and Industrial Education <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/cte_industrial_ed.htm>
- English Language Learning Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/bilingual/default.htm>>
- Extended Learning Opportunities (now Summer Bridges) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sos/htmls/summerbridges.htm>>
- External Assurance Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ea/default.htm>>

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- Family and Consumer Education <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/cte_family.htm>
- Federal Grants and Programs <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sos/default.htm>>
- FDP (Food Distribution Program) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/business.htm>>
- Financial Services <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/htmls/financial_services.htm>
- Funding and Disbursements Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/funding/default.htm>>
- Funding Opportunities <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/funding_opps/default.htm> (RFPs, RFSPs, formula grants, continuation applications)

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- Gender Equity <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/geac.htm>>
- <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/gov_relations/default.htm> Governmental Relations Division
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- Health Care for All Kids <<http://www.allkidscovered.com/>>
- Health Science Technology <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/cte_health.htm>
- Health/Life Safety <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/construction/health_safety/default.htm>
- High School Challenge <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/high_school/default.htm>
- High Schools That Work <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/hstw.htm>>
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- IAA (Illinois Alternate Assessment) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/iaa.htm>>
- ICEPT (Illinois Consumer Education Proficiency Test)
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- IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997)
<<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/idea.htm>>
- IEP (Individualized Education Program IEP) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/iep.htm>>
- ILEARN <<http://webprod1.isbe.net/ilearn/ASP/index.asp>> (School District Finance Information Search and State Financial Data Table Archives)
- Illinois 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program
<<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/21cclc/default.htm>>
- Illinois Century Network <<http://www.linc2icn.net/>>
- Illinois Independent Evaluators Registry <<http://webprod1.isbe.net/iier/ASPS/default.asp>>
- Illinois Interagency Coordinating Council <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/iicc/default.htm>>
- Illinois Learning Standards <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/Default.htm>>
- Illinois Purchase Care Review Board <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/funding/html/ipcrb.htm>>
- Illinois School Purchasing Network <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/savings/Default.htm>>
- Immigrant Education <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/bilingual/htmls/immigrant.htm>>
- Improvement Plans (school, district, restructuring, Title I)
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sos/htmls/improvement_process.htm>
- Industrial, Engineering & Technical Education
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/cte_industrial_ed.htm>
- ISAC (Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities)
<<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/isac.htm>>
- ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/isat.htm>>
- ISAT Sample Booklets <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/htmls/sample_books.htm> (Posted 1/25/06)
- ISEL (Illinois Snapshot of Early Literacy) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/ela/reading/html/isel.htm>>

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- Learning Technology Centers <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/elearning/html/ltc.htm>>
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- LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/lre.htm>>

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- Mediation Services <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/mediation.htm>>
- Mathematics and Science Partnerships <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/html/math.htm>> s
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- NCLB <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/nclb/default.htm>>
- Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary School Recognition
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/accountability/html/np_recognition.htm>
- Nutrition Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/nutrition/default.htm>>
- NSLP (National School Lunch Program)
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- Preschool for All <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/earlychi/preschool/default.htm>>
- Private Business and Vocational School <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/pbvs/Default.htm>>
- Public School Choice Information <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/grants/html/choice.htm>>
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- Purchasing Network <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/savings/Default.htm>> (School)
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- Regional Office of Education <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/regionaloffices/Default.htm>>

- Regional Safe Schools <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/grants/html/regional_safe_schools.htm>
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 - Schools Business and Support <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sbss/default.htm>>
 - School Calendar Inquiry <<http://webprod1.isbe.net/SchCalInquiry/SchCalInquiry.aspx>>
 - School Construction <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/construction/Default.htm>>
 - School District Financial Profile <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sfms/P/profile.htm>>
 - School District Reorganization <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/sfms/html/reorg_school.htm>
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 - Service Learning <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/service_learning/default.htm>
 - Sex Equity in Athletics <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/accountability/html/equity.htm>>
 - SMP Special Milk Program <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/nutrition/htmls/special_milk.htm>
 - Summer Bridges (formerly Extended Learning Opportunities)
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 - Supplemental Education Services (SES) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ses/default.htm>>
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 - Spanish Teacher Exchange <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/bilingual/htmls/spanish_exchange.htm>
 - Special Education Division <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/default.htm>>
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 - State Teacher Certification Board (STCB) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/STCB/default.htm>>
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 - TIMSS (Third International Mathematics and Science Study) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/TIMSS.htm>>
 - Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/bilingual/htmls/tbe_tpi.htm>
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- Work Experience and Career Exploration Program (WECEP) <<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/html/wecep.htm>>

You can initiate a project, or join others in a project at your school or with your local or statewide council.

You can hold a briefing for local school leaders in your district or council. You can use the power point I have included or let me know and I can get material, which can be shared by IRA for you.

You can have a round table meeting for what is needed by the high need building in your district.

If I can further help you let me know.

Sincerely,
Mike Ellerman, Leg. Chair, IRC