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At Last!, Inc.	A New Urban Boarding Experience in South Oak Cliff	\$500,000.00	Education, Health, Public Safety	Research shows that differentials in home life contribute to inequitable future outcomes for low income children compared with middle class peers. This project is designed to close the gap by bringing a safe and enriching urban boarding experience prototype to the South Oak Cliff community.
Behind Every Door	Gamifying Participation: An App for Attendance, Engagement, and Outcomes	\$500,000.00	Education	Behind Every Door has designed an app that combines a robust data tracking system with a gamified user interface. It has the potential to improve program management and increase engagement in afterschool and other kinds of human services programs. This grant will allow the prototype to be fully built out and tested in two new use case environments.
Catch Up & Read	Developing Strong Readers with Strong Teachers	\$500,000.00	Education	Third graders who read at grade level are more likely to graduate from high school, but only about 36% of DISD students do. Catch Up and Read's literacy intervention targets 1st - 3rd graders who are most likely to fail with a proven approach delivered by trained teachers. This grant will allow Catch Up and Read to expand to additional campuses.
Dallas Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation	Racial Equity NOW: New Outcomes for our World	\$305,000.00	Education	The future of our region depends on confronting past and present inequities, and building policies that promote inclusion. DTRHT has the expertise, relationships, and credibility to support a transformational reconciliation effort at scale. The next step in their strategy is to provide intensive racial equity coaching for 10 organizations with the support of this grant.

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GreenLight Credentials with Educate Texas	Big Data Goes to School: A Digital Wallet for All Academic Credentials	\$500,000.00	Education	Greenlight Credentials has created a digital wallet for academic credentials. The platform uses blockchain technology to store all credentials obtained from any institution in a secure, consolidated transcript. Because the metadata will be stored with the grades, this enables reverse transfer credit to be awarded much more quickly, and finetunes matchmaking between individuals, schools, and employers. Educate Texas will subcontract with Greenlight to guide further build out of these components and grow the network of users.
ScholarShot	An Economic Mobility Report Card for Texas' Public Universities	\$187,500.00	Education	Most students who start college do not finish. This is especially true for low-income, first generation students who only have a 11% chance of graduating. To bring attention to institutions that have invested in the supports that improve those odds, ScholarShot will use this grant to create a prototype of a public “Economic Mobility” score card, and get it into the hands of families and college access providers.
Stand for Children Texas	Building the Case for Scale: Texas Home Visit Project Evaluation	\$500,000.00	Education	Stand for Children has collected internal metrics that suggest that when teachers visit their students at home, the students’ behavior and the teacher’s satisfaction improve. Partnering with scholars from Brown University, a randomized controlled trial evaluation will be conducted to determine the true effects of this low-cost, relationship-based intervention.

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Teaching Trust	Codifying Impact: A Roadmap for Growth	\$500,000.00	Education	Educator effectiveness is one of the most important school-based factors in student achievement. When teachers leave the profession, they cite negative school culture, lack of support, burnout, and student discipline problems as the main reasons. Teaching Trust provides high-impact coaching to school leadership teams in ways that directly address those issues. This grant will allow Teaching Trust to codify their methods to enable further expansion in North Texas.
UNT Foundation	Enhancing STEM Teacher Prep with an Augmented Reality Classroom	\$300,000.00	Education	Based on successful experience using Augmented Reality scenarios, UNT will use this grant to add modules specifically for math and science teachers to improve their classroom management skills. This should improve teacher retention for UNT graduates and other area teacher prep programs who will be able to access the technology at a discounted cost.
Collaborative for Fresh Produce	Fusionware Technology: Linking Farms and Foodbanks	\$300,000.00	Health	Farmers and packers leave an estimated 20 billion pounds of edible produce in fields each year. The Collaborative for Fresh Produce (CFP) helps salvage that food and get it to food banks. This grant will enable CFP to automate the process using Fusionware technology.
Crossroads Community Services	The SNAP-Appointment Coordination Evaluation: Using Behavioral Economics to Improve Health	\$500,000.00	Health	By the time most people get to a food pantry, they have exhausted their food stamp benefits and are hungry. This grant will allow behavioral economists to partner with two of our largest local food pantries to try to modify that behavior, leading to better health outcomes and informing practice for food pantries nationwide.

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Dallas Children's Advocacy Center	Restoring Children of Abuse: Scaling Evidenced-Based Therapy Interventions	\$500,000.00	Health, Public Safety	Children who survive physical or sexual abuse face a lifetime of abuse-related complications. Fortunately, evidence-based treatments exist that can restore health and break the intergenerational cycle of violence. Dallas Children's Advocacy Center will use this grant to increase access to treatment, while also strengthening their own practice by incorporating fidelity checks and practitioners with advanced Psychology degrees.
TexProtects	Taking Nurse Home Visiting to Scale: Planning for a Pilot of Family Connects	\$70,000.00	Health, Public Safety	Texas is home to 10% of new births in the country but has no coordinated infant-toddler strategy. TexProtects is organizing a statewide coalition for 0-3 policy, while seeking to pilot a lower cost, evidence-based version of the Nurse-Family partnership in DFW called Family Connects.
Bridges To Life	Expanding Restorative Justice: Promoting Healing in North Texas Communities	\$360,000.00	Public Safety	Restorative justice is a relationship-based practice that brings crime victims and perpetrators together to consider the harm done and make amends. Bridges to Life will use this grant to expand its program into more male and female prisons and addiction treatment facilities in North Texas.
The Trust for Public Land	Green Beginning: The Alice Branch Creek Health-and-Wellness Greenbelt	\$500,000.00	Public Safety, Education, Health	The lot across the street from South Oak Cliff High School has become an overgrown mass of underbrush and invasive species, a dumping ground for trash, and a magnet for crime and disorder. In partnership with the community, the Trust for Public Land will use this grant to build the Alice Branch Creek Park, which will be connected to a new greenbelt and include a traffic appeasement strategy.