**The Footsteps2Brilliance®
Early Literacy Grant Application**

The Footsteps2Brilliance Early Literacy Grant provides a game-changing social justice, pre-emptive, and collective impact approach to eliminating illiteracy in communities that desire and have need to support children from birth through age 5 and PreK through Grade 3 students. This grant provides an Obama White House recognized, award-winning educational resource for the entire community and is designed to help close the achievement gap by engaging parents and supporting family literacy through our **Model Innovation City** initiative.

The Footsteps2Brilliance Early Literacy Grants are offered directly from Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc., and are delivered in the form of in-kind services and benefits. Qualifying school districts partner with Footsteps2Brilliance to serve all of PreK through Grade 3 students with both in-school and out-of-school access. This grant is made available to districts led by transformative, innovative, and inclusive superintendents.

The Footsteps2Brilliance Early Literacy Grant dramatically reduces expenditures for this program, including two additional years of free access to support its sustainability. Grant recipients receive our curriculum for all children, families, and community centers within the entire city’s border at no additional cost to the district, organizations or parents.

## Next Steps

1. Please complete the following questionnaire and provide any details that best express your interest in becoming a **Model Innovation City** and how it aligns with your vision and goals.
2. Save and email your form to JCampbell@footsteps2brilliance.com
3. If the grant is approved, you will be contacted immediately by Judy Campbell, Regional Director of New England, to schedule a meeting.
4. The meeting would include any members of your team, the community, elected officials, and any other stakeholders whom you would want in attendance for an introduction and discussion of the **Model Innovation City** initiative.

**General Information**

Date:

Name:

Title:

E-Mail:

Direct Phone Number:

District:

District Address:

## Grant Impact

1. Briefly tell us why you are interested in applying for the Footsteps2Brilliance Early Literacy Grant which substantially supports transforming your district into a Model Innovation City?

1. Briefly describe any related initiatives within your district or community.

1. How many children birth to age 5 do you directly serve within the district?
2. How many sites serve these children?
3. How many students do you directly serve in PreK – Grade 3?
4. How many sites serve these students?
5. How are you presently engaging with families of the children you serve?

## Grant Readiness

1. What strategic partnerships are currently in place between the district, local government and community-based agencies and organizations that you might be able to leverage for this initiative?

1. How would becoming a Model Innovation City help you implement your vision and goals?

1. Please share any additional information which you believe will be helpful in evaluating your application for this grant.