



WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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OFFICE OF GRANTS & STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: 2017-18

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MISSION

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement was established in 1985. Since its inception, the overarching goal has been to secure grant funding which helps advance the district's mission and strategic goals or initiatives. In support, the office identifies grant funding opportunities and communicates this information to Central Services and school-based personnel. Further, the Office of Grants assists staff with preparing applications, monitors implementation of grant awards, and provides general oversight for district compliance activities.

VISION

The vision for the day-to-day operations of the Office of Grants is to align all activities in support of the Wake County Board of Education's Mission adopted January 20, 2015, "Wake County Public School System will provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers." Per this mission, the Office of Grants proactively seeks to identify funding opportunities which can provide support to programs or activities which promote the five strategic objectives for the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan: Learning & Teaching, Achievement, Balanced Assessment, Human Capital, and Community Engagement. In support, office staff practice positive consumer relations and aim to provide a same-day response to inquiries. Office staff pursue continuous improvement and seek to implement efficient and effective means of providing service to the WCPSS community; including administrators, teachers, and external agencies or organizations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

A primary responsibility of the Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement is to secure public and private funding through entitlement, competitive, and collaborative grants in ways that are consistent with school district priorities, applicable regulations, and relevant research findings. This responsibility includes the following functions:

- identify grant funding opportunities and communicate these to WCPSS personnel;
- advise the Wake County Board of Education of grant funding sources and seek approval for WCPSS staff to submit or collaborate on applications;
- assist district personnel with preparing and submitting grant applications;
- conduct training for WCPSS staff on identifying and applying for grants;
- interpret federal, state, and local rules and procedures governing grants;
- monitor grant programs for compliance with program and statutory regulations and ensure compliance with federal and state data reporting requirements;
- collaborate with appropriate WCPSS departments including Academics, Human Resources, Special Education, and Student Support Services to ensure that grant program data are collected, compiled, and reported in an accurate and timely manner to comply with federal and state reporting requirements; and
- provide general oversight to assist district departments to fulfill federal, state, and local compliance requirements.

PURPOSE OF ANNUAL REPORT

Each year, the Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement prepares a summary of grant development activities from the prior year. The timing of this report is dictated by award notifications from funding agencies, some of which can take up to a year for a review of applications.

This report describes major accomplishments, along with district-wide grant activity for 2017-18 by Central Service personnel, school-based staff, and others in collaboration and the support of WCPSS. This report is an account of the efforts across WCPSS to prepare and submit grant applications, as well as the subsequent success with securing grant awards. The report is not a financial accounting of grants managed by WCPSS. The dollar amounts noted for grant applications and awards are based upon figures reported to the Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement by departments, school staff, and external agencies submitting applications.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

In 2017-18, the Office of Grants continued to assist with managing grants and monitoring compliance reporting requirements. A bulleted list of activities and accomplishments for 2017-18 is included in the State of the Office Report as provided below.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2017-18

Administration

- Supported school efforts to submit grants by increasing awareness of WCPSS requirements and providing adult learning opportunities on *Identifying and Applying for Grants*.
- Secured Board approval for 290 individual grant opportunities and 852 subsequent applications (includes WCPSS and collaborative submissions).
- Updated the Office of Grants intranet website after Board meetings to share opportunities district-wide.
- Assisted school-based and Central Service personnel with grant-related requirements (e.g., grant agreements, annual reports, invoicing, monitoring, compliance, and close-out).
- Completed annual update of Compliance Reporting Activity list.

Pre- and Post-Award

- Collaborated with external constituents (e.g., Carolina Ballet, Duke University, NC State University, NC Arts Access, Poe Health Center, University of NC at Chapel Hill, and Youth Thrive) on 20 grant proposals (e.g., Institute of Education Sciences, John Rex Endowment, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, National Institute of Justice, National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Education, and others) and implementation of funded projects.
- Supported grants development, implementation, monitoring, and close-out of grant-funded projects, including: Burroughs Wellcome Student Science Enrichment Program with NC State University, Cary Chamber of Commerce, John Rex Endowment, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Magnet Schools Assistance Program, NC DPI Coding and Mobile Application, NC DPI Digital Learning, National Science Foundation Math Science Partnership with NC State University, and Wallace Foundation with NC State University.

Professional Development

- Participated in webinars and conference calls with the US Department of Education on 2017-18 Federal grants and shared the information with district leadership.
- Participated in 2017-18 webinars with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.
- Participated in regular departmental led professional learning, with a focus on a superior customer service experience that over-delivers by exceeding expectations, monitors for continuous improvement, and demonstrates overall excellence.
- Participated in Instructional Learning Team sessions throughout 2017-18 with identified schools.
- Attended Google Apps for Education Summit.
- Attended the WCPSS Office of Professional Learning training on the Art & Science of Presenting.

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- Supported WCPSS Vision 2020 Strategic Plan implementation, including prioritized strategic objectives activities for grants development.
- Led a Community Engagement subcommittee that resulted in the inaugural district-wide National Volunteer Service Week during April of 2018.
- Implemented the 4C Fund, including the selection of a new cohort of awardees and the support of current grantees with project implementation and budget management.
- Led the Carolina Hurricanes' READvolution Cool School Field Trip to PNC Arena in February 2018. This effort involved cross-departmental collaboration to coordinate the participation of 11 schools, 7500 students, and 1500 adults. Dignitaries in attendance included First Lady Kristin Cooper and Board Chair Monika Johnson-Hostler.
- Participated in organizing 5th annual WAKE Up and Read book drive, raising over 90,000 books distributed to ten WCPSS schools and 17 Wake County childcare centers.
- Served as a training facilitator for Wake Serves and provided professional development during the Summer 2017 Support Staff Institute.
- Participated in monitoring for updates on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) legislation and Federal, as well as State efforts, to migrate from No Child Left Behind to ESSA.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS AND SUCCESSES

The following tables provide details on the grant applications submitted in **2017-18**.

Table 1
Summary of WCPSS Competitive Grant Application Efforts and Success

Submitted		Awarded	
Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Amount Awarded
832	\$ 4,395,328	653	\$ 2,598,795

Table 2
Summary of WCPSS Collaborative Grants* with Community Partners

Partner Type	Submitted		Awarded		
	Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Award Amount	WCPSS Sub Award
Community Agencies	7	\$735,037	4	\$392,867	\$0
Government Agencies	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Institutions of Higher Education	13	**	3	\$26,880	\$0
Total	20	\$735,037	7	\$419,747	\$0

**These funds were awarded to WCPSS's collaborative partners. WCPSS will indirectly benefit from funding awarded via services provided by our collaborative partners, including professional development offerings, student services or academic programming.*

***Amounts requested unavailable*

Table 3**Summary of WCPSS Awarded Competitive Grants by Area**

Area	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Central	79	\$60,835
Eastern	74	\$54,176
Northern	80	\$55,124
Northeastern	81	\$36,036
Northwestern	66	\$67,334
Southern	72	\$107,520
Southwestern	93	\$92,959
Western	51	\$121,166
Elementary Support Model	43	\$117,691
Central Services	14	\$1,885,955
Total	653	\$2,598,795

Table 4**Summary of Awarded Central Service Grants* by Division**

Division/Department	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Administrative Services		
Child Nutrition	1	\$54,118
Deputy Superintendent for Academic Advancement		
Academics	7	\$240,803
Area Superintendents (School-based grants)	639	\$712,841
Student Support Services	4	\$1,469,609
Superintendent		
Grants	2	\$121,424
Total*	653	\$2,598,795

**This count includes competitive grants only.*

Table 5
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Competitive Grants by Theme

Theme	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Arts Education	30	\$23,861
Career/Technical Education	16	\$174,075
Early Learning/School Readiness	5	\$404,064
ESL	2	\$3,100
Facility Enhancement	9	\$4,297
Foreign Language	6	\$25,025
Health and Nutrition	16	\$138,049
Human Capital	14	\$25,824
Library/Media	120	\$182,993
Literacy/English Language Arts	9	\$6,164
Music	7	\$676,210
Outreach for at-risk students	8	\$5,606
Physical Education	9	\$11,817
Professional Development	43	\$22,173
Special Education	133	\$175,284
STEM	19	\$9,894
Supplies	61	\$41,978
Technology Equipment	18	\$11,128
Other	128	\$657,252
Total	653	\$2,598,795

Table 6
WCPSS Grants by Month*
July 2017 – June 2018

Month	Number of Funding Agencies on Precis	Number of Grants Submitted*
July	39	588
August	66	106
September	38	61
October	42	30
November	27	13
December	23	13
January	5	3
February	18	13
March	9	9
April	6	1
May	6	11
June	11	4
Total	290	852

**Includes 832 Competitive and 20 Collaborative grants*

Table 7**Summary of WCPSS Competitive Grants by Funding Levels**

Funding Level	Requested		Awarded		Not Awarded	
	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
\$0 to \$499	388	\$110,762	348	\$98,955	42	\$12,077
\$500 to \$999	214	\$145,072	171	\$114,996	43	\$29,623
\$1,000 to \$4,999	178	\$373,360	100	\$177,553	76	\$183,406
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	\$70,995	11	\$60,874	4	\$22,995
\$10,000 to \$24,999	15	\$275,577	11	\$216,673	5	\$73,904
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5	\$155,099	4	\$134,593	0	\$ -
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	\$481,565	3	\$175,542	3	\$206,023
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	\$906,646	2	\$250,000	5	\$653,911
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	\$796,799	2	\$796,799	0	\$ -
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2	\$1,079,452	1	\$572,810	1	\$506,642
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Total	832	\$4,395,328	653	\$2,598,795	179	\$1,688,580

Note: The funding level requested count and amount may differ from the funding level awarded count and amount.

Table 8
Summary of WCPSS Entitlement Grants

Source	Revenue Amount
ESEA Title I Basic Program	\$37,419,137
IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped	\$29,100,177
IDEA VI-B Early Intervening Services	\$4,865,923
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	\$3,556,832
Title III - Language Acquisition	\$2,444,178
Career Technical Education Program Improvement	\$1,628,132
Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$689,102
IDEA VI - B Preschool Handicapped	\$474,594
Title III - Language Acquisition - Significant Increase	\$293,565
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance	\$99,807
IDEA - VI-B Preschool Targeted Assistance	\$91,693
Indian Education Act	\$64,280
ESEA Title I School Improvement Grant	\$20,510
IDEA VI-B Special Needs Targeted Assistance	\$13,490
TOTAL	\$80,761,420

** Amounts listed for Entitlement Grants are found in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget.*

Table 9
Summary of Notable WCPSS Competitive Grants

Funder	Amount
Wake County Smart Start - Parents as Teachers	\$572,810
John Rex Endowment - OEL SEFEL Expansion	\$401,799
W.K. Kellogg Foundation	\$395,000
NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), NC Digital Learning Initiative Implementation Grant	\$150,000
Cary Chamber of Commerce	\$110,000
Wake County Smart Start - Positive Parenting Program	\$100,000
USDA, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program	\$74,882
United Way of the Greater Triangle	\$61,424
John Rex Endowment - WAKE Up and Read	\$60,000
Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom	\$54,118
NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), NC Digital Learning Initiative Planning Grant	\$48,650
NC Department of Public Instruction, Preparing Future Workforce in Coding and Mobile App Development	\$31,081
Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce	\$26,500
Wake Education Partnership	\$19,128
Dollar General	\$15,000
NC Green Power	\$15,000
Engineering is Elementary	\$11,025
Total	\$ 2,146,418