



WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

OFFICE OF GRANTS & STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: 2018-19

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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 2018-19 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 2018-19, the Office of Grants continued to assist with managing grants and monitoring compliance reporting requirements. A bulleted list of activities and accomplishments for 2018-19 is included in the State of the Office Report as provided below.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2018-19

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 271 individual grant opportunities and 963 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, NC State University, NC Arts Access, Poe Health Center, UNC Chapel Hill, and Youth Thrive) on 12 grant proposals (e.g., Institute of Education Sciences, John Rex Endowment, Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Spencer Foundation, 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, 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 with the US Department of Education on 2018-19 Federal grants and shared the information with district leadership.
- Participated in 2018-19 webinars and conference calls with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and NC Early Childhood Foundation.
- 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 Beyond Diversity I workshop, Video Conferencing for Central Services

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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 supported a district-wide National Volunteer Service Week during April of 2019.
- 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.

- Served on the leadership team of WAKE Up and Read and participated in supporting and organizing the annual WAKE Up and Read book drive, raising over 100,000 books distributed to ten WCPSS schools and 17 Wake County childcare centers.
- Served as a training facilitator for Wake Serves. Provided professional development during the Summer 2018 Support Staff Institute, the annual Central Services Leadership Conference, and for Convergence (ITLMS session).
- 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 **2018-19**.

Table 1
Summary of WCPSS
Competitive Grant Application Effort and Success

Submitted		Awarded	
Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Amount Awarded
949	\$ 4,345,855	805	\$ 2,397,950

Table 2
Summary of WCPSS
Collaborative Grants with Community Partners

Partner Type	Applications Submitted	Applications Awarded
Community Agencies	12	10
Government Agencies	0	0
Institutions of Higher Education	2	0
Total	14	10

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

Table 3*
Summary of Awarded Competitive Grants by Area

Area	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Central	80	\$ 73,747
Eastern	67	\$ 64,162
Northern	97	\$ 51,149
Northeastern	108	\$ 65,388
Northwestern	67	\$ 41,079
Southern	76	\$ 151,692
Southwestern	122	\$ 78,958
Western	105	\$ 91,745
Elementary Support	69	\$ 98,548
Central Services	14	\$ 1,681,483
Total*	805	\$ 2,397,950

**Competitive grants only.*

Table 4*
Summary of Awarded Central Service Grants by Chief Officer

Division/Department	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Academic Advancement		
Academics	10	\$465,275
Area Superintendents (School-based grants)	791	\$716,467
Student Support Services	2	\$1,191,208
Chief Operating Officer		
Human Resources	1	\$10,000
Chief of Staff		
DRA	1	\$15,000
Total	805	\$2,397,950

**Competitive grants only.*

Table 5
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Theme

Theme	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Arts/Music	77	\$ 54,342
Literacy/English Language Arts	177	\$ 304,862
Special Education	68	\$ 41,113
STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math)	127	\$ 353,259
Supplies	112	\$ 63,078
Technology Equipment	39	\$ 151,722
Other	205	\$ 1,429,574
Total*	805	\$ 2,397,950

**Competitive grants only.*

Table 6
Summary of WCPSS Grants by Month*

Month	Number of Funding Agencies on Precip	Number of Grants Submitted*
July	44	717
August	61	45
September	50	90
October	32	22
November	11	6
December	16	6
January	4	4
February	25	13
March	12	11
April	5	4
May	8	13
June	3	32
Total	271	963

**Includes 949 Competitive and 14 Collaborative grants.*

Table 7*
Summary of WCPSS Competitive Grants by Funding Level

Funding Level	Requested		Awarded		Not Awarded	
	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
\$0 to \$499	499	\$ 145,326	463	\$ 136,210	41	\$ 10,076
\$500 to \$999	244	\$ 163,063	215	\$ 142,452	29	\$ 20,280
\$1,000 to \$4,999	162	\$ 337,887	104	\$ 198,530	54	\$ 132,925
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	\$ 107,696	7	\$ 41,175	12	\$ 61,521
\$10,000 to \$24,999	11	\$ 142,978	9	\$ 123,158	2	\$ 20,000
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3	\$ 100,870	2	\$ 75,870	1	\$ 25,000
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	\$ 125,000	0	\$ -	2	\$ 125,000
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	\$ 572,596	3	\$ 489,347	2	\$ 283,249
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	\$ 300,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
\$500,000 to \$999,999	3	\$ 2,350,439	2	\$ 1,191,208	1	\$ 870,500
\$1,000,000 +	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total	949	\$ 4,345,855	805	\$ 2,397,950	144	\$ 1,548,552

Note: Funders sometimes award more or less than was requested, so the requested count and amount may vary from the awarded count and amount.

Table 8*
Summary of WCPSS Entitlement Grants

Source	Revenue Amount
ESEA Title I Basic Program	\$ 39,336,918
IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped	\$ 26,447,597
IDEA Early Intervening Services	\$ 4,619,476
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	\$ 4,469,529
ESEA Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment (Part A)	\$ 2,652,378
Title III - Language Acquisition	\$ 2,495,690
Career Technical Education Program Improvement	\$ 1,705,926
IDEA VI-B Special Needs Targeted Assistance	\$ 757,799
IDEA VI - B Preschool Handicapped	\$ 466,430
ESEA Title I School Improvement Grant	\$ 290,775
Title III - Language Acquisition - Significant Increase	\$ 224,234
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance	\$ 97,325
IDEA - Targeted Assistance for Preschool	\$ 92,268
Indian Education Act	\$ 67,678
Total	\$ 83,724,023

** Amounts listed for Entitlement Grants are found in the 2019-20 Adopted Budget.*

Table 9
Summary of Notable WCPSS Competitive Grants

Funder	Amount
Parents as Teachers - Wake County Smart Start	\$621,456
NCDPI School Safety Grants Program, School Mental Health Support	\$569,752
United Way of the Greater Triangle - WAKE Up and Read	\$200,000
Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Student STEM Enrichment Program	\$180,000
Samsung Helping Tomorrow (via DonorsChoose)	\$109,347
Franklin Templeton Investments, Renaissance Charitable Foundation	\$69,773
WakeEd Partnership - Summer STEM	\$49,075
Cargill Global Partnership Fund	\$15,000
Assessment for Learning Project (ALP)	\$15,000
Donors Choose	\$10,180
The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation Grants	\$10,000
Wells Fargo Foundation	\$10,000
Go Global NC	\$10,000
Renaissance Charitable Foundation	\$10,000
Total	\$1,879,583