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OFFICE OF GRANTS ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: 2013-14

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MISSION

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Office of Grants was established in 1985. Since its creation, the overarching mission has been to secure grant funding which helps advance the district's strategic goals and initiatives. In support, the office identifies grant funding opportunities and communicates this information to central office and school-based personnel. In addition, the Office of Grants assists staff with preparing applications and monitors implementation of grant awards.

VISION

Our 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 March 1, 2011, "The Wake County Public School System will significantly increase achievement for all students by providing a world-class education that equips students with the knowledge and expertise to become successful, productive citizens." Per this mission, we proactively seek to identify funding opportunities which can provide support to programs or activities which promote student academic achievement. Office staff practice positive consumer relations and seek to provide a same-day response to inquiries. Office staff also practice 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 principle responsibility of the Office of Grants 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 opportunities 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; and
- collaborates with appropriate WCPSS departments including Academics, Human Resources, Special Education, Student Due Process 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.

PURPOSE OF ANNUAL REPORT

Each year, the Office of Grants prepares a summary of grant development activities for the prior year. This report describes major accomplishments, along with district-wide grant activity for the 2013-14 school/fiscal year. The report enumerates the number and variety of grant applications submitted to various funding sources by Central Service personnel, school-based staff, and others on behalf or in 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 by departments and individuals submitting applications.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

In 2013-14, the Office of Grants continued to help manage grants and compliance reporting activity. A bulleted list of activities and accomplishments for 2013-14 is included in the State of the Office Report as provided below.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2013-14

Administration

- Made presentations to four schools on *Identifying and Applying for Grants* and staff presented at the World View Symposium.
- Secured Board approval for 212 individual grant opportunities and 682 subsequent competitive applications.
- Updated the Office of Grants intranet web site after Board meetings.
- Assisted school-based and Central Service personnel with grant related requirements (e.g., service agreements, annual reports, monitoring visits and audits).
- Completed annual update of Compliance Reporting Activity list.
- Participated in Annual Non-Public Schools Meeting.

Pre- and Post-Award

- Collaborated with external constituents (e.g., Campbell University, the City of Raleigh, Communities in Schools of Wake County, CONCERT, NC Council on Economic Education, NC Museum of Natural Sciences, NC New Schools, NC State University, Raleigh Colleges & Community Collaborative, Western Wake Tennis Association, YMCA and other agencies) on 19 grant proposals (e.g., 21st Century Community Learning Center, Burroughs Wellcome, Institute of Education Sciences, National Science Foundation, and others) and implementation for funded projects.
- Collaborated with Magnet & Curriculum Enhancement Programs to finalize award for Magnet School Assistance Program grant submitted in 2012-13 totaling \$9,608,141.
- Collaborated with Student Support Services on an Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program grant totaling \$1,111,457.
- Collaborated with Duke University on a Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program grant totaling \$1,864,000.
- Collaborated with Magnet and Curriculum Enhancement Programs on Cooperative Innovative Grant applications for Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy.
- Collaborated with the Office of Early Learning on a Smart Start Grant totaling \$90,698.
- Collaborated with Magnet and Curriculum Enhancement Programs, the YMCA, and NC State University of a Burroughs Wellcome Grant totaling \$149,786.
- Collaborated with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences on a Museums Connect Grant totaling \$83,000.
- Collaborated with Motherhead and Wake County Smart Start to submit grants on behalf of WAKE Up and Read.
- Collaborated with 11 community agencies, five of which submitted applications, for the 2013 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.
- Coordinated inaugural WAKE Up and Read book drive, raising 67,000 books distributed to six WCPSS schools and 14 Wake County childcare centers.
- Supported implementation of grant-funded projects, including: Burroughs Wellcome Student Science Enrichment Program Grant, Magnet Schools Assistance Program, National Science Foundation Math Science Partnership Grant with NC State University, Race to the Top, School Improvement Grant, and Teacher Incentive Fund.

Professional Development

- Participated in webinars and conference calls with the United States Department of Education on 2013-14 Federal grants and shared the information with the WCPSS Superintendent's Leadership Team.
- Participated in 2013-14 webinars with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.
- Attended 2014 NCDPI 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Meeting.
- Attended proctor training with WCPSS Testing staff.
- Attended sessions led by Instructional Technology staff on utilizing digital tools.
- Completed a two day training session with Management Concepts on Identifying and Applying for Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements.
- Attended the Facilitative Leadership and Crucial Conversations trainings offered through the Office of Professional Learning.
- Attended the Planning for Success workshops conducted by Data & Accountability.
- Attended two-day WCPSS Learning and Leading: Academics Symposium sessions salient to grants development.
- Attended professional development sessions on Excel and Blackboard.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS AND SUCCESSES

The following tables provide details on the grant applications submitted in **2013-14**.

Table 1
Summary of WCPSS Grant Application Efforts and Success for 2013-14

Grant Type	Submitted		Awarded	
	Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Amount Awarded
Competitive	682	\$ 30,591,886	452	\$ 6,221,265
Entitlement	12	\$ 54,215,533	12	\$ 54,215,533
Total	694	\$ 84,807,419	464	\$ 60,436,798

**Amounts listed for entitlement grants are based on planning allotments.*

Table 2
Summary of WCPSS Collaborative Grants* with Community Partners for 2013-14

Partner Type	Submitted		Awarded		
	Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Award Amount to Applicants	WCPSS Sub Award
Community Agencies	8	\$ 399,000	7	\$ 377,500	\$11,000
Governmental Agencies	2	\$ 293,000	2	\$ 293,000	\$19,684
Institutions of Higher Education	9	\$ 6,929,767	3	\$ 4,792,206	\$439,000
Total	19	\$ 7,621,767	12	\$ 5,462,706	\$469,684

** These funds were awarded to WCPSS' 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.*

**Table 3
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Area, 2013-14**

Area	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Central	54	\$ 31,715
Eastern	30	\$ 29,909
Northern	81	\$ 67,101
Northeastern	69	\$ 92,526
Southern	58	\$ 90,778
Southwestern	56	\$ 39,953
Western	89	\$ 53,463
NA (Central Services)	27	\$ 60,031,353
Total*	464	\$ 60,436,798

**This count includes competitive and entitlement grants.*

Table 4
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Theme, 2013-14

Theme	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Arts Education	14	\$ 27,841
Career/Technical Education	9	\$ 1,358,843
Early Learning	0	\$ -
English/Language Arts	44	\$ 24,038
ESL	2	\$ 1,250
Facility Enhancement	66	\$ 33,080
Foreign Language	1	\$ 275
Health and Nutrition	5	\$ 35,451
Library/Media	6	\$ 2,214
Literacy	59	\$ 35,844
Miscellaneous Grants	39	\$ 1,292,968
Music	5	\$ 4,293
Outreach for at-risk students	19	\$ 54,710,741
Physical Education	2	\$ 1,618
Professional Development	4	\$ 2,559,015
Special Education	40	\$ 28,483
STEM	63	\$ 216,356
Supplies	16	\$ 8,435
Technology Equipment	56	\$ 59,653
Other	14	\$ 36,399
Total*	464	\$ 60,436,798

**This count includes competitive and entitlement grants.*

Table 5
WCPSS Grants by Month
July 2013 – June 2014

Month	Number of Funding Agencies on Precis*	Number of Grants Submitted**
July	29	378
August	30	49
September	34	52
October	19	25
November	9	70
December	22	15
January	12	10
February	14	91
March	11	6
April	15	5
May	10	8
June	7	4
Total	212	713

**For each month, funding agencies are counted only once even though they may fund multiple grants.*

***Grant applications may not have been submitted during the designated month but correspond to a grant program that was Board approved during the designated month. This count includes competitive, entitlement, and collaborative grants.*

Table 6
Summary of WCPSS Grants by Monetary Levels

Funding Level	Requested		Awarded		Not Awarded	
	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
\$0 to \$499	259	\$76,575	228	\$ 69,339	31	\$ 7,237
\$500 to \$999	177	\$115,950	130	\$ 82,119	49	\$ 34,884
\$1,000 to \$4,999	210	\$471,247	77	\$ 163,027	132	\$ 309,936
\$5,000 to \$9,999	15	\$86,836	7	\$ 45,836	7	\$ 35,000
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3	\$48,000	3	\$ 45,000	0	\$ -
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4	\$134,889	2	\$ 55,000	2	\$ 79,889
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5	\$329,912	4	\$ 320,610	2	\$ 100,000
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	\$710,685	4	\$ 541,998	0	\$ -
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	\$1,647,497	1	\$ 414,114	3	\$ 1,233,383
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1	\$952,040	0	\$ -	1	\$ 952,040
\$1,000,000 +	11	\$80,233,788	8	\$ 58,699,756	3	\$ 21,521,602
Total	694	\$84,807,419	464	\$ 60,436,798	230	\$ 24,273,971

Notes:

- 1) The funding level requested count and amount may differ from the funding level awarded count and amount.
- 2) Some grant applications were not submitted for the following reasons: the interested school did not pursue the grant or the grant was submitted proactively to the Board but no schools elected to apply.

Table 7
Summary of WCPSS Grants 2013-14
Fund 3 Federal Grant Funds – State

Source	Revenue Amount
ESEA Title I Basic Program*	\$ 25,306,421
IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped*	\$ 22,764,644
Cooperative Innovative High School Programs	\$ 2,721,380
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality*	\$ 2,549,615
Title III - Language Acquisition*	\$ 1,473,221
Career Technical Education Program Improvement*	\$ 1,343,881
IDEA VI-B Preschool Handicapped*	\$ 414,114
Title III - Language Acquisition - Significant Increase*	\$ 170,527
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance*	\$ 75,000
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	\$ 30,000
Advanced Placement Test Fee	\$ 76,077
State Improvement Grant	\$ 20,000
IDEA VI-B Special Needs Targeted Assistance*	\$ 13,000
IDEA VI-B Preschool Targeted Assistance*	\$ 6,275
Total**	\$ 56,964,155

* Amounts listed for Entitlement Grants are based on planning allotments. The final award amounts are provided in the Annual Adopted Budget.

** The difference between this total in Table 7, the total from Table 8 and the total grants awarded for 2013-14 are distributed amongst other Fund 6 school-based accounts, in-kind services with estimated values, and grants of supplies or materials.

Table 8
Summary of WCPSS Grants 2013-14 Fund 7 Direct Grant Funds

Source	Revenue Amount
Smart Start - Parents as Teachers	\$ 1,429,137
USDOE - Elementary and Secondary School Counseling	\$ 1,111,457
Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education*	\$ 439,000
Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Student Science Enrichment	\$ 149,786
Smart Start - Supporting School Readiness	\$ 117,525
NC Pre-K	\$ 104,160
Smart Start - WAKE Up and Read	\$ 90,698
Indian Education Act**	\$ 78,835
State Farm - Celebrate My Drive	\$ 25,000
North Carolina Arts Council - Arts in Education	\$ 12,000
Total***	\$ 3,557,598

* This grant is a subaward from a collaborative grant application.

**The amount listed for this grants is based on a planning allotment. The final award amounts are provided in the Annual Adopted Budget.

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