



# WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

June 2017

## OFFICE OF GRANTS & STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: 2015-16

Authors: Angie Wright, Ed.D. and Cindy DeFoor

### MISSION

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Office of Grants & Strategic Advancement was established in 1985. Since its creation, 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 office and school-based personnel. In addition, the Office of Grants assists staff with preparing applications, monitors implementation of grant awards, and provide 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 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 & 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 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;
- 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 review of applications.

This report describes major accomplishments, along with district-wide grant activity for the 2015-16 school/fiscal year. The report details the number and variety of grant applications submitted by Central Service personnel, school-based staff, and others in collaboration and for 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 2015-16, the Office of Grants continued to help manage grants and compliance reporting activity. A bulleted list of activities and accomplishments for 2015-16 is included in the State of the Office Report as provided below.

## **ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2015-16**

### **Administration**

- Supported school-based efforts to submit grant proposals by increasing awareness of WCPSS requirements and providing adult learning opportunities on *Identifying and Applying for Grants*.
- Provided professional learning during Area meetings to all lead secretaries and bookkeepers.
- Secured Board approval for 249 individual grant opportunities and 827 subsequent competitive applications (includes WCPSS and collaborative submissions).
- Updated the Office of Grants intranet web site after Board meetings.
- Assisted school-based and Central Service personnel with grant related requirements (e.g., grant agreements, annual reports, monitoring visits, and compliance).
- Completed annual update of Compliance Reporting Activity list.

### **Pre- and Post-Award**

- Collaborated with external constituents (e.g., Carolina Ballet, Contemporary Art Museum, Duke University NC State University, YMCA, and community-based organizations) on 34 grant proposals (e.g., Institute of Education Sciences, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, National Institute of Justice, National Science Foundation, Spencer Foundation, UNC General Administration, US Department of Education TRIO Programs, Wallace Foundation, and others) and implementation of funded projects.
- Supported grants development, implementation, and monitoring of grant-funded projects, including: Burroughs Wellcome Student Science Enrichment Program Grant, Carol M. White Physical Education Grant, Elementary & Secondary School Counseling Grant, Magnet Schools Assistance Program, Javits Gifts and Talented Grant with Duke University, National Science Foundation Math Science Partnership Grant with NC State University, Teacher Incentive Fund, and Wake County Smart Start.

### **Professional Development**

- Participated in webinars and conference calls with the United States Department of Education on 2015-16 Federal grants and shared the information with the WCPSS Superintendent's Leadership Team.
- Participated in 2015-16 webinars with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.
- Attended the Magnet Schools of America 2016 MSAP Grant Writing Workshop.
- Participated in US Department of Education's 2016 MSAP Grant Competition webinar series.
- Attended 2015 Federal Grants Update training.
- Attended Karen Mapp Community Engagement Model training.
- Participated in Adaptive Schools professional development for Central Service Administrators.
- Attended professional development on Google applications.
- Attended Academics Support Staff monthly meetings to learn about team building, précis development, and Crossroads emergency management updates.

## **Ad Hoc**

- Supported WCPSS Strategic Plan, Vision 2020, implementation, including: prioritized strategic objectives activities for grants development and led a Community Engagement subcommittee.
- Participated in Student Assignment Transfer Appeal Hearings, facilitated table groups during East Wake Working Group sessions, and supported annual Scholastic Pursuit event.
- Participated in organizing 3<sup>rd</sup> annual WAKE Up and Read book drive, raising 115,000 books distributed to ten WCPSS schools, nine youth-serving community centers, and 20 Wake County childcare centers.
- Participated in Collective Impact Roundtable for the United Way of the Greater Triangle.
- Led monitoring of State legislation establishing Restart initiative, including development and submission of initial WCPSS applications.
- Led a Central Service team of administrators to explore innovative school designs for future consideration.
- Led monitoring of passage of 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 **2015-16**.

**Table 1**  
**Summary of WCPSS Grant Application Efforts and Success for 2015-16**

Grant Type	Submitted		Awarded	
	Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Amount Awarded
Competitive	793	\$ 17,413,741	588	\$ 754,554
Entitlement	12	\$ 79,647,481	12	\$ 79,647,481
<b>Total</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>\$ 97,061,222</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>\$ 80,402,035</b>

**Table 2**  
**Summary of WCPSS Collaborative Grants\* with Community Partners for 2015-16**

Partner Type	Submitted		Awarded		
	Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Award Amount	WCPSS Sub Award
Community Agencies	23	\$ 3,126,033	9	\$1,452,077	\$ 62,077
Government Agencies	3	\$ 1,959,105	0		\$ -
Institutions of Higher Education	8	\$ 5,606,842	5	\$5,652,513	\$ 1,195,802
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$ 10,691,981</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$7,104,590</b>	<b>\$ 1,257,879</b>

*\*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.*

**Table 3**  
**Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Area, 2014-15**

Area	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Central	57	\$ 60,151
Eastern	43	\$ 54,910
Northern	99	\$ 103,021
Northeastern	57	\$ 41,749
Southern	48	\$ 44,288
Southwestern	119	\$ 108,541
Western	94	\$ 72,459
Elementary Support	60	\$ 72,523
Central Services	23	\$ 79,844,393
<b>Total*</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>\$ 80,402,035</b>

*\*This table includes competitive and entitlement grants.*

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

Division/Department	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
<b>Chief Operating Officer</b>		
Child Nutrition Services	2	\$ 61,200
Planning Construction/Facilities	2	\$ 1,500
<b>Deputy Superintendent for Academic Advancement</b>		
Academics	12	\$ 40,863,634
Area Superintendents (School-based grants)	577	\$ 557,642
Special Education Services	3	\$ 38,796,774
Student Support Services	4	\$ 121,285
<b>Total*</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>\$ 80,402,035</b>

*\*This table includes competitive and entitlement grants.*

**Table 5**  
**Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Theme, 2015-16**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Number Awarded</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Arts Education	21	\$ 24,748
Career/Technical Education	7	\$ 1,431,369
Early Learning	10	\$ 155,684
English/Language Arts	48	\$ 25,516
ESL	3	\$ 3,866
Facility Enhancement	7	\$ 10,039
Foreign Language	2	\$ 1,349
Health and Nutrition	10	\$ 82,917
Library/Media	13	\$ 15,824
Literacy	62	\$ 42,190
Music	8	\$ 15,473
Outreach for at-risk Students	12	\$ 41,862,347
Physical Education	6	\$ 10,552
Professional Development	6	\$ 3,000,995
Special Education	76	\$ 33,328,452
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)	77	\$ 137,153
Supplies	41	\$ 19,370
Technology Equipment	104	\$ 85,332
Other	87	\$ 148,858
<b>Total*</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>\$ 80,402,035</b>

*\*This table includes competitive and entitlement grants.*



**Table 6**  
**WCPSS Grants by Month\***  
**July 2015 – June 2016**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Funding Agencies on Precis</b>	<b>Number of Grants Submitted*</b>
July	24	556
August	35	30
September	31	59
October	26	68
November	16	17
December	32	10
January	18	42
February	29	20
March	7	7
April	8	6
May	11	11
June	12	13
<b>Total**</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>839</b>

*\*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 793 competitive, 12 entitlement, and 34 collaborative grants.*

**Table 7**  
**Summary of WCPSS Grants by Monetary Levels, 2015-16**

Funding Level	Requested		Awarded		Not Awarded	
	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
\$0 to \$499	288	\$ 89,288	254	\$ 80,187	38	\$ 10,197
\$500 to \$999	215	\$ 137,405	177	\$ 111,580	37	\$ 24,686
\$1,000 to \$4,999	245	\$ 527,482	142	\$ 286,491	103	\$ 235,767
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	\$ 110,646	9	\$ 55,806	8	\$ 41,000
\$10,000 to \$24,999	14	\$ 220,686	5	\$ 82,647	8	\$ 128,039
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2	\$ 75,726	1	\$ 45,726	1	\$ 30,000
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	\$ 121,586	2	\$ 121,586	0	\$ -
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	\$ 1,130,750	2	\$ 252,074	6	\$ 878,676
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	\$ 876,803	1	\$ 428,520	1	\$ 448,283
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1	\$ 501,920	1	\$ 501,920	0	\$ -
\$1,000,000 +	9	\$ 93,268,930	6	\$ 78,435,500	3	\$ 14,833,430
<b>Total</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>\$ 97,061,222</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>\$ 80,402,035</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>\$ 16,630,078</b>

*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.
- 3) This table includes competitive and entitlement grants only. See Table 2 for a detailed description of collaborative grants.

**Table 8\***  
**Summary of WCPSS Grants 2015-16**  
**Fund 3 Federal Grant Funds – State**

Source	Revenue Amount
ESEA Title I Basic Program	\$ 33,132,163
IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped	\$ 32,746,258
IDEA VI-B Early Intervening Services	\$ 5,548,596
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	\$ 2,987,443
Title III - Language Acquisition	\$ 2,597,785
Career Technical Education Program Improvement	\$ 1,423,255
IDEA VI - B Preschool Handicapped	\$ 501,920
Title III - Language Acquisition - Significant Increase	\$ 428,520
ESEA Title I School Improvement Grant	\$ 146,364
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**	\$ 57,850
IDEA VI-B Special Needs Targeted Assistance	\$ 20,065
IDEA - VI-B Preschool Targeted Assistance	\$ 45,726
<b>TOTAL***</b>	<b>\$ 79,635,945</b>

*\*The final award amounts shown here are provided in the Annual Adopted Budget.*

*\*\*While this grant is managed in Fund 3, it is a competitive grant, not an entitlement grant.*

*\*\*\*The difference between this total in Table 8, the total from Table 9, and the total grants awarded for 2015-16 are distributed amongst other Fund 6 school-based accounts, in-kind services with estimated values, and grants of supplies or materials.*

**Table 9\***  
**Summary of WCPSS Grants 2015-16**  
**Fund 7 Direct Grant Funds**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Revenue Amount</b>
NC Pre-K	\$470,991
NC Quest	\$203,643
Go Global (formerly CIU) Confucius Classroom	\$109,011
Burroughs Wellcome Fund	\$80,390
Indian Education Act**	\$69,386
United Way Social Innovation Challenge	\$50,000
Project Lead the Way	\$40,000
Digital Promise	\$38,748
NCSU Confucius Institute	\$15,125
GradNation Community Summit	\$15,000
New School Project	\$10,709
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,103,003</b>

*\*The difference between totals in Table 9, totals from Table 8 and the total grants awarded for 2015-16 are distributed amongst Fund 6 school-based accounts, in-kind services with estimated values, and grants of supplies or materials.*

*\*\* While this grant is an entitlement grant, it is awarded directly from the Federal Government instead of pass-through administration by the NC Department of Public Instruction.*