



WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

February 2018

OFFICE OF GRANTS & STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: 2016-17

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. Also, 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 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 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 a review of applications.

This report describes major accomplishments, along with district-wide grant activity for the 2016-17 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 2016-17, the Office of Grants continued to help manage grants and compliance reporting activity. A bulleted list of activities and accomplishments for 2016-17 is included in the State of the Office Report as provided below.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2016-17

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 258 individual grant opportunities and 876 subsequent competitive applications (includes WCPSS and collaborative submissions).
- Updated the Office of Grants intranet website after Board meetings to share opportunities.
- 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, University of NC at Chapel Hill, Wake PTA Council, YMCA, and community-based organizations) on 52 grant proposals (e.g., 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Carolina Hurricanes Kids 'N Community Foundation, 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 GEAR Up Program, 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 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 Wallace Foundation Grant with NC State University.

Professional Development

- Participated in webinars and conference calls with the United States Department of Education on 2016-17 Federal grants and shared the information with district leadership.
- Participated in 2016-17 webinars with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, including Pacesetters and All-America City Contest opportunities.
- Participated in US Department of Education's 2017 MSAP Grant webinar series.
- Participated in regular departmental led professional learning.
- Attended Google Basics training and the Google Apps for Education Summit.
- Attended The Foundation Center's corporation and foundation proposal development training.
- Attended the WCPSS Office of Professional Learning training on the Dilemma Consultancy Protocol, as well as the Art & Science of Presenting.
- Attended the WCPSS Data, Research, & Accountability training on Analyzing & Reporting Data.
- Attended Academics Support Staff monthly meetings to learn about team building, précis development, and Crossroads emergency management updates.
- Attended training to support the WCPSS Strategic Plan, including #Wake Vision.

Ad Hoc

- Supported WCPSS Strategic Plan, Vision 2020, and implementation, including prioritized strategic objectives activities for grants development and led a Community Engagement subcommittee.
- Implemented the 4C Fund, including the selection of awardees, project implementation, and budget management.
- Prepared and submitted the award-winning 2016 Pacesetter's application for the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading on behalf of WAKE Up and Read. The application was subsequently identified as a finalist for the All-America City Award.
- Participated in initial discussions with Carolina Hurricanes to plan for Readvolution.
- Participated in organizing 4th annual WAKE Up and Read book drive, raising over 110,000 books distributed to ten WCPSS schools, nine youth-serving community centers, and 20 Wake County childcare centers.
- Served as facilitators during the NC State University led education summit.
- Led monitoring of 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.
- Served as a panelist on the NC State University Research Practitioner Summit.
- Provided professional development to the Wake Ed Partnership Beginning Teacher Leadership Network.
- Volunteered with the WCPSS Habitat Build effort.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS AND SUCCESSES

The following tables provide details on the grant applications submitted in **2016-17**.

Table 1
Summary of WCPSS Competitive Grant Application Efforts and Success

Submitted		Awarded	
Applications Submitted	Amount Requested	Applications Awarded	Amount Awarded
824	\$ 23,882,483	563	\$ 19,068,961

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	43	\$2,056,273	23	\$1,319,762	\$61,574
Government Agencies	2	\$2,500,000	2	\$2,500,000	\$0
Institutions of Higher Education	7	\$5,736,647	5	\$5,042,323	\$9,000
Total	52	\$10,292,920	30	\$8,862,085	\$70,574

**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 Competitive Grants* by Area**

Area	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Central	96	\$ 314,001
Eastern	37	\$ 260,298
Northern	46	\$ 398,009
Northeastern	60	\$ 54,668
Northwestern	65	\$ 447,140
Southern	61	\$ 78,351
Southwestern	65	\$ 241,756
Western	75	\$ 77,915
Elementary Support Model	43	\$ 110,301
Central Services	15	\$ 17,086,523
Total*	563	\$ 19,068,961

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

Division/Department	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Administrative Services		
Human Resources	2	\$310,000
Deputy Superintendent for Academic Advancement		
Academics	5	\$15,129,407
Area Superintendents (School-based grants)	548	\$1,982,439
Student Support Services	6	\$1,641,715
Superintendent		
Data, Research and Accountability	1	\$5,000
Equity Affairs	1	\$400
Total*	563	\$19,068,961

**This count includes competitive grants only.*

Table 5
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Competitive Grants by Theme

Theme	Number Awarded	Amount Awarded
Arts Education	49	\$ 53,652
Career/Technical Education	8	\$ 5,917
Early Learning/School Readiness	11	\$ 880,667
ESL	4	\$ 5,649
Facility Enhancement	14	\$ 11,861
Foreign Language	5	\$ 50,000
Health and Nutrition	19	\$ 75,858
Human Capital	1	\$ 10,000
Library/Media	10	\$ 8,452
Literacy/English Language Arts	83	\$ 285,356
Music	5	\$ 3,225
Outreach for at-risk students	10	\$ 776,429
Physical Education	10	\$ 13,573
Professional Development	3	\$ 6,639
Special Education	49	\$ 24,036
STEM	88	\$ 325,409
Supplies	42	\$ 17,992
Technology Equipment	57	\$ 81,988
Other	95	\$ 16,432,258
Total*	563	\$ 19,068,961

Table 6
WCPSS Grants by Month*
July 2016 – June 2017

Month	Number of Funding Agencies on Precis	Number of Grants Submitted*
July	35	547
August	59	80
September	35	96
October	29	23
November	24	15
December	20	27
January	15	58
February	18	12
March	5	4
April	7	1
May	7	8
June	4	5
Total	258	876

**Includes 824 Competitive and 52 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	295	\$ 89,628	244	\$ 72,256	57	\$ 18,321
\$500 to \$999	232	\$ 154,398	177	\$ 117,186	51	\$ 33,436
\$1,000 to \$4,999	202	\$ 416,693	103	\$ 200,492	103	\$ 228,888
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49	\$ 316,564	9	\$ 53,740	35	\$ 234,014
\$10,000 to \$24,999	17	\$ 261,828	10	\$ 135,628	6	\$ 116,200
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10	\$ 310,542	4	\$ 112,150	6	\$ 198,392
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	\$ 138,493	1	\$ 73,493	1	\$ 65,000
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	\$ 2,027,628	11	\$ 1,814,629	1	\$ 175,000
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	\$ 300,000	1	\$ 300,000	0	\$ -
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2	\$ 1,317,586	2	\$ 1,317,586	0	\$ -
\$1,000,000 +	2	\$ 18,549,122	1	\$ 14,871,801	1	\$ 3,677,321
Total	824	\$ 23,882,483	563	\$ 19,068,961	261	\$ 4,746,571

**This table includes competitive grants only.*

Table 8
Summary of WCPSS Entitlement Grants

Source	Revenue Amount
ESEA Title I Basic Program	\$ 33,807,163
IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped	\$ 29,568,236
IDEA VI-B Early Intervening Services	\$ 5,368,201
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	\$ 2,602,944
Title III - Language Acquisition	\$ 2,527,218
Career Technical Education Program Improvement	\$ 1,525,316
IDEA VI - B Preschool Handicapped	\$ 471,665
Title III - Language Acquisition - Significant Increase	\$ 380,092
ESEA Title I School Improvement Grant	\$ 79,183
IDEA - VI-B Preschool Targeted Assistance	\$ 66,318
Indian Education Act	\$ 62,482
IDEA VI-B Special Needs Targeted Assistance	\$ 21,466
TOTAL	\$ 76,480,284

** Amounts listed for Entitlement Grants are found in the 2016-17 Budget.*

Table 9
Summary of WCPSS Competitive Grants

Funder	Amount
US Department of Education, Magnet Schools Assistance Program	\$ 14,871,801
NC Department of Public Instruction, Cooperative Innovative High Schools	\$ 1,200,000
John Rex Endowment, Positive Parenting Positive Mental Health Expansion Grant	\$ 764,418
Wake County Smart Start, Parents as Teachers	\$ 553,168
NC General Assembly, State Board of Education, Local Alternative Teacher Preparation Program	\$ 300,000
Triangle Community Foundation (TCF), WAKE Up and Read	\$ 150,500
Verizon Foundation, Innovative Learning Transitional Grant	\$ 140,000
Wake County Smart Start, Supporting School Readiness	\$ 114,755
Wake County Smart Start, NC Pre-K	\$ 105,710
Wake County Smart Start, Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)	\$ 103,664
United Way of the Greater Triangle	\$ 73,493
US Department of Agriculture, Fresh Fruit, and Vegetable Program	\$ 62,150
Minneapolis Foundation	\$ 48,262
Go Global NC, Confucius Classroom Programs	\$ 40,000
Digital Promise	\$ 25,000
Duke Energy, WAKE Up and Read	\$ 20,422
Titmus Foundation	\$ 18,753
Wake Education Partnership, Summer STEM	\$ 13,192
NCSU Confucius Institute, Hanban Confucius Institute Program	\$ 10,000
Wells Fargo, WCPSS Teacher of the Year Program	\$ 10,000
Achieve, Student Assessment Inventory for School Districts National Network	\$ 5,000
Triangle Community Foundation, Helping Hands	\$ 400
Other School-based Grants	\$ 438,274
Total	\$ 19,068,961