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OFFICE OF GRANTS ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT: 2012-13

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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
- collaborate 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 2012-13 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 2012-13, the Office of Grants continued to help manage grants and compliance reporting activity. A bulleted list of activities and accomplishments for 2012-13 is included in the State of the Office Report as provided below.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2012-13

Administration

- Made presentations to staff at eight schools on *Identifying and Applying for Grants*.
- Secured Board approval for 229 individual grant opportunities and 583 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.
- Administered Federal Personnel Activities Reporting System (PARS) and assisted with the transition of these responsibilities to WCPSS Compensation Services in fall of 2012.
- Added and filled a new Grants Development Coordinator position.
- Participated in Annual Meeting with Non-Public Schools.
- Collaborated with School Performance team and Communications staff to develop Collaborate application.

Pre- and Post-Award

- Collaborated with external constituents (e.g., the City of Raleigh, Communities in Schools, CONCERT, NC Council on Economic Education, NC State University, Raleigh Colleges & Community Collaborative, Wake Med, YMCA and other agencies) on 30 grant proposals (e.g., Burroughs Wellcome, Institute of Education Sciences, National Science Foundation, NCDPI, and others) and implementation for funded projects.
- Collaborated on a grant submitted by the Harvard University Graduate School of Education for the READS Summer Learning Program.
- Collaborated with NC State University and the Raleigh Colleges & Community Collaborative on a successful \$7.3 million grant to the National Science Foundation that includes \$502,962 to support STEM education in WCPSS.
- Collaborated with Magnet & Curriculum Enhancement Programs to obtain \$138,650 in funding from the Center for International Understanding to establish Confucius Classrooms in five schools to teach Chinese language and culture.
- Collaborated with Magnet & Curriculum Enhancement Programs on a successful Magnet School Assistance Program grant totaling \$9,608,141.
- Collaborated with 16 community agencies, nine of which submitted applications, for the 2013 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.
- Collaborated with school-based staff to successfully secure \$83,214 in funding from the *I Am A Leader* Grant program.
- Consulted with the Office of Early Learning on two successful grant submissions to the John Rex Endowment for \$3,097,756.
- Collaborated with numerous WCPSS community agencies to establish WAKE Up and Read, a local affiliate of the national Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.

- Supported implementation of grant-funded projects, including: Race to the Top, School Improvement Grant, Teacher Incentive Fund, and Bill & Melinda Gates Partners for Postsecondary Success.

Professional Development

- Participated in webinars and conference calls with the United States Department of Education on 2012-13 Federal grants and shared the information with the WCPSS Superintendent's Leadership Team.
- Participated in webinars with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading in 2012-13.
- Attended 2012 GE Foundation Developing Futures in Education Conference.
- Attended 2012 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Priority Schools Forum.
- Attended 2013 NCDPI 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Meeting.
- Attended 2013 Partners for Postsecondary Success Learning Institute with the Raleigh Colleges & Community Collaborative.
- Attended 2013 Social Equity Leadership Conference and participated in a panel discussion with the Raleigh Colleges & Community Collaborative.
- Attended proctor training with WCPSS Testing staff.
- Attended sessions led by Instructional Technology staff on utilizing digital tools.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS AND SUCCESSES

The following tables provide details on the grant applications submitted in **2012-13**.

Table 1
Summary of WCPSS Grant Application Efforts and Success for 2012-13

Grant Type	Submitted		Awarded	
	Applications Submitted	Amounts Requested	Applications Awarded	Amounts Awarded
Competitive	583	\$ 29,295,273	375	\$13,538,749
Contract	4	\$ 585,104	4	\$ 585,104
Entitlement*	7	\$ 57,337,061	7	\$ 57,337,061
Total	594	\$ 87,217,438	386	\$71,460,914

**Amounts listed for Entitlement Grants are based on planning allotments.*

Table 2
Summary of WCPSS Collaborative Grants with Community Partners for 2012-13

Partner Type	Submitted		Awarded	
	Applications Submitted	Amounts Requested	Applications Awarded	Award Amounts*
Community Agencies	16	\$ 938,058	6	\$ 803,058
Governmental Agencies	6	\$215,000	3	\$15,000
Institutions of Higher Education	8	\$ 858,184	4	\$ 642,962
Total	30	\$2,011,242	13	\$1,461,020

** 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

Area	Number Awarded	Amounts Awarded
Central	31	\$ 58,885
Eastern	30	\$ 119,709
Northern	136	\$ 159,805
Northeastern	25	\$ 38,493
Southern	54	\$ 191,552
Southwestern	34	\$ 57,201
Western	58	\$ 73,182
NA (Central Services)	18	\$ 70,762,087
Total*	386	\$ 71,460,914

**This count includes competitive, contracts, and entitlement grants.*

Table 4
Summary of WCPSS Awarded Grants by Theme

Theme	Number Awarded	Amounts Awarded
Arts	15	\$ 38,475
English	1	\$ 1,000
Foreign Language	6	\$ 138,650
Health and Nutrition	6	\$ 70,955
Literacy	69	\$ 34,894
Miscellaneous Grants	159	\$ 9,875,678
Music	8	\$ 28,733
Outreach for at-risk students	13	\$ 55,374,884
Professional Development	2	\$ 2,550,615
Physical Education	8	\$ 11,923
Pre-K	3	\$ 3,201,916
Social Studies	1	\$ 465
Special Education	18	\$ 8,996
STEM	39	\$ 66,900
Technology	38	\$ 56,830
Total*	386	\$ 71,460,914

**This count includes competitive, contracts, and entitlement grants.*

Table 5
Summary of WCPSS Grants by Month
July 2012 – June 2013

Month	Number of Funding Agencies on Precipis*	Number of Grants Submitted**
July	32	291
August	45	91
September	23	33
October	36	46
November	2	2
December	9	18
January	13	14
February	15	102
March	15	9
April	19	5
May	15	9
June	5	4
Total	229	624

* 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.

Table 6
Summary of WCPSS Grants by Monetary Levels

Funding Level	Requested		Awarded		Not Awarded	
	Count	Amount	Count	Amount	Count	Amount
\$0 to \$499	215	\$ 54,695	184	\$ 46,535	33	\$ 8,646
\$500 to \$999	123	\$ 82,660	93	\$ 61,919	29	\$ 19,990
\$1,000 to \$4,999	178	\$ 416,649	72	\$ 149,799	105	\$ 261,762
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	\$ 135,475	8	\$ 48,475	17	\$ 87,000
\$10,000 to \$24,999	9	\$ 152,043	6	\$ 108,885	3	\$ 43,159
\$25,000 to \$49,999	16	\$ 485,079	10	\$ 313,079	6	\$ 172,000
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6	\$ 328,307	1	\$ 78,307	5	\$ 250,000
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	\$ 1,176,954	2	\$ 250,156	6	\$ 926,798
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	\$ 1,668,612	2	\$ 853,222	2	\$ 815,390
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1	\$ 971,428	1	\$ 971,428	0	\$ 0
\$1,000,000 +	9	\$ 81,745,536	7	\$ 68,579,109	2	\$ 13,166,427
Total	594	\$ 87,217,438	386	\$ 71,460,914	208	\$ 15,751,171

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 2012-13 Fund 3 Federal Grant Funds – State

Source	2012-13 Revenue Amount
ESEA Title I Basic Program*	\$ 26,474,376
IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped*	\$ 24,977,630
Title II Improving Teacher Quality*	\$ 2,549,615
Title III Language Acquisition*	\$ 1,470,203
Career Technical Education Program Improvement*	\$ 1,372,816
IDEA VI-B Pre-School Handicapped*	\$ 414,114
Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program	\$ 60,000
Advanced Placement Test Fee	\$ 29,860
TOTAL**	\$ 57,348,614

** 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 2012-13 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 2012-13 Fund 7 Direct Grant Funds

Source	2012-13 Revenue Amount
Magnet Schools Assistance Program*	\$ 9,608,141
John Rex Endowment - Project Enlightenment	\$ 2,126,328
John Rex Endowment - Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning	\$ 971,428
Project Enlightenment - Parents as Teachers**	\$ 439,108
Project Enlightenment Supporting School Readiness**	\$ 145,996
Confucius Institute	\$ 138,650
NC Pre-K	\$ 104,160
I am a Leader - Leader in Me	\$ 83,214
Indian Education Act**	\$ 78,307
Google STEM	\$ 30,440
Give with Target	\$ 25,000
Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation	\$ 25,000
Total***	\$13,775,772

* *The Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant was submitted in 2012-13 but was not awarded until September 2014.*

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*** *The difference between this total in Table 8, the total from Table 7 and the total grants awarded for 2012-13 are distributed amongst Fund 6 school-based accounts, in-kind services with estimated values, and grants of supplies or materials.*