

# ANNUAL REPORT OF GRANT ACTIVITY

Duval County Public Schools



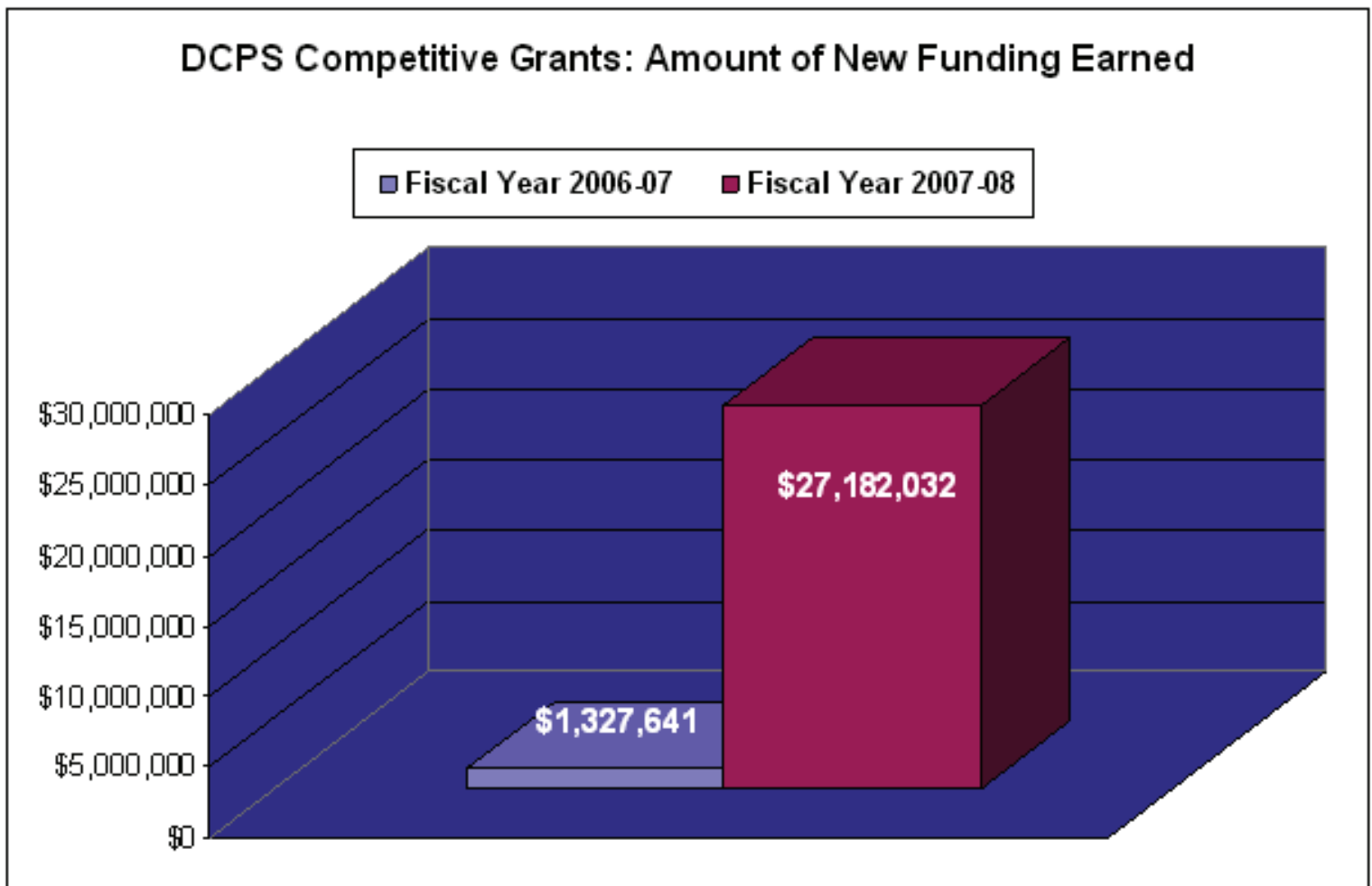
The Duval County Public Schools Grants Development Department has a unique place in the central administration office of the school system. It is our job to find and obtain competitive grant funds that allow schools to plan and implement creative, research-proven programs that improve teaching and learning. As you read through this report, you will see that competitive grant funds have allowed DCPS to implement a broad range of changes—from improving the indoor air quality in schools to providing exciting, innovative professional development opportunities for American history teachers. Some of the changes that were funded through competitive grant dollars during the 2007-08 school year are as follows:

- Personalization strategies for students in large high schools
- Professional development and support for beginning teachers
- Magnet programs
- Guidance counselors for elementary school students
- After-school programs for at-risk students
- Career academy support and development
- Service learning projects for students
- Academic support to increase the number of students who attend college
- Programs to enhance learning for Jacksonville's students from refugee families
- Mental health services for students
- School reform activities for alternative schools
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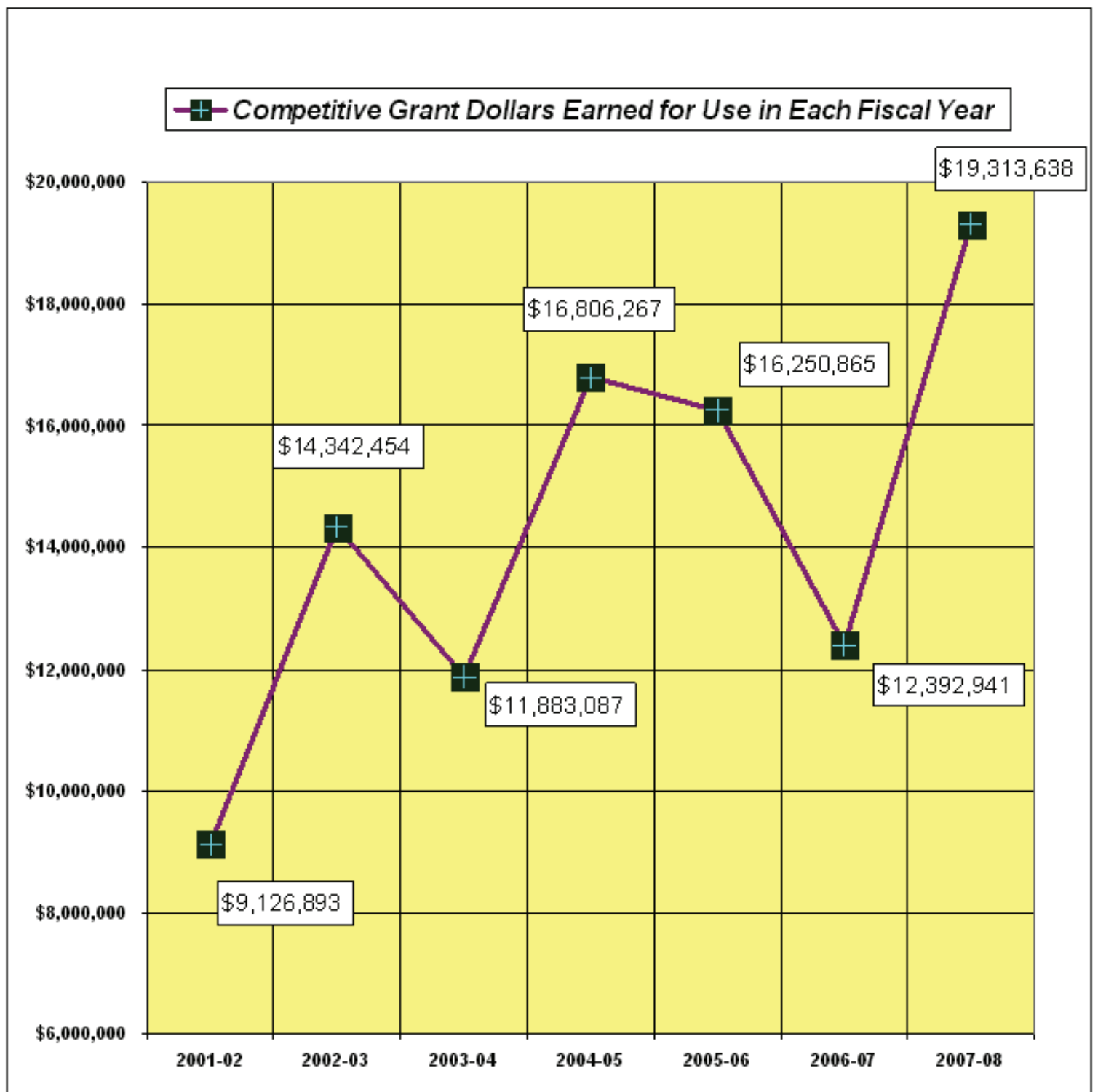
The Grants Development staff is pleased to recognize the outstanding efforts from school and district staff members who have contributed to making the 2007-08 school year a successful one for grants development and acquisition. This report contains their story.

### ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

From July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, DCPS Grants Development staff prepared and submitted a total of 35 competitive grant proposals to state, federal, and local grantors. Twenty-five of the grants that were submitted during the 2007-08 school year were selected for funding, a “win rate” of 71.4%. The 25 successful grant proposals that were submitted during the 2007-08 school year earned more than \$27 million in new competitive grant funds for district use over the next five years.



The total competitive grant income for use during any one fiscal year was higher during 2007-08 than it has ever been in DCPS history. As the chart below indicates, the 2007-08 total of more than \$19 million is an increase of approximately \$7 million more in competitive funding than the amount earned in 2006-07.



**Succeed Florida Career Paths Program Career/Tech**

Department/School            Edward White High School  
 Contact Person                Yolanda Smith  
 Contact Phone                 (904) 924-3470  
 Total Amount Awarded       \$72,089  
 Total Awarded 07-08         \$72,089  
 Funding Agency               Florida Department of Education  
 Type                                Competitive  
 Project Period                 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

Department/School            Nathan B. Forrest High School  
 Contact Person                Yolanda Smith  
 Contact Phone                 904/924-3470  
 Total Amount Awarded       \$72,089  
 Total Awarded 07-08         \$72,089  
 Funding Agency               Florida Department of Education  
 Type                                Competitive  
 Project Period                 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

Department/School            Sandalwood High School  
 Contact Person                Greg Lawrence  
 Contact Phone                 904/924-3470  
 Total Amount Awarded       \$144,179  
 Total Awarded 07-08         \$144,179  
 Funding Agency               Florida Department of Education  
 Type                                Competitive  
 Project Period                 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

Department/School            First Coast High School  
 Contact Person                Donna Sussman  
 Contact Phone                 904/757-0080  
 Total Amount Awarded       \$72,089  
 Total Awarded 07-08         \$72,089  
 Funding Agency               Florida Department of Education  
 Type                                Competitive  
 Project Period                 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

This grant assists schools in the design, planning, and implementation of quality career academy models in grades 9-12. It is designed to assist high schools in building best practices that offer a personalized learning environment, resulting in greater exposure, opportunity and interest in high skill, high wage jobs for students. These Duval County high schools with career academies are using the funds to expand their existing career themes with additions that include the purchases of instructional materials and equipment, enhancement of community partnerships, mentorship and internship channels.



**Plus One Pilot Program  
For Low Performing Schools**

Department/School	Lake Forest Elementary School
Contact Person	Kim Bays
Contact Phone	904/924-3024
Total Amount Awarded	\$158,891
Total Awarded 07-08	\$158,891
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The purpose of the Plus One Pilot Program is to support the academic needs of students in low-performing schools by providing an additional hour of instruction each day for designated schools. Instruction is offered to all students during the school year in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. Lake Forest uses the funds to employ 25 teachers specialized in reading, math, science, and writing to work an additional 139 days providing remedial support to students with academic needs.

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**Learning for Life Program**

Department/School	Safe and Healthy Schools
Contact Person	Kathy Bowles
Contact Phone	904/390-2131
Total Amount Awarded	\$174,440
Total Awarded 07-08	\$174,440
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The Learning for Life Program assists young people in building character, decision-making, and responsible leadership skills. Students are taught positive character traits, career development strategies, and life skills. Students in grades 1-5 in 29 Duval County elementary schools will be offered character education services and resources from the Boy Scouts of America, who receives and manages the grant funds.

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**Succeed, Florida Career Paths, New Academies Competitive – Career/Tech**

Department/School	Baldwin Middle/High School
Contact Person	Greg Lawrence
Contact Phone	904/924-3470
Total Amount Awarded	\$38,448
Total Awarded 07-08	\$38,448
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

Department/School	Mandarin High School
Contact Person	Alex Waters / Linda Griffith
Contact Phone	904/720-1650 – 904/260-3911
Total Amount Awarded	\$38,448
Total Awarded 07-08	\$38,448
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

Department/School	Englewood High School
Contact Person	Greg Lawrence
Contact Phone	904/924-3470
Total Amount Awarded	\$72,089
Total Awarded 07-08	\$72,089
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

Program Description

This grant supports the design, planning, and implementation of quality career academy models in grades 9-12 that are designated as Workforce High Skill, High Wage jobs. The program provides students with a personalized learning environment that reflects best practices in career academy implementation and to ensure that students are invested in their education, achieve academic success, and reach their full potential. These Duval County high schools with career academies are using the funds to build career themes with initiatives and projects that include the purchases of instructional materials and equipment, establishment of community partnerships, mentorship and internship channels.

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## Reading Leadership Team Grants to Florida Schools

Department/School	Academic Programs
Contact Person	Jeannie Ballentine
Contact Phone	904/390-2387
Total Amount Awarded	\$18,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$18,000
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

As a requirement of the K-12 comprehensive plan for reading, each Florida school is required to establish a Reading Leadership Team. The Reading Leadership grant builds and funds activities that support the goals of the Reading Leadership Team. Goals include professional development, book studies, classroom libraries, stipends, or any other literacy activity that the team identifies for their school. As a high-needs school district, Duval County was awarded the funds to build a leadership training initiative that supports school-based residencies and mentoring efforts between urban principals and aspiring principals.

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## Boys and Girls Club Mentoring Service

Department/School	Alternative Education/Behavioral Support
Contact Person	Kris Larsen
Contact Phone	904/858-6089
Total Amount Awarded	\$112,574
Total Awarded 07-08	\$112,574
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The Boys and Girls Club Mentoring Service Grant supports intensive tutoring and remediation services provided by classroom teachers. By supporting reading and mathematics efforts, the program directly addresses local and state standards of achievement. Students in 61 elementary, 14 middle and 9 high schools throughout Duval County will receive technology-based academic support and assistance from classroom teachers employed at nine Boys and Girls Club locations.

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**School Safety/Emergency Preparedness-  
Emergency Notification Service**

Department/School	Community Involvement
Contact Person	Karen Hanson
Contact Phone	904/390-2960
Total Amount Awarded	\$142,327.65
Total Awarded 07-08	\$142,327.65
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The School Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Emergency Notification Service Grant is designed to assist schools in purchasing school safety/emergency mass notification services. The system enhances the communications efforts of schools during emergency situations and contributes to the safety of students, parents and staff. The system also provides multi-lingual communication in English, Spanish, and other languages. Duval County utilizes the funds to continue its existing service agreement with Tech Radium for the IRIS emergency notification system.

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**Education Partnerships – Alternative Schools  
Public/Private Partnerships, 1st Year Implementation**

Department/School	Alternative Education/Behavioral Support
Contact Person	Kris Larsen
Contact Phone	904/858-6089
Total Amount Awarded	\$529,341.84
Total Awarded 07-08	\$529,341.84
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The purpose of the Alternative Education/Public Private Partnership Grant is to provide funds for discretionary projects focused on educational partnerships serving students with disciplinary challenges. Duval County established a partnership with Communities in Schools to implement case management services, transition policies and procedures, counseling sessions, and career awareness opportunities for students enrolled at Mattie V. Rutherford and Grand Park alternative schools. In addition, professional development plans and materials are also available for teachers and counselors at the school sites.

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## **Before the Bough Breaks**

Department/School	Alternative Educational Programs
Contact Person	Gloria Lockley
Contact Phone	904/390-2081
Total Amount Awarded	\$341,949
Total Awarded 07-08	\$341,949
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/15/2005 – 3/14/2008

### **Program Description**

The Before the Bough Breaks grant supports the enhancement and development of collaborative partnerships between school-based and mental health systems to provide prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services to students. It is also intended to enhance crisis intervention services, provide training, offer technical assistance to families, and ensure linguistically appropriate and culturally competent services for students with mental health needs. This grant afforded Duval County with the opportunity to partner with community health partners including the Children's Crisis Center, the Child Guidance Center, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and Hospice of Northeast Florida. The 18-month grant program assists schools in establishing procedural protocols that provide prompt, effective and timely delivery of mental health services while improving data collection efforts.

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## **Teaching American History**

Department/School	Social Studies/ American History
Contact Person	Philip Little
Contact Phone	904/390-2670
Total Amount Awarded	\$984,331
Total Awarded 07-08	Full amount awarded in 2006
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/1/2006 – 6/30/2009

### **Program Description**

The purpose of the Teaching American History Grant is to contribute to improvements in student achievement in American history by providing comprehensive professional development services to teachers. The Duval County grant dollars were used to hire a project Coach that oversees the contractual services with the American Institute for History Education which supports intensive and direct training for nearly 30 elementary and 45 secondary history teachers.

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**Smaller Learning Communities**

Department/School	High School Education/ Englewood, Nathan B. Forrest, Robert E. Lee, First Coast, Terry Parker, William M. Raines, Jean Ribault, and Ed White high schools
Contact Person	Janie Roth-Langholz
Contact Phone	904/348-5173
Total Amount Awarded	\$10,701,592
Total Awarded 07-08	\$6,347,402
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	10/1/2007 – 9/30/2012

Program Description

The Smaller Learning Communities Grant provides funding to support the creation of small, safe, and successful learning environments in large public high schools. The goal is to support academic achievement efforts that ensure all students graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to make successful transitions to college and careers. Students enrolled at Englewood, Forrest, Lee, First Coast, Parker, Raines, Ribault, and Ed White high schools are served by the Smaller Learning Community Grant initiative.

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**Transition to Teaching “Leaving No Teacher Behind”**

Department/School	Alternative Certification
Contact Person	Melissa Dunn
Contact Phone	904/390-2627
Total Amount Awarded	\$2,250,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$450,000
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	10/1/2007 – 9/30/2012

Program Description

The Transition to Teaching Grant encourages the development and expansion of alternative certification routes to full state teacher certification. The grant enhances the recruitment and retention efforts of school districts seeking to attract highly qualified mid-career professionals, recent non-education major graduates, and highly qualified paraprofessionals to teach high-need subjects in high-need schools. The grant allows Duval County to expand its alternative certification offerings (Educator Preparation Institutes) at FCCJ, UNF, and UF, create an on-line application process, and establish mentors for school leaders.

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**Magnet Schools Assistance Program  
“Dreams Begin Here”**

Department/School	School Choice – Magnet Schools
Contact Person	Sally Hague
Contact Phone	904/390-2082
Total Amount Awarded	\$10,913,213
Total Awarded 07-08	\$3,649,461
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	10/1/2007 – 9/30/2010

Program Description

The Magnet Schools Assistance Program helps to reduce minority isolation and improve student achievement through the offerings of an academic theme or focus. A magnet school features one or more programs designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore a special interest, gift, talent, or skill. This grant will enable Duval County to create or enhance magnet programs in a variety of schools including Brentwood, R.L. Brown, Andrew Robinson, John E. Ford, Matthew Gilbert, Highlands, and Paxon.

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**Early Career/Early Placement Support Programs For  
Teachers in High Need Schools and Content Area**

Department/School	Professional Development – Schultz Center for Teaching & Leadership
Contact Person	Dawn Wilson
Contact Phone	904/858-3647
Total Amount Awarded	\$150,000
Total Awarded (07-08)	\$150,000
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	2/20/2008 – 9/30/2008

Program Description

The Early Career/Early Placement Support Program for Teachers in High Need Schools and Content Area offers support to new teachers in high-risk high schools. There is particular emphasis on assistance for reading instruction through mentoring and the integration of technology. Duval County used the funds to implement a STRIVE project (Striving To Reach Individuals Via Excellent Teaching & Technology) that will serve novice teachers in high-risk schools with advanced technology offerings. In addition, the district will collaborate with JU College of Arts & Sciences and FCCJ’s Technology Dept.

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**Supporters Of Academic Rigor (SOAR)  
Elementary School Counseling Program**

Department/School	Guidance
Contact Person	Judy Cromartie
Contact Phone	904/390-2090
Total Amount Awarded	\$1,156,186
Total Awarded 07-08	\$386,293
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2005 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The Supporters of Academic Rigor (SOAR) program is designed to align school counseling programs with the mission and improvement plans for each school. The targeted schools in the SOAR program will employ school counselors to provide effective strategies that result in a decrease in discipline referrals and suspensions, as a result of improvements in proactive leadership, engaged stakeholders in the design and delivery of counseling programs, and a targeted professional development plan for school staff. Nearly 4,000 students in Carter G. Woodson, Andrew Robinson, Pinedale, Susie Tolbert, John E. Ford, and St. Clair Evans will be served by an additional full-time counselor whose salaries and benefits are funded through this grant.

**Florida Learn & Serve Pilot Project  
FCCJ/Early College High School**

Department/School	High School Acceleration Program/Ribault High School
Contact Person	Carolyn Girardeau
Contact Phone	904/348-7790
Total Amount Awarded	\$3,500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$3,500
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 8/31/2008

**Program Description**

The Florida Learn and Serve Pilot Project is designed to help students understand that service is a means and application of learning. Through structured, real-life projects, students use applied knowledge, skills and behaviors to reach high academic achievement and career and personal development levels. Duval County students at Ribault High School are “learning and serving for literacy” as a result of a partnership established with FCCJ’s North campus. In addition, the grant supports community activities that promote mentorship opportunities targeting Biscayne Elementary students.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

Department/School      Alternative Education/Behavioral Support  
Contact Person          Kris Larsen  
Contact Phone            904/390-2081  
Total Amount Awarded   \$1,044,000  
Total Awarded 07-08    \$1,044,000  
Funding Agency         Florida Department of Education  
Type                        Competitive  
Project Period            7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

Department/School      Alternative Education/Behavioral Support  
Contact Person          Kris Larsen  
Contact Phone            904/390-2081  
Total Amount Awarded   \$879,109  
Total Awarded 07-08    \$879,109  
Funding Agency         Florida Department of Education  
Type                        Competitive  
Project Period            7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant provides support for before- and after- school or summer programs for students in high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet local and state standards in core academic subjects, provides a broad array of academic enrichment activities, and offers literacy and other educational services to families of participating students. Funding from this grant proposal enables the district to continue its TEAM UP programs at Lola Culver, Reynolds, Lane, Justina Road, Pickett, North Shore, Eugene Butler and Northwestern. Nearly 1,000 students regularly attend TEAM UP.

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### Choice GIS - Academy

Department/School      Career & Technical Education/Sandalwood High School  
Contact Person          Louis Simmons  
Contact Phone            904/924-3470  
Total Amount Awarded   \$155,000  
Total Awarded 07-08    \$155,000  
Funding Agency         WorkSource – Region 8  
Type                        Competitive  
Project Period            8/21/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The CHOICE GIS – Academy grant supports partnerships and resources between businesses, universities and communities, integrating GIS technology into existing curriculum and extracurricular programs in schools. In addition, it helps establish a GIS Career Academy and GIS Certification Institute which align with Florida Sunshine State Standards and National Career Academy Standards. With the creation and maintenance of a Community Asset Map, schools build a solid working model for data integration, dissemination, and analysis to improve education and community planning and reform. Sandalwood is recognized as one of two schools in the state that offers a program of studying Geospatial/ Geographical Information Systems Technology, a high-skill, high wage and high demand job.

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**Indoor Air Quality**

Department/School	Facilities Planning/Programming
Contact Person	Bruce Ackerman or Greg King
Contact Phone	904/390-2220
Total Amount Awarded	\$31,800
Total Awarded 07-08	\$31,800
Funding Agency	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Type	Competitive
Project Period	5/01/2007 – 9/30/2008

Program Description

The purpose of the Indoor Air Quality program is to promote a clean and safe school campus for students and faculty. This two-year program establishes baseline data, training, and procedures for promoting healthier indoor air quality environments throughout the district. Duval County representatives can collect baseline fungal information at five schools that were built since 2000, ten schools built between 1960 and 1999, and ten schools built prior to 1960 to identify detailed building information as it relates to indoor air quality.

**Florida Science Partnership – DCPS  
 Life, Earth, & Physical Sciences (MSP)**

Department/School	Curriculum & Instructional Services (Mathematics and Science Education)
Contact Person	Ruth Senfleber
Contact Phone	904/390-2522
Total Amount Awarded	\$432,111
Total Awarded 07-08	\$432,111
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	6/01/2007 – 8/31/2008

Program Description

The Florida Science Partnership program supports improved academic achievement among students through enhanced teacher training opportunities. There are three priorities of the program for which applicants may seek funding: 1) The Florida Science Expert Teacher Program, 2) Dissemination of Best Practices and 3) Innovative Integration. Duval County is utilizing the grant funds to establish partnerships in the areas of one and three. The UNF, JU, FCCJ and the Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership collaborative Priority 1 includes the development of a model that assesses teacher content knowledge in earth and physical sciences. Priority 3, a partnership with Embry-Riddle, provides innovative aerospace-focused professional development opportunities, activities, and classroom resources.

### **Carl D. Perkins, Secondary CTE for DJJ**

Department/School	Career & Technical Education – Duval Juvenile Justice
Contact Person	Dr. M. McQueen
Contact Phone	904/390-2043
Total Amount Awarded	\$75,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$75,000
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of the Carl D. Perkins, Secondary CTE for DJJ grant is to provide identified students with career preparation through job shadowing, internships, job placements, and employment support. This year’s grant was awarded to the district in partnership with Pace Center for Girls. Pace Center offers career preparation activities through job shadowing, internships, job placement, and employment support. Entitled “Connect to Careers,” the project includes job aptitude testing, interest profiles, job database offerings and job shadowing opportunities.

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### **Title X, Part C Homeless Children & Youth**

Department/School	Curriculum & Instructional Services – Title I
Contact Person	Lynette Weber
Contact Phone	904/390-2123
Total Amount Awarded	\$98,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$98,000
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of the Title X, Part C Homeless Children & Youth program is to ensure the educational rights and protection of children and youth affected by homelessness. The McKinney-Vento program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State Educational Agencies (SEA) must ensure that each homeless child has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, granted other children. Duval County utilizes this grant to strengthen its “Project Access” homeless education program that focuses on identification and intervention services, student enrollment, student tracking and homeless health and awareness programs. In addition, students receive school supplies and tutorial services. More than 1600 homeless students in 146 schools are served by “Project Access.”

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**Florida Learn & Serve (Pilot Project)**

Department/School	Robert E. Lee High School
Contact Person	Joyce D. Williams
Contact Phone	904/381-3930 ext. 171
Total Amount Awarded	\$4,601
Total Awarded 07-08	\$4,601
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 8/31/2008

**Program Description**

The purpose of the Florida Learn and Serve (Pilot Project) for Robert E. Lee High School is to support the education of students involving child development skills. The funds help schools develop initiatives that improve parenting skills of teen parents in the areas of health, safety, and nutrition while increasing student attendance and graduation rates among teen parents. This grant allows the establishment of a Teen Parenting Support Group created and facilitated by teen students and family and consumer science teachers. Health, safety, nutrition, improved attendance, and parenting skills are the areas of focus for improvement.

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**Florida Learn & Serve (Renewal Projects)**

Department/School	Douglas Anderson School of the Arts
Contact Person	Bonnie Harrison
Contact Phone	904/346-5620
Total Amount Awarded	\$7,500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$7,500
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 8/31/2008

**Program Description**

The Florida Learn and Serve Pilot Project is designed to help students understand that service is a means and application of learning. Through structured, real-life projects, students use applied knowledge, skills and behaviors to reach high academic achievement and career and personal development levels. Douglas Anderson uses these funds to promote “Learn and Serve through Issue Based Theatre” prevention and intervention opportunities which include research of teen issues including alcohol and drug abuse, teen pregnancy, and the use of theatre methodology to present issue based scenes to middle school students. In addition, participants will work with elementary students on the development of stories that can be transformed into theatrical presentations.

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**Carl D. Perkins, Career & Technical Education Secondary Program, Section 131**

Department/School Career & Technical Education  
Contact Person Louis Simmons  
Contact Phone 904/924-3470  
Total Amount Awarded \$1,558,908  
Total Awarded 07-08 \$1,558,908  
Funding Agency Florida Department of Education  
Type Competitive  
Project Period 7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The Carl D. Perkins, Career & Technical Education Secondary Program supports the development and integration of academic, vocational, and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary students who elect to enroll in vocational and technical education programs by 1) building on the efforts of states and localities to develop challenging academic standards; 2) promoting the development of services and activities that integrate academic, vocational, and technical instruction, and link secondary and postsecondary education for participating vocational and technical education students; 3) increasing state and local flexibility in providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve vocational and technical education; and 4) providing professional development and technical assistance that will improve vocational and technical education programs, services, and activities. This grant serves students at Frank H. Peterson and A. Philip Randolph Academies of Technology and provides personnel including four career and technical education instructors, job coaches, resource teachers, professional development services, and equipment, materials and supplies.

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**Carl D. Perkins, Tech Prep Education thru FCCJ**

Department/School Career & Technical Education  
Contact Person Louis Simmons  
Contact Phone 904/924-3470  
Total Amount Awarded \$52,650  
Total Awarded 07-08 \$52,650  
Funding Agency Florida Department of Education  
Type Competitive  
Project Period 7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The Carl D. Perkins Tech Prep Education grant helps schools combine four years of secondary education with a minimum of two years of postsecondary education in a non-duplicative, sequential course of study through integration of academic, vocational and technical instruction. It provides technical preparation in a career field and utilizes work-based and worksite learning, where appropriate. This grant, to include First Tech Prep Consortium Duval and Nassau County Public Schools and FCCJ, enables Ribault High School to plan for the following year's establishment of an NAF Career Academy of Finance.

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**Improving Health & Education Outcomes of Young People (YRBS)**

Department/School	Safe and Healthy Schools
Contact Person	Kathleen Bowles
Contact Phone	904/390-2131
Total Amount Awarded	\$30,804
Total Awarded 07-08	\$30,804
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Type	Competitive
Project Period	3/01/2008 – 2/28/2009

Program Description

Improving the Health and Educational Outcomes of Young People helps contribute to the health and well-being of youth by preparing them for healthy adulthood. Through the implementation of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, districts can establish or strengthen systematic procedures to monitor critical health-related behaviors among high school students. In partnership with the Duval County Health Department, Duval County disseminates the survey to targeted middle and high school students with the plan to use the results to develop programs and policies that address and improve health disparities among adolescents.

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**Reading First Continuation**

Department/School	Reading/English, Language Arts
Contact Person	Stephanie Johnson
Contact Phone	904/390-2136
Total Amount Awarded	\$8,857,380
Total Awarded 07-08	\$1,054,450
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2003 – 8/31/2009

Program Description

The Reading First Continuation grant supports improvements in reading instruction and achievement by providing funding to 1) increase the quality and consistency of instruction in K-3 classrooms to reflect the instructional principles derived from scientifically based research in reading; 2) expand the knowledge of research-based instructional strategies for effective reading instruction to meet the needs of struggling readers; 3) hire reading coaches to serve as a stable resource for professional development, progress monitoring, and student data analysis; 4) provide professional development based on scientific reading research; and 5) improve classroom libraries for students in grades K-3.

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## Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Jacksonville's Future

Department/School	Alternative Education Safety Nets
Contact Person	Kris Larsen
Contact Phone	904/858-6080
Total Amount Awarded	\$2,520,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$420,001
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/21/2007 – 7/20/2012

### Program Description

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant is designed to increase the number of students from low-income families who aspire to, prepare for, and succeed in post-secondary education. Funds are restricted to serve students at middle schools where at least 50% of its students are eligible to receive free- or reduced-price lunch benefits. GEAR UP projects are required to provide early college preparation and awareness services through mentoring, counseling, outreach, and supportive services for participating students. Duval County's proposal targets a cohort of seventh grade students at Northwestern, Ribault, Gilbert, and Paxon middle schools who are provided tutorial, mentoring, counseling, and outreach grant services through graduation at Ribault and Jackson high schools. In addition, they are eligible for college scholarships upon graduation.

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### Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement

Department/School	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
Contact Person	Brenda Trimble/Helena Gandell
Contact Phone	904/390-2202
Total Amount Awarded	\$235,399
Total Awarded 07-08	\$235,399
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	3/7/2008 – 8/14/2008

### Program Description

The Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement grant provides funding for newly arrived refugee students in grades K-12 and their parents. The grant, which funds spring and summer programs that include English tutorials, educational field trips, literacy and technology materials, safety and survival skills, provides a mechanism for acclimating members of diverse cultures to American norms and provides an effective and efficient means for addressing the literacy needs among pre-literate children and adolescents. Lutheran Social Services and World Relief Organization of Jacksonville are the sub-grantees for this proposal. They will offer summer programs with academic enrichment services, English instruction, field trips, and basic life skills training and cultural offerings. Kings Trail Elementary, which houses portables that serve as a Refugee Educational Welcoming Center, and Englewood High School offer after school tutoring programs for refugee students.

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**Transition to Teaching Program**

Department/School	Alternative Certification
Contact Person	Melissa Dunn
Contact Phone	904/390-2627
Total Amount Awarded	\$1,846,653
Total Awarded 07-08	\$371,429
Funding Agency	U.S. Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	10/1/2002 – 9/30/2007

**Program Description**

The Transition to Teaching program exists to encourage the development and expansion of alternative certification routes to full state teacher certification and contribute to the recruitment and retention of highly qualified mid-career professionals, recent non-education major college graduates, and highly qualified paraprofessionals. It supports the district's needs for highly qualified teachers in high-need schools and high-need subjects.

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**Medtronic**

Department/School	A. Philip Randolph Academies of Technology
Contact Person	Angela Collins
Contact Phone	904/924-3011
Total Amount Awarded	\$5,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$5,000
Funding Agency	Medtronic Foundation
Type	Competitive
Project Period	4/1/2008 – 4/30/2009

**Program Description**

The Medtronic grant provides support for science-based educational programs offered to socioeconomically-disadvantaged students from preschool to higher education. Its funds are utilized to assist schools in the development of initiatives that stimulate and sustain young people's interests in science. Randolph will use the funds to purchase a microscope, physiology slides, video cameras, and other scientific materials.

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## SEDNET IV

Department/School	Exceptional Education & Student Services
Contact Person	Stephen Smith
Contact Phone	904/390-2000
Total Amount Awarded	\$1,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$1,000
Funding Agency	Florida Department of Education
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET IV) multiagency network serves as a mechanism for school districts to improve academic gains and increase graduation rates for students with emotional disturbances. Students and their families who have or are at risk of developing emotional/behavioral disabilities are provided best practices that integrate education and behavioral and mental health services. Duval County purchased four mini helos (helicopters) with the SEDNET grant funds. More than 100 students at DuPont, Arlington, and Paxon middle schools were able to participate in flying the helicopters between music and landing zones, creating educational and entertaining learning environments.

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## Cultural Council Education Grant

Department/School	Music/Arts: Oceanway Middle School
Contact Person	Ryan Whalen
Contact Phone	904/714-4680
Total Amount Awarded	\$500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$500
Funding Agency	City of Jacksonville Public Service Grant Program
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 9/15/2008

### Program Description

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville provides financial support to organizations that create exemplary arts education experiences and opportunities for students and teachers of all disciplines.

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**Cultural Council Education Grant**

Department/School	Music/Arts: Alfred E. duPont Middle School
Contact Person	Stephen Smith
Contact Phone	904/390-2000
Total Amount Awarded	\$464
Total Awarded 07-08	\$464
Funding Agency	City of Jacksonville Public Service Grant Program
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 9/15/2008

Program Description

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville provides financial support to organizations that create exemplary arts education experiences and opportunities for students and teachers of all disciplines. At DuPont Middle School, students were afforded the opportunity to scan music using a printer purchased with the grant funds that then converts it into a composition.

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**Cultural Council Education Grant**

Department/School	Music/Arts: Neptune Beach Elementary School
Contact Person	Nancy DeCandis
Contact Phone	904/247-5954
Total Amount Awarded	\$500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$500
Funding Agency	City of Jacksonville Public Service Grant Program
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 9/15/2008

Program Description

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville provides financial support to organizations that create exemplary arts education experiences and opportunities for students and teachers of all disciplines. Neptune Beach Elementary used their grant funds to pay a stipend to a visiting artist who performed at the school for students.

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**Cultural Council Education Grant**

Department/School	Music/Arts: JEB Stuart Middle School
Contact Person	Barbara Craig
Contact Phone	904/573-1000
Total Amount Awarded	\$500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$500
Funding Agency	City of Jacksonville Public Service Grant Program
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 9/15/2008

Program Description

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville provides financial support to organizations that create exemplary arts education experiences and opportunities for students and teachers of all disciplines.

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## Cultural Council Education Grant

Department/School	Music/Arts: Jean Ribault High School
Contact Person	Traci Mims-Jones
Contact Phone	904/924-3092
Total Amount Awarded	\$500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$500
Funding Agency	City of Jacksonville Public Service Grant Program
Type	Competitive
Project Period	9/01/2007 – 9/15/2008

### Program Description

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville provides financial support to organizations that create exemplary arts education experiences and opportunities for students and teachers of all disciplines. Ribault High School is using the funds to purchase ink, paper and other art materials, permitting the students to create innovative silk-screen expressions of art. The art project of focus for this grant award was gothic architecture.

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### Guild of Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra

Department/School	Music/Arts: Whitehouse Elementary School
Contact Person	Moemie Emlano
Contact Phone	904/693-7542
Total Amount Awarded	\$500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$500
Funding Agency	The Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony Association
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The Guild of Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra grant assists public school districts in enhancing students' music education opportunities by providing funding for materials, instruments, and special project needs.

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### Guild of Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra

Department/School	Music/Arts: Beauclerc Elementary School
Contact Person	April Laymon
Contact Phone	904/739-5226
Total Amount Awarded	\$500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$500
Funding Agency	The Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony Association
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The Guild of Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra grant assists public school districts in enhancing students' music education opportunities by providing funding for materials, instruments, and special project needs.

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**Guild of Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra**

Department/School	Music/Arts: Lone Star Elementary School
Contact Person	Melissa Aiuppy, Carol Brock, Diana Rei
Contact Phone	904/565-2711
Total Amount Awarded	\$1,500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$1,500
Funding Agency	The Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony Association
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The Guild of Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra grant assists public school districts in enhancing students' music education opportunities by providing funding for materials, instruments, and special project needs.

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**Target Field Trip Grant**

Department/School	Arts: Paxon School for Advanced Studies
Contact Person	Mai D. Keisling
Contact Phone	904/693-7583
Total Amount Awarded	\$1,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$1,000
Funding Agency	Target Corporation
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

Target Field Trip grant funds help to bring arts to schools or make arts accessible to children and families, such as school touring programs or field trips to theaters or the symphony. More than 130 Paxon students were afforded the opportunity to take four field trips to the Cummer Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art, visits that offer them views of cultural offerings in the city. Admission to the museums and transportation costs were supported by this grant.

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**NEA Books Across America**

Department/School	West Jacksonville Elementary School
Contact Person	Nkoyo Ross
Contact Phone	904/390-2000
Total Amount Awarded	\$1,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$1,000
Funding Agency	NEA Foundation
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

**Program Description**

The National Education Association (NEA) grant affords schools serving socioeconomically disadvantaged students with the opportunity to purchase books and other reading materials for their school libraries. West Jacksonville used the funds to purchase new books and materials that focused on poetry or animals and other nationally-recognized fiction and non-fiction books.

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## STARTALK Scholarship Award

Department/School	Mandarin High School
Contact Person	Mei Lian Lu and Dr. Joanne Davis
Contact Phone	904/390-2602
Total Amount Awarded	\$985
Total Awarded 07-08	\$985
Funding Agency	National Security Education Program
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The STARTALK Scholarship Award is a security language initiative managed by the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland - College Park. The award provides funding for summer programs that serve high school-age learners of foreign languages such as Arabic and Chinese. In addition, professional development opportunities are provided to teachers of Arabic and Chinese.

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## Lowes Tool Box Award

Department/School	Ortega Elementary School
Contact Person	Vickie Kummer
Contact Phone	904/630-6860
Total Amount Awarded	\$5,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$5,000
Funding Agency	Lowes Corporation
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

### Program Description

The Lowes Tool Box Award helps schools initiate student pride and dedication among students, increase parental involvement in educational activities, and build stronger partnerships between neighborhoods and schools. Ortega has used to funds to purchase flowers, plants, flower pots, benches, gardening tools, mulch and a lattice to enhance the campus landscaping and beautify the butterfly garden.

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**Lowes Tool Box Award**

Department/School	Central Riverside Elementary School
Contact Person	Nicole Lester
Contact Phone	904/390-2069
Total Amount Awarded	\$4,500
Total Awarded 07-08	\$4,500
Funding Agency	Lowes Corporation
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

Program Description

The Lowes Tool Box Award helps schools initiate student pride and dedication among students, increase parental involvement in educational activities, and build stronger partnerships between neighborhoods and schools.

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**Shade Structure**

Department/School	Stanton College Preparatory School
Contact Person	Victoria Galler and the PTSA Board
Contact Phone	904/390-2069
Total Amount Awarded	\$8,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$8,000
Funding Agency	Shade Foundation of America
Type	Competitive
Project Period	7/01/2007 – 6/30/2008

Program Description

The Shade Structure Program provides funding for the purchases of permanent shade structures that offer shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas, while educating students about the importance of sun safety. Stanton College Preparatory is using the funds to implement a shade structure on the campus, as designed by participants on the school's beautification committee.

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**Council for Exceptional Children  
Technology and Media Grant**

Department/School	Neptune Beach Elementary
Contact Person	Sharon Soder & Sue Kuterka
Contact Phone	904/247-5954
Total Amount Awarded	\$10,000
Total Awarded 07-08	\$10,000
Funding Agency	Council for Exceptional Children
Type	Competitive
Project Period	1/09/2007 – 3/10/2008

Program Description

The Council for Exceptional Children Technology and Media grant provides funding to states to assist in the creation of networks that improve access to assistive technology devices for individuals with disabilities.

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