

# NC Advancing Charter Collaboration and Excellence for Student Success (ACCESS) Subgrantee Recommendations

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## Overview of the NC ACCESS Program

- NC ACCESS Program
  - Advancing Charter Collaboration and Excellence for Student Success
- 5-year, \$36.6 million federal grant
- Major priorities include school-level subgrants, dissemination of best practices, and professional development
- Will award 60 subgrants over 5 years
  - Over 90% of the CSP funds are allocated for subgrants
  - 42 subgrants have been awarded through 2 cycles
  - Awards can range up to \$1.25 million



# Why do we exist?

1. **Increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students** attending high-quality charter schools and **expand the number of high-quality charter schools** available to educationally disadvantaged students.
2. Develop a **cohort of charter school leaders** who can develop and demonstrate best practices in serving educationally disadvantaged students.
3. Broadly **disseminate best practices** in serving educationally disadvantaged students and **foster collaboration** in the charter school community and between charter schools and traditional public schools.

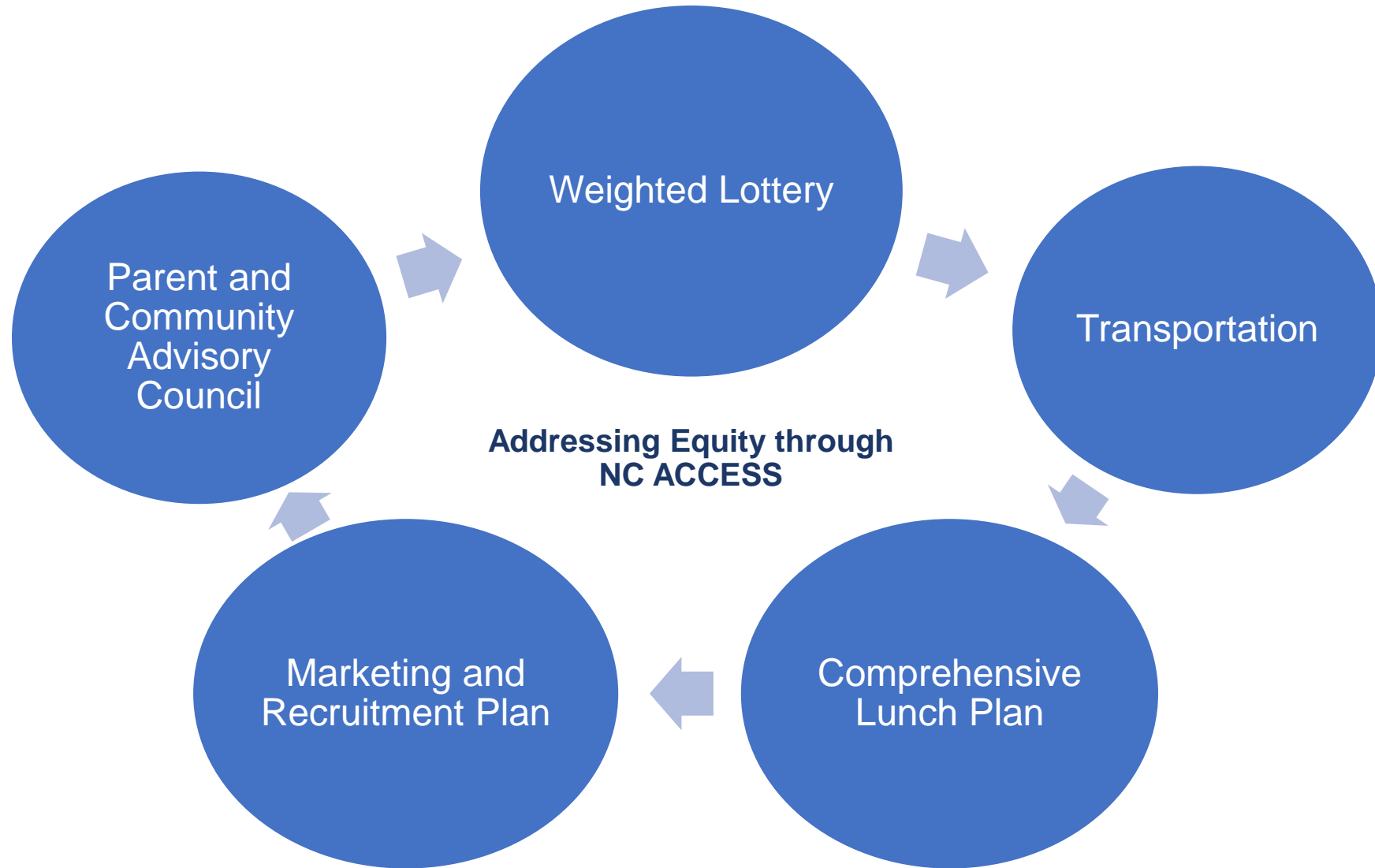


# Charter School Program (CSP) Grant

*Federal definition:*

- Educationally disadvantaged (ED) students are defined as students who are economically disadvantaged, English learners, students with disabilities, students experiencing homeless or unaccompanied youth, migrant students, and immigrant students.





# Subgrant Categories

- Planning and Implementation
  - Approved schools in their planning year.
- Implementation Only
  - Schools in years 1-3 of operations; must have:
    - ‘A’ or ‘B’ SPG and ‘met’ or ‘exceeded’ growth for all years of data available.
- Expansion
  - Expanding enrollment or grade levels at an existing high quality charter school operating for at least 3 years; must have:
    - ‘A’ or ‘B’ SPG and ‘met’ or ‘exceeded’ growth for 2 of the last 3 years;
    - ‘A’ or ‘B’ SPG for last 3 consecutive years; or
    - ‘C’ or above SPG and ‘met’ or ‘exceeded’ growth for last 3 consecutive years.
- Replication
  - Replicating the model of an existing high quality charter school operating for at least 3 years; same eligibility criteria as Expansion.

# 2021 Subgrant Recommendations

- Subgrants are awarded to support the development, expansion, and replication of high-quality charter schools that demonstrate a commitment to increasing access for educationally disadvantaged students
- Individual subgrant reports include a recommendation summary, application, and rubrics
- 19 subgrants recommended for approval
  - 3 Planning and Implementation
  - 7 Implementation Only
  - 8 Expansion
  - 1 Replication
- \$10,785,043.00 in total funding



# Planning and Implementation

- Recommended for approval:

Applicant	Year 5 EDS %	Award Recommendation
American Leadership Academy	40%	\$400,000.00
Bonnie Cone Leadership Academy	40%	\$400,000.00
Dogwood Classical Academy	39%	\$400,000.00

# Implementation Only

- Recommended for approval:

Applicant	Year 5 EDS %	Award Recommendation
Carolina Charter Academy	31%	\$500,000.00
Faith Academy	48%	\$600,000.00
Doral Academy of NC	50%	\$400,000.00
Old Main STREAM Academy	55%	\$400,000.00
Pocosin Innovative Charter	75%	\$400,000.00
School of the Arts for Boys (SABA)	60%	\$600,000.00
Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy	50%	\$500,000.00

- Not recommended for approval:

CE Academy
Steele Creek Preparatory Academy
West Lake Preparatory Academy

# Expansion

- Recommended for approval:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Year 5 EDS %</b>	<b>Award Recommendation</b>
KIPP Gaston College Preparatory	77%	\$750,000.00
Maureen Joy Charter School	95%	\$800,000.00
Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy	25%	\$400,000.00
Quality Education Academy	67%	\$700,000.00
The Expedition School	33%	\$750,000.00
The Franklin School of Innovation	60%	\$385,043.00
The Learning Center	53%	\$700,000.00
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	38%	\$700,000.00

# Replication

- Recommended for approval:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Year 5 EDS %</b>	<b>Award Recommendation</b>
Triangle Math and Science Academy - 2	27%	\$1,000,000.00

# Next Steps

- Present recommendations to State Board in June with final approval in July
- Conduct budget review and approval meetings in July
- Launch Fellowship Cohort III in August
- Request for Replication applications



# Questions?

