

# **Recommendations for Funding ~ ELISS Competitive Grant Program**

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# Purpose of ELISS Grant

- To fund high-quality, independently validated extended learning and integrated student support service programs for at-risk students that raise standards for student academic outcomes.

# Funding Source

- The General Assembly of North Carolina utilized Session Law 2023-134 House Bill 259 to appropriate seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) per year from the At-Risk Student Services Alternative School Allotment for the Extended Learning and Integrated Student Supports (ELISS) Competitive Grant Program for the 2023-2025.
- Funds are to be utilized over the next two years (2023-2024 and 2024-2025).
- \$200,000 is earmarked per year for administration and evaluation of the grant
- Grant participants are eligible to receive grants for up to two years in an amount of up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each year.

# Eligibility

- Nonprofit corporations and nonprofit corporations working in collaboration with local school administrative units were eligible to apply for the ELISS grant to implement new or existing eligible programs for at-risk students.
- This did restrict stand-alone applications from local school administrative units, charter schools, lab schools, or other governmental or educational agencies.

- Additionally, any subgrantees that have received NCDPI Competitive Grants from the Office of Federal Programs that have been terminated by NCDPI were considered Not in Good Standing and were not eligible to apply and cannot apply for two (2) consecutive ELISS grant competitions from the effective date of termination.

# Priority Consideration

- Absolute Priority was given to applications demonstrating models that focus services and programs in schools that are identified as State low-performing (that is, at a minimum, 51% of schools served must be low-performing). Refer to the State low-performing schools 2022-23 list.
- Priority was also given to applicants who were nonprofit corporations working in partnership with a local school administrative unit resulting in a match utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and other federal funds to supplement the ELISS program.

# Additional Priority Points

- A priority point was given to applicants proposing to serve students from at least one (1) Alternative Learning Program and/or Schools (ALPS). **Eight (8) applicants recommended for funding plan to serve ALPS across six (6) SBE regions.**
- A priority point was given to applicants proposing to run an afterschool and/or summer learning program in addition to the required integrated student supports program during Year 2 of the ELISS Competitive Grant Program.

# ELISS Competition Results

- Thirty-four (34) applications proposing to serve eight State Board of Education (SBE) Regions were received and reviewed.
- In accordance with the RFP, two ELISS grants could be awarded per SBE region pending submission of quality applications by at least two eligible organizations in the SBE Region and following Level I and Level II reviews.
- Only one application was received serving Region 7.
- A total of 15 applications for ELISS programs serving eight SBE Regions are recommended for funding.

# ELISS Applications Received by Proposed Region to be Served

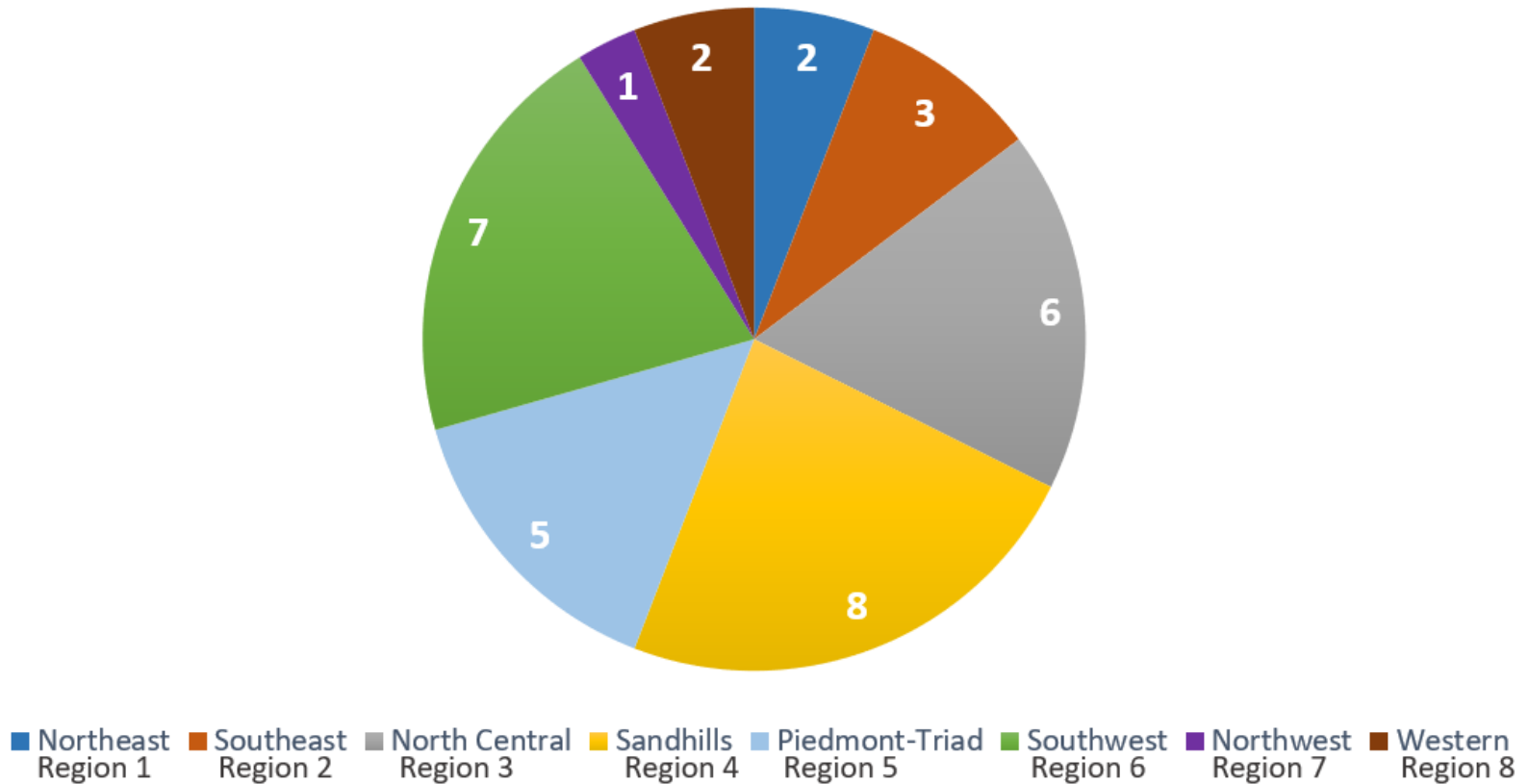


Figure 1: Applications Received by Proposed Region to be Served\*

\* No applications were received from SBE Region 7; however, an application from a Region 8 organization proposed program sites serving Region 7.

# Request for Funding

- Up to \$7 Million were allotted per year for 2 years for the ELISS competition.
- Organizations were allowed to apply for different amounts of funding each year due to the late passing of the state budget.
- The next slide will show you a breakdown of funding requests for Year 1 and Year 2 for the 15 approved applicants.

# Organizations Recommended for Funding

Org Code	Organization Name	Region Served	Total Score	YR1 Funding Request	YR2 Funding Request
'C41'	United Way of Pitt County	1	77.33	\$500,000	\$500,000
'C67'	Communities In Schools of North Carolina	1	68.00	\$126,732	\$135,732
'A39'	Communities In Schools of Cape Fear	2	71.67	\$183,681	\$499,986
'A05'	CIS of Brunswick County	2	65.67	\$222,300	\$340,956
'NL434'	Hill Learning Center	3	80.67	\$61,297	\$341,455
'A43'	RAM Organization	3	74.67	\$492,000	\$492,000
'C62'	Communities In Schools of Montgomery County	4	87.33	\$499,358	\$499,563
'C26'	Partners In Ministry	4	83.00	\$350,000	\$500,000
'E07'	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater High Point	5	75.33	\$158,018	\$409,359
'C14'	Operation Xcel	5	66.67	\$206,104	\$499,054
'C50'	Boys & Girls Club of Cabarrus County	6	87.00	\$500,000	\$500,000
'C63'	CIS Rowan	6	79.33	\$333,141	\$333,141
'A86'	YMCA of Western North Carolina	7	78.00	\$500,000	\$500,000
'E11'	Children First/Communities in Schools of Buncombe County	8	66.00	\$366,573	\$480,573
'F02'	Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County	8	52.00	\$40,372	\$129,130
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>\$4,539,576</b>	<b>\$6,160,949</b>

# Remaining Funds

- Year 1 – many applicants did request less funds due to late passing of state budget
- Propose to return approximately \$2.3 Million to At-Risk Student Services
- Year 2 – Propose to return approximately \$650,000 to At-Risk Student Services

# Proposed Student Services

- The 15 applications recommended for funding propose to serve a total of 6,156 students in Year 1 and 7,037 in Year 2 and provide Multi-Tiered II and/or III Integrated Student Supports during the school day (and in some cases, during after school)
- They also propose providing Tier I Core Student Supports during afterschool and summer.
- A summary profile of the number of applications by programming is listed in Table III in the overview document you received in the board materials.

# Organizations Not Recommended for Funding

- Of the remaining 19 applications, five were not considered for funding and 14 were not recommended for funding.
- As shown in Table IV of the Overview Document received in the board materials, one applicant withdrew their application from consideration during the Level I (peer) review process due to a recent change in leadership.
- Four other applications were identified during the Level II (Quality and Technical) review process as not eligible for funding with one application being from a county government agency, and three applications not meeting the absolute priority requirement of serving mostly low-performing schools.

# Required Onboarding

- All awardees are required to attend the ELISS Onboarding and Capacity Building Workshop on March 18, 2024 at Randolph Community College.

# Questions?



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