



NC ACCESS Program Subgrant Recommendation Report
June 8, 2020

The NC ACCESS Program seeks to award subgrants to support the development, expansion, and replication of high-quality charter schools in North Carolina that demonstrate a commitment to increase access for educationally disadvantaged students. Subgrants are awarded in four (4) categories: Planning and Implementation, Implementation Only, Expansion, and Replication.

The NC ACCESS Program conducts an annual competitive application process designed to award funding for North Carolina charter schools that propose to serve an increased number of educationally disadvantaged students. Each subgrant application has been reviewed by a committee of NC ACCESS Program team members and trained external evaluators. Applications were evaluated using the approved NC ACCESS Program subgrant application scoring rubric.

The recommendation made to the Charter School Advisory Board (CSAB) is based on the totality of evidence provided by the applicant and all evaluations by the Review Committee. The CSAB will take all recommendations, evaluations, application materials, and due diligence into account and make a recommendation for the approval of subgrants to the State Board of Education (State Board). The State Board will determine the final approval of all subgrant awards.

A subgrant application that merits a recommendation for approval should present a clear, realistic picture of how the charter school expects to successfully implement the proposed plans to 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. In addition to meeting the criteria in each section of the application, each part of the proposal should align with the overall mission, budget, and goals of the subgrant application and NC ACCESS Program.

Each recommendation report includes the following information:

1. Procedural History: A review of the procedural steps taken by the applicant and NC ACCESS Program team to ensure a consistent application and evaluation process. (p. 3)
2. Conclusion and Recommendation: The NC ACCESS Program recommendation to approve or deny the subgrant application. (p. 3)
3. Summary of the Application: A brief description of the applicant's proposed plan to serve an increased number of educationally disadvantaged students attending high-quality charter schools and expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to educationally disadvantaged students. (p. 4)
4. Summary of the Evaluation: A summary of the evaluation of the subgrant application by the Review Committee, including section ratings and application strengths and areas of concern. (p. 5-6)
5. Exhibits: Additional documentation pertinent to the recommendation. (p.7)

Of the forty-nine (49) charter schools that submitted a letter of intent and were designated as eligible to submit a full subgrant application, thirty-six (36) applied.

Below is the recommendation for each charter school that submitted a full application for the NC ACCESS Program's 2020 subgrant application cycle. An applicant "Recommended for Approval" must be approved by the State Board before any subgrant funding is distributed.¹ Any applicant "Not Recommended for Approval" may reapply in future grant cycles if they still meet all eligibility criteria. Please review each applicant's individual recommendation report for a full description of the evaluation and recommendation. Both the CSAB and State Board are considering recommendations of the "Recommended Funding Amount"

2020 Subgrant Recommendations:

Summary		
Planning and Implementation	6 schools	\$2,500,000
Implementation Only	10 schools	\$3,900,000
Expansion	18 schools	\$11,026,580
Total	34 schools	\$17,426,580

Planning and Implementation		
Recommendation	Applicant	Recommended Funding Amount
Recommended for Approval:	Asheville PEAK Academy	\$500,000
	City Charter Academy	\$400,000
	Huntersville Charter School	\$400,000
	Oak Charter Academy	\$400,000
	Telra Institute	\$400,000
	Wake Preparatory Academy	\$400,000
Not Recommended for Approval:	CE Academy	N/A

Implementation Only		
Recommendation	Applicant	Recommended Funding Amount
Recommended for Approval:	Achievement Charter Academy	\$400,000
	Alamance Community School	\$400,000
	Apprentice Academy High School	\$400,000
	Cardinal Charter Academy at Wendell Falls	\$300,000
	Davis Academy Chadbourn	\$400,000
	Elaine Riddick Charter School	\$400,000
	Hobgood Charter School	\$500,000
	Monroe Charter Academy	\$300,000
	Next Generation Academy	\$400,000
	Ridgeview Charter School	\$400,000
Not Recommended for Approval:	B.L.U.E. – G.R.E.E.N. Academy	N/A

¹ Each approved applicant will submit a final budget that is reviewed for allowability by the NC ACCESS Program team. Approval of an application does not guarantee the full subgrant award amount will be distributed.



Expansion		
Recommendation	Applicant	Recommended Funding Amount
Recommended for Approval:	Alpha Academy	\$600,000
	American Renaissance School	\$700,000
	ArtSpace Charter School	\$600,000
	Bradford Preparatory School	\$700,000
	Brevard Academy	\$600,000
	Community School of Davidson	\$700,000
	Guilford Preparatory Academy	\$600,000
	Lake Lure Classical Academy	\$600,000
	Lakeside Charter Academy	\$600,000
	Lincoln Charter School	\$700,000
	Queen City STEM School	\$800,000
	Sallie B. Howard School	\$900,000
	Sugar Creek Charter School	\$700,000
	The Arts Based School	\$500,000
	Torchlight Academy	\$500,000
	Triad Math and Science Academy	\$700,000
	Two Rivers Community School	\$226,580
	Wilson Preparatory Academy	\$300,000

Replication
*Two Letters of Intent were submitted for Replication. Those interested applicants will apply on a different timeline, after they formally submit charter applications to the CSAB.