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STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR

November 28, 2023

TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

FROM: Kristin Walker *Kristin Walker*

SUBJECT: Grant Award

Pursuant to Session Law 2023-134 Section 4.2(a), the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) submits the attached Notification of Grant Award – Stronger Connections Grant (SCG) Program, CFDA 84.424F – from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

The purpose of the grant program is to provide financial assistance to State Educational Agencies (SEAs) to competitively award subgrants to high-need LEAs to establish safer and healthier learning environments and to prevent and respond to acts of bullying, violence, and hate that impact our school communities at individual and systemic levels, among other programs and activities. The total award amount is \$29,367,638 through September 30, 2026.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Neisner by email at Jennifer.Neisner@osbm.nc.gov.

Thank you.

cc: Chairs, Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget
Chairs, House Appropriations Committee
Fiscal Research Division

Notification of Application for Grant Funds/Awards, 2022-23

Office of State Budget and Management, 116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603, 984-236-0600.



Instructions at <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budget/common-agency-requests/agency-reporting-grant-applicationsawards>

<p>1 Department</p> <p>2 Division (<i>except in DHHS</i>)..... DHHS only, choose division from drop down list.....</p> <p>3 Contact person (<i>name</i>)</p> <p>4 Phone number</p> <p>5 E-mail</p> <p>6 Funding Entity (grantor)</p> <p>7 CFDA number.....</p> <p>8 Grant title</p> <p>9 Grant application deadline (<i>MM/DD/YY</i>)</p> <p>10 Start date of grant (<i>MM/DD/YY</i>)</p> <p>11 End date of grant (<i>MM/DD/YY</i>)</p> <p>12 Application type</p> <p>13 Is this grant already in agency's continuation budget?</p> <p>14 Budget code the grant will be expended in (<i>XXXXX</i>).....</p> <p>15 Fund code (<i>XXXX</i> or <i>NA</i>)</p> <p>16 Is there a state matching requirement?</p> <p>17 If yes, what is the matching requirement?</p> <p>18 If yes, what is the source of state funds being used to match grant funds.</p> <p>19 Is there a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement?</p> <p>20 If yes, what is the MOE?</p> <p>21 Is an additional General Fund appropriation required to meet the state match requirement?</p> <p>22 Will any of these funds be passed through to local governments or non-state entities?</p> <p>23 If yes, identify affected entities by type</p> <p>24 Will additional state monies be required to continue the program if grant expires or is reduced?</p> <p>25 If yes, is this a requirement of the grant?</p> <p>26 Are new FTEs funded through the grant?.....</p>	<p>Public Education</p> <p>Office of Federal Programs</p> <p>Alex Charles</p> <p>(984)236-2796</p> <p>alex.charles@dpi.nc.gov</p> <p>US Department of Education - PL 117-159 BIPARTISAN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT TITLE II SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (JUNE 25, 2022) BIPARTISAN</p> <p>84.424F</p> <p>Stronger Connections Grant (SCG) Program</p> <p>11/03/22</p> <p>09/15/22</p> <p>09/30/26</p> <p>New</p> <p>No</p> <p>13510</p> <p>1100</p> <p>No</p> <p></p> <p>Yes</p> <p>ESSA Section 8521</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>local govt</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="2" style="color: red; font-size: small;">For 2022-23 Complete either Authorized or Proposed</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 16.6%;">SFY 2021-22</td> <td style="width: 16.6%;">SFY 2022-23</td> <td style="width: 16.6%;">SFY 2022-23</td> <td style="width: 16.6%;">SFY 2023-24</td> <td style="width: 16.6%;">SFY 2024-25</td> <td style="width: 16.6%;">SFY 2025-26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actual</td> <td>Authorized</td> <td>Proposed</td> <td>Proposed</td> <td>Proposed</td> <td>Proposed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: x-small;">27 If yes, give the number by type for each year: <i>Permanent</i></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;"><i>Time-Limited</i></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: x-small;">28 Amount of grants funds <u>applied for</u> in each year</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$9,036,197.00</td> <td>\$9,036,197.00</td> <td>\$9,036,197.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: x-small;">29 Amount of grants funds <u>awarded</u> in each year</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$9,036,197.00</td> <td>\$9,036,197.00</td> <td>\$9,036,197.00</td> </tr> </table>		For 2022-23 Complete either Authorized or Proposed					SFY 2021-22	SFY 2022-23	SFY 2022-23	SFY 2023-24	SFY 2024-25	SFY 2025-26	Actual	Authorized	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed							27 If yes, give the number by type for each year: <i>Permanent</i>						<i>Time-Limited</i>						28 Amount of grants funds <u>applied for</u> in each year			\$9,036,197.00	\$9,036,197.00	\$9,036,197.00	29 Amount of grants funds <u>awarded</u> in each year			\$9,036,197.00	\$9,036,197.00	\$9,036,197.00
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<p>30 Purpose of grant or amendment</p>	<p>On Sept. 15, 2022, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) was awarded \$29,367,638.00 in federal K-12 funding from the U.S. Department of Education under the BSCA (Bipartisan Stronger Connections Act); Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). These funds will provide students, staff, and families with safer and healthier learning environments in both schools and communities. NCDPI is awarding these funds through competitive grants to designated high-need Public School Units (LEAs) that ensure transparency and successful implementation of activities allowable under section 4108 of the ESEA to support the ongoing needs of students, educators, families, and communities.</p> <p>Eligibility: Funding will be provided under The North Carolina Stronger Connections Grant (NC SCG). These funds will provide support for North Carolina Public School Units (LEAs) in the state's 40 most distressed counties (Tier 1) to develop, implement and evaluate a comprehensive approach that prioritizes physical and emotional safety for their unique school community. Funded activities and practices should prioritize safety, create a sense of belonging, implement trauma-responsive approaches, and teach positive behaviors to provide safe and supportive learning environments that improve academic achievement and the well-being of students in high need schools.</p>
<p>31 Comments</p>	<p>\$29,367,638 total grant award. Proposed budget is \$9,036,197 in FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25, and 2025-26, and \$2,259,047 2026-27.</p>

Return completed form as email attachment and indicate in message that proper agency sign-offs have been obtained. Contact your OSBM budget analyst if you have questions.

Elizabeth J. Day 8/3/2023

Alvin Shurr Aug 3, 2023

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
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Raleigh, NC 27699 - 6301

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Raleigh, NC 27601 - 2825



**US Department of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202**

S424F220034

GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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PR/AWARD NUMBER: S424F220034
RECIPIENT NAME: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) THIS ACTION CHANGES/CORRECTS THE U-E-I FOR THIS AWARD TO THE NUMBER SHOWN IN BLOCK 8.
- (2) THIS ACTION CHANGES/CORRECTS THE U-E-I FOR THIS AWARD TO THE NUMBER SHOWN IN BLOCK 8. THE NEW U-E-I IS EFFECTIVE FOR THIS FUNDING PERIOD AND FOR ANY PREVIOUS FUNDING PERIODS OF THIS AWARD.

James F Lane
Acting Assistant Secretary

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

04/18/2023

DATE

EXPLANATION OF BLOCKS ON THE GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

For Discretionary, Formula and Block Grants (See Block 2 of the Notification)

- 1. RECIPIENT NAME** - The legal name of the recipient or name of the primary organizational unit that was identified in the application, state plan or other documents required to be submitted for funding by the grant program.
- 2. AWARD INFORMATION** - Unique items of information that identify this notification.
 - PR/AWARD NUMBER** - A unique, identifying number assigned by the Department to each application. On funded applications, this is commonly known as the "grant number" or "document number." The PR/Award Number is also known as the Federal Award Identifying Number, or FAIN.
 - ACTION NUMBER** - A numeral that represents the cumulative number of steps taken by the Department to date to establish or modify the award through fiscal or administrative means. Action number "01" will always be "NEW AWARD"
 - ACTION TYPE** - The nature of this notification (e.g., NEW AWARD, CONTINUATION, REVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE)
 - AWARD TYPE** - The particular assistance category in which funding for this award is provided, i.e., DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA, or BLOCK. If this award was made under a Research and Development grant program, the terms RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT will appear under DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA OR BLOCK.
- 3. PROJECT STAFF** - This block contains the names and telephone numbers of the U.S. Department of Education and recipient staff who are responsible for project direction and oversight.
 - *RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR** - The recipient staff person responsible for administering the project. This person represents the recipient to the U.S. Department of Education.
 - EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for the programmatic, administrative and business management concerns of the Department.
 - EDUCATION PAYMENT CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for payments or questions concerning electronic drawdown and financial expenditure reporting.
- 4. PROJECT TITLE AND CFDA NUMBER** - Identifies the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) subprogram title and the associated subprogram number.
- 5.* KEY PERSONNEL** - Name, title and percentage (%) of effort the key personnel identified devotes to the project.
- 6. AWARD PERIODS** - Project activities and funding are approved with respect to three different time periods, described below:
 - BUDGET PERIOD** - A specific interval of time for which Federal funds are being provided from a particular fiscal year to fund a recipient's approved activities and budget. The start and end dates of the budget period are shown.
 - PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The complete length of time the recipient is proposed to be funded to complete approved activities. A performance period may contain one or more budget periods.
 - *FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS** - The estimated remaining budget periods for multi-year projects and estimated funds the Department proposes it will award the recipient provided substantial progress is made by the recipient in completing approved activities, the Department determines that continuing the project would be in the best interest of the Government, Congress appropriates sufficient funds under the program, and the recipient has submitted a performance report that provides the most current performance information and the status of budget expenditures.
- 7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING** - The dollar figures in this block refer to the Federal funds provided to a recipient during the award periods.
 - *THIS ACTION** - The amount of funds obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this notification.
 - *BUDGET PERIOD** - The total amount of funds available for use by the grantee during the stated budget period to this date.
 - *PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The amount of funds obligated from the start date of the first budget period to this date.
 - RECIPIENT COST SHARE** - The funds, expressed as a percentage, that the recipient is required to contribute to the project, as defined by the program legislation or regulations and/or terms and conditions of the award.
 - RECIPIENT NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT** - The amount of non-federal funds the recipient must contribute to the project as identified in the recipient's application. When non-federal funds are identified by the recipient where a cost share is not a legislation requirement, the recipient will be required to provide the non-federal funds.
- 8. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION** - This information is provided to assist the recipient in completing the approved activities and managing the project in accordance with U.S. Department of Education procedures and regulations.

UEI/SSN - The UEI, issued in SAM.gov, is a unique 12 character organization identifier assigned to each recipient for payment purposes. The SSN, issued by the Social Security Administration to individuals, is a nine character identifier for individuals. The Department assigns the SSN as an identifier to individuals who are recipients of Federal financial assistance for payment purposes.

***REGULATIONS** - Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations(CFR), Part 200 as adopted at 2 CFR 3474; the applicable parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), specific program regulations (if any), and other titles of the CFR that govern the award and administration of this grant.

***ATTACHMENTS** - Additional sections of the Grant Award Notification that discuss payment and reporting requirements, explain Department procedures, and add special terms and conditions in addition to those established, and shown as clauses, in Block 10 of the award. Any attachments provided with a notification continue in effect through the project period until modified or rescinded by the Authorizing Official.

9. LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA - The name of the authorizing legislation for this grant, the CFDA title of the program through which funding is provided, and U.S. Department of Education fiscal information.

FUND CODE, FUNDING YEAR, AWARD YEAR, ORG.CODE, PROJECT CODE, OBJECT CLASS -

The fiscal information recorded by the U.S. Department of Education's Grants Management System (G5) to track obligations by award.

AMOUNT - The amount of funds provided from a particular appropriation and project code. Some notifications authorize more than one amount from separate appropriations and/or project codes. The total of all amounts in this block equals the amount shown on the line, "THIS ACTION" (See "AUTHORIZED FUNDING" above (Block 7)).

10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Requirements of the award that are binding on the recipient.

***PARTICIPANT NUMBER** - The number of eligible participants the grantee is required to serve during the budget year.

***GRANTEE NAME** - The entity name and address registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). This name and address is tied to the UEI registered in SAM under the name and address appearing in this field. This name, address and the associated UEI is what is displayed in the SAM Public Search.

***PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE** - The type of indirect cost permitted under the program (i.e. Restricted, Unrestricted, or Training).

***PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE** - The indirect cost rate applicable to this grant.

***AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL** - The U.S. Department of Education official authorized to award Federal funds to the recipient, establish or change the terms and conditions of the award, and authorize modifications to the award

FOR FORMULA AND BLOCK GRANTS ONLY:

(See also Blocks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 above)

3. PROJECT STAFF - The U.S. Department of Education staff persons to be contacted for programmatic and payment questions.

7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING

CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT - The amount of funds that are obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this action.

PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant before this action.

CUMULATIVE AMOUNT - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant, this action included.

* This item differs or does not appear on formula and block grants.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
& CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

LaTricia Townsend
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
301 North Wilmington Street

Raleigh, NC 27601 - 2825

SUBJECT: Payee Identification for Grant Award S424F220034

This is to inform you that the United States Department of Education does not have a payee and bank account of record designated for the above listed grant award. You will not be able to request funds for this grant award until a payee and bank account of record are established.

- 1) All SF-1199A, Direct Deposit and Fedwire Sign-Up forms must be mailed to the Department of Education. The SF-1199A must contain original signatures for both the recipient and bank officials.
- 2) First time recipients establishing a bank account for a new award must include a copy of the grant award document with the cover letter and SF-1199A, Direct Deposit or Fedwire Sign-Up forms.
- 3) The Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS) has been enhanced to produce an automated notification when bank account data has been changed or deleted. This automated notification is transmitted via e-mail to Payees having e-mail capacity or mailed to recipients without an e-mail address.
- 4) All banking information requests, including establishing a new bank account, modifying an existing bank account or deleting a bank account must be accompanied with a cover letter requesting the specific action. The cover letter must be on the letterhead of the requesting payee. The cover letter must contain the following information:

- UEI
- e-mail address (if available) for the person to receive automated notification
- signature and phone number of the person requesting the bank information change

Mail Cover Letters and accompanying forms to:

U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW, Rm. 4C146
Washington, DC 20202-4110
Attn: Financial Management Operations

If you have any questions or require assistance concerning establishing a payee record for a bank account please contact the G5 Hotline at 1-888-336-8930.

Dear G5 Payee:

To obtain your G5 Login ID, you will need to complete the G5 External User Access Request Form and return it notarized to the U.S. Department of Education. Attached are the instructions for accessing and completing the form. Upon receiving the notarized form, the Department will send you an email with your new G5 Login ID.

Please mail the form to:

U.S. Department of Education
Office of the Chief Information Officer
Mail Stop - 4110
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
Attn: Functional Applications Team

Thank you for your continued support of the U.S. Department of Education's G5 Grant Management System. Please contact the G5 Hotline (888-336-8930) if you have any

Sincerely,
G5 Administration

Instructions for Completing the G5 External User Access Request Form

To establish direct access to your U.S. Department of Education G5 Grant Management System account, please complete the G5 External User Access Request Form attached, have it notarized, and mail the completed form to the address below.

Steps for Completing the G5 External User Access Request Form -

1. Go to <http://www.g5.gov> and click on the link, "Not Registered? Sign up".
2. Complete each data element of the form including the following elements:
 - a. User Type (Select Payee unless you are specifically a Servicer)
 - b. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
 - b. Desired Role (Select Full Access to enable you to continue to draw funds, or View Only if you will only need to review account activity).
3. Print the form and then Submit your online registration.
4. You will immediately receive an email asking you to activate your account.
5. Click on the link in the email and select your password and Secret Question and Answer.
6. Congratulations! You now have an active account. Only one more step!!
7. Sign the printed (from step 3) G5 External User Access Request Form as the Authorized Payee in the presence of a Notary Public.
8. Assure the G5 External User Access Request Form is notarized with appropriate seal and signature and expiration date.
9. Mail the completed, notarized G5 External User Access Request Form to the following address:

U.S. Department of Education
Office of the Chief Information Officer
Mail Stop - 4110
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.
Washington DC 20202
Attn: Functional Applications Team
10. Allow two weeks for delivery and account updates.
11. You will receive Email notification that your G5 External User Access Request Form has been processed and your roles have been assigned.
12. Congratulations, You're now able to access G5 directly.

As always, please contact the G5 Hotline (888-336-8930) with any questions.

INSTRUCTIONS
ACH DIRECT DEPOSIT SIGN-UP FORM
SF-1199A

Recipients can obtain an SF-1199A (Figure D-1) from their financial institution. The preprinted instructions on the reverse side of the SF-1199A should be disregarded and the following instructions should be followed in completing the SF-1199A.

The recipient is to complete Sections 1 and 2 of the SF-1199A. The recipient's financial institution is to complete Section 3 and mail the completed form to the Department of Education. The financial institution will mail a copy of the completed SF-1199A to the recipient.

INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 1

ITEM A	Name of Payee Address Telephone Number	Enter the name and address of payee's organization. Enter telephone number of person authorized to certify the payment request.
ITEM B	Name of Person(s) Entitled to Payment	Leave Blank.
ITEM C	Claim or Payroll ID Number	Enter the following information Prefix: 9 digit D-U-N-S Number, Suffix: 11 character Grant Award nUmber.
ITEM D	Type of Depositor	Place an "X" in the Appropriate Box.
ITEM E	Depositor Account	Enter the payee's account number at the financial institution in which funds are to be deposited. Include blanks or dashes when entering the account number.
ITEM F	Type of Payment	Enter "X" in the "Other" box.
ITEM G	Box for Allotment of Payment Only	Leave Blank.
Payee/Joint Certification		Authorized Certifying Official for the payee is to sign the form.

INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 2

Government Agency Name	Enter:	U.S. Department of Education
Government Agency Address	Enter:	400 Maryland Avenue, SW Room 4C138 Washington, DC 20202

INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 3

To be completed by financial institution.

Director, Financial Payment Group
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202 - 4331

Ref: PR/Award No. S424F220034

Dear Sir:

Please transfer FEDWIRE payments for North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to the following financial institution and depositor account beginning on this date: Month____, Day____, Year____.

Information regarding the financial institution to which payments for D-U-N-S _____ are to be transferred is provided below.

Financial Institution

Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____

Corresponding Bank (if applicable):

Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____

ABA Number: _____
Account Number: _____
Contact Name: _____
Telephone No: _____

ABA Number: _____
Telegraphic Abbrev.: _____

Please update my account with the information as indicated above. If you have any questions, I may be reached at (____) _____.

Sincerely,

Chief Financial Officer