



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program

SECTION 7.22. Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction in this act, the Department shall use the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to establish the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program (Program) to provide grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to public school units to provide feminine hygiene products for students in those units. The Department shall award the grants on a first-come, first-served basis, and no public school unit shall receive more than one grant. No later than March 15, 2022, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, the House Appropriations Committee on Education, and the Fiscal Research Division on the public school units receiving grants under the Program, the specific feminine hygiene products purchased with the grant funds, and the impact of the Program on student health and well-being.

Date Due: March 15, 2022
DPI Chronological Schedule, 2021-2022

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INTRODUCTION

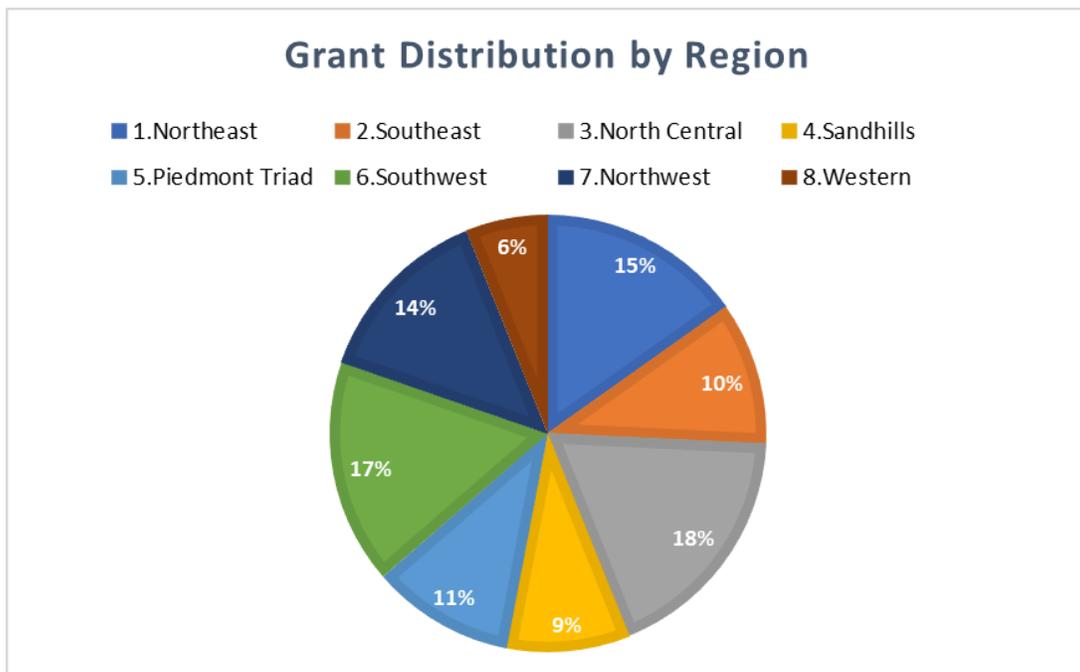
The Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) NC Healthy Schools Section of the Academic Standards Division provided an application to all public school units (PSUs) to apply on a first-come, first-served basis for the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program for funding up to \$5,000 to purchase feminine hygiene products. An overwhelming number of applications were received, and DPI reached the funding limit of \$250,000 less than one week after the opportunity was announced. PSUs requested funding ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, and DPI was able to award 66 PSUs with a Feminine Hygiene Products Grant.

The grant awardees indicated that they would use the funding to purchase products ranging from tampons and pads to underwear and educational materials on puberty. The PSUs also noted that the grants would provide much needed support for students to stay in school during the time of their menstrual cycle, provide feminine hygiene supplies for those who cannot afford the expensive products, and offset PSU expenses for such products. Many of the awardees indicated that some students rely on their school to provide the feminine hygiene products they need, as their families may not have the financial means to purchase the products.

The following sections outline in greater detail the PSUs that received a grant and the amount they received; the types of products that PSUs indicated they would use the funding to purchase; and how the grant would impact student health and well-being. Appendices are also included to provide additional information on each awarded PSU's application responses and feedback on grant impact.

PSU GRANT RECIPIENTS

The DPI received 134 applications in under one week for the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program. Of the 134 applications received, DPI was able to award 66 grants to PSUs from each of the eight State Board of Education (BOE) Regions. There were 54 LEAs and 12 Charter schools that received a grant. The following chart outlines the grant distribution by region (please refer to Appendix A for a detailed map of BOE regions):



The table below provides a detailed list of the awarded PSUs, their region, and the amount of funding they each received:

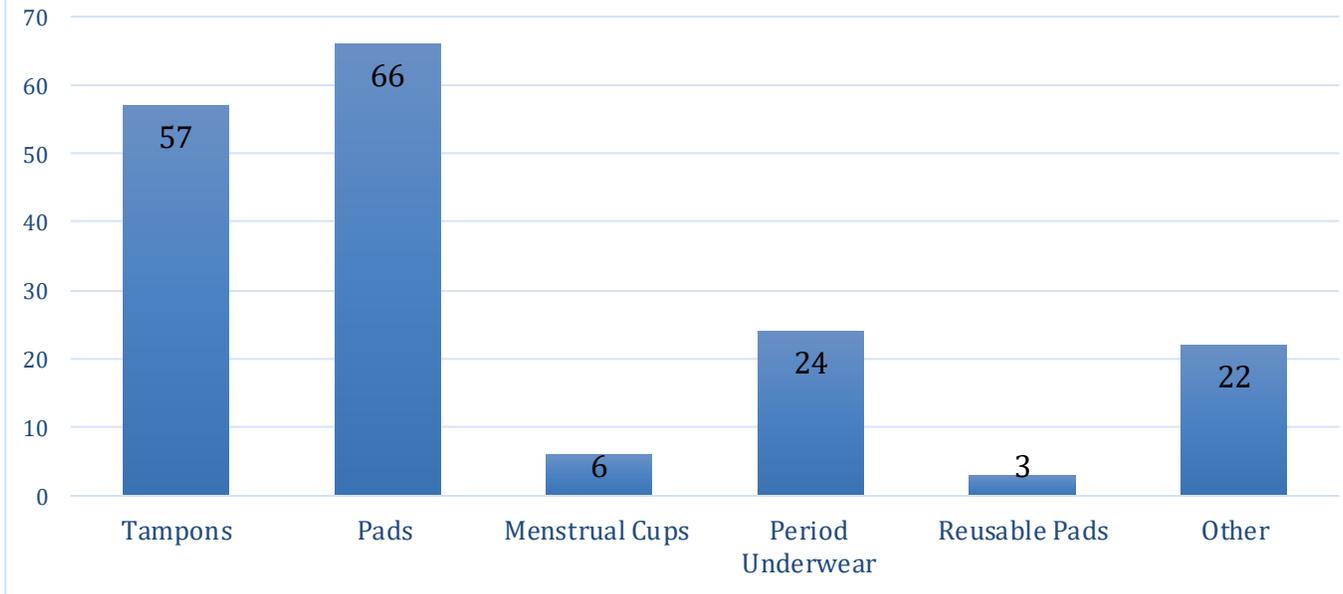
Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program Awardees				
	Public School Unit (PSU)	PSU Type	BOE Region	Grant Amount
1	020 - Alexander County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 5,000.00
2	030 - Alleghany County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 1,000.00
3	040 - Anson County Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 3,100.00
4	060 - Avery County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 2,500.00
5	070 - Beaufort County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
6	090 - Bladen County Schools	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 5,000.00
7	09B - Emereau: Bladen	Charter	4 - Sandhills	\$ 1,500.00
8	100 - Brunswick County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 2,400.00
9	120 - Burke County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 5,000.00
10	130 - Cabarrus County Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
11	13B - Cabarrus Charter Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
12	170 - Caswell County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 5,000.00
13	180 - Catawba County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 5,000.00
14	181 - Hickory City Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 2,500.00
15	182 - Newton Conover City Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 1,500.00
16	190 - Chatham County Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 2,000.00
17	200 - Cherokee County Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00
18	23A - Pinnacle Classical Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 2,500.00
19	290 - Davidson County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 5,000.00
20	291 - Lexington City Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 5,000.00
21	330 - Edgecombe County Public Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 1,500.00
22	370 - Gates County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 2,500.00
23	39B - Oxford Preparatory School	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
24	400 - Greene County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
25	410 - Guilford County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 2,000.00
26	421 - Roanoke Rapids City Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
27	422 - Weldon City Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
28	490 - Iredell-Statesville Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
29	49F - Langtree Charter Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
30	500 - Jackson County Public Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00
31	510 - Johnston County Public Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
32	53C - MINA Charter School of Lee County	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 1,000.00
33	55A - Lincoln Charter School	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
34	580 - Martin County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
35	610 - Mitchell County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 2,500.00
36	61T - Movement Charter School	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
37	630 - Moore County Schools	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 5,000.00
38	65G - Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	Charter	2 - Southeast	\$ 1,500.00

39	660 - Northampton County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
40	670 - Onslow County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
41	681 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
42	690 - Pamlico County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 1,500.00
43	700 - Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
44	710 - Pender County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
45	720 - Perquimans County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 2,500.00
46	730 - Person County Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 3,000.00
47	740 - Pitt County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
48	750 - Polk County Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 3,000.00
49	780 - Public Schools of Robeson County	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 5,000.00
50	800 - Rowan-Salisbury Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 3,000.00
51	820 - Sampson County Schools	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 5,000.00
52	830 - Scotland County Schools	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 2,000.00
53	840 - Stanly County Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 2,500.00
54	850 - Stokes County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 5,000.00
55	860 - Surry County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 3,000.00
56	861 - Elkin City Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 2,500.00
57	870 - Swain County Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 1,500.00
58	900 - Union County Public Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
59	910 - Vance County Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
60	92G - East Wake Academy	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 2,500.00
61	92T - Triangle Math and Science Academy	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 2,500.00
62	930 - Warren County Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
63	94Z - Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	Charter	1 - Northeast	\$ 500.00
64	960 - Wayne County Public Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
65	970 - Wilkes County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 5,000.00
66	980 - Wilson County Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00

PRODUCTS PURCHASED

The PSU grantees indicated that they would use the funding to purchase standard feminine hygiene products, including tampons, pads, menstrual cups, reusable pads, and period underwear. Many grantees indicated that in addition to purchasing the standard feminine hygiene products they would purchase other much needed hygiene products as well including, panty liners, feminine hygiene wipes, washcloths, take-home bags, regular underwear, deodorants and soaps, puberty education materials, and heating patches for cramps. In addition to the hygiene products purchased, a grantee indicated that they would purchase trash receptacles for bathroom stalls, as students often must throw away used products in trash bins outside of the bathroom. The following chart outlines which products each PSU said that they would purchase:

Feminine Hygiene Products to be Purchased



IMPACT ON STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Grant recipients indicated an immense appreciation for the availability of the grant program and the opportunity to apply for the funding. They noted that the funding would help to cover costs the district incurs to purchase feminine hygiene products, which they have little or no existing budget to purchase. All grantees indicated a great need for student access to feminine hygiene products as they may not have access to them at home or their families may not have the financial means to purchase products themselves. More than half of the grantees indicated that they either have Title I schools in their districts or that many of

their students and families are living below the poverty line. For these students and families, feminine hygiene products are an expense they cannot afford, and therefore they have to rely on the school to provide these products. Many grantees also noted that the an increase in the availability of hygiene products in school would help students stay in school when are menstruating and would alleviate student anxiety and embarrassment. The following summary list outlines in greater specificity the impact of the grant on student health and well-being:

“Approximately 75%-80% of the students enrolled in Greene County Schools live in poverty and qualify for free and/or reduced lunch. Our students struggle with being able to purchase hygiene products. Schools used local funds to purchase feminine hygiene products. Staff members have also donated monthly feminine hygiene products to several students and families. This grant will allow us to purchase more feminine hygiene products to have on hand and provide a better plan to meet the needs of our students.”

-Greene County Schools

“This grant would greatly impact our students as many do not have access to menstrual products and depend on the school for these supplies. As a school nurse, I see students every single day asking for period products for use at school and for at home. This would allow our students to feel confident in coming to school and staying at school during their menstrual cycle knowing they have what they need in this area. This would allow us to fully provide these products to students instead of rationing them.”

- Cabarrus Charter Academy

- Alleviate financial hardship for both schools and students
- Remove stigma, anxiety, and embarrassment related to menstruation
- Provide much needed support for resource poor areas
- Prevent rationing of hygiene products in schools
- Reduce instance of poor feminine hygiene to prevent infection and illness
- Improve student mental and physical health
- Increase educational opportunities

and academic growth because students can stay in school when they are menstruating

- Increase awareness and education on the importance of maintaining good feminine hygiene practices
- Give districts, schools, and teachers the ability to genuinely meet the need of students when it comes to availability of hygiene products in school
- Empower students to be prepared for the day-to-day of being in and staying in school
- Provide support to the most vulnerable students, including homeless youth
- Provide much needed support for families and communities that rely on schools to provide feminine hygiene products to students

“Some individual schools try to buy these items, and a lot of teachers spend out of pocket to help students. This grant, if funded, would be a tremendous boost in our effort to get our learners' basic needs met so that they can better focus on academics.”

- Johnston County Public Schools

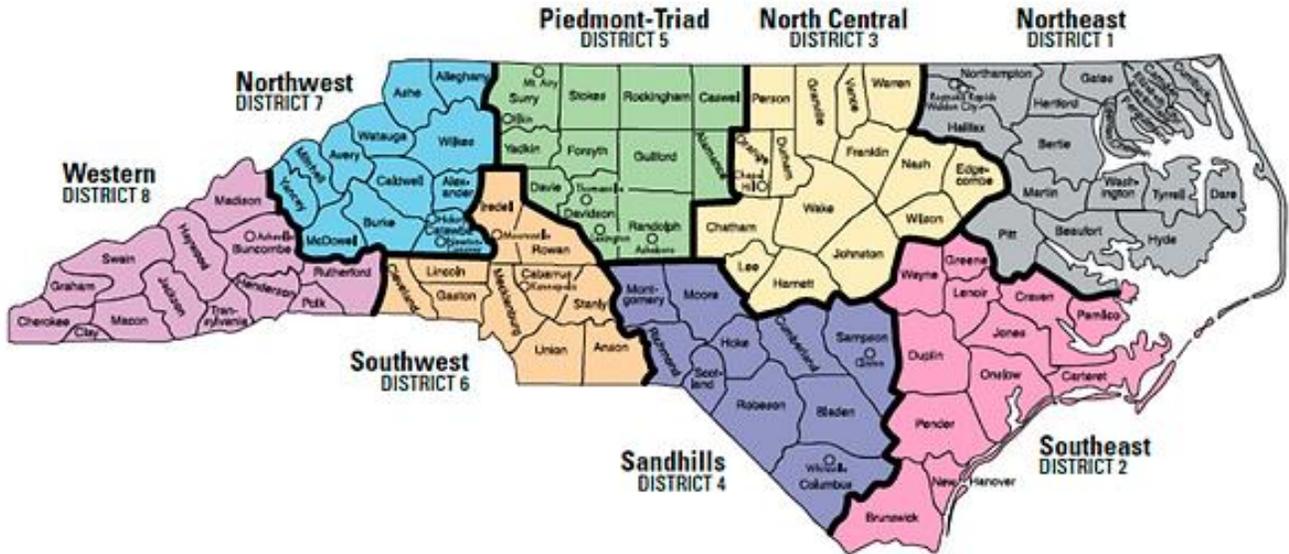
A complete list of feedback on the impacts of student health and well-being by PSU and more information on their budget for hygiene products prior to receipt of the grant can be found in Appendix B.

Based on the application responses and needs of the districts, the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program provided much needed support for both PSUs and for students, families, and communities. As many grantees indicated, there is a direct link between student academic success and the provision of hygiene products in school. The grant program has helped to support districts and students by removing financial barriers to products and ensuring health and well-being is maintained so that students continue their academic growth.

The DPI continues to receive inquiries about the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program, including inquiries on applying for funding and when or if funding might be available in the future.

APPENDIX A

North Carolina State Board of Education Districts



Appendix B

Educational Region	PSU Name	PSU Type	Funding Amount	Product Type 1	Product Type 2	Product Type 3	Product Type 4	Product Type 5	Product Type 6	Other: Please Explain	Please provide a brief description (3-5 sentences) of how this grant will impact the health and wellness of students in your school/district.	Amount spent annually on feminine hygiene products	
7 - Northwest	020 - Alexander County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads					Other	Panty Liners, Hygiene Cleaning Wipes	As awareness has increased in our student population of the feminine hygiene products we supply in our district, our student support services staff are able to get a clearer representation of student needs. This need extends beyond products available at school, our students are also in need of a supply of products to use at home. Female students should have the access to necessary feminine hygiene supplies to ensure they can access educational opportunities without stigmatization.	\$ 4,900.00
7 - Northwest	030 - Alleghany County Schools	LEA	\$ 1,000.00	Tampons	Pads	Menstrual Cups	Period Underwear					We are a small, rural school in the Northwest Mountains for NC. This grant would impact our students TREMENDOUSLY! We have students each year that don't have access to the items they need. We try to keep our bathroom stocked, but it is a large undertaking.	\$ 500.00
6 - Southwest	040 - Anson County Schools	LEA	\$ 3,100.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			Other	Sanitary wipes/wash cloths	Our district would benefit our female students in the area of attendance. Many of our students cannot afford to purchase feminine hygiene products and often stay at home during the time of their menstrual cycle. This will definitely help to alleviate some of the anxiety associated with the ability to perform self-care.	\$ 100.00
7 - Northwest	060 - Avery County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads							Avery County is a high poverty district. Feminine Hygiene products are very expensive for many of these families to provide. This will help to ease the burden for our families, and provide a need for our young women so they need not be embarrassed for having the need. This is a much needed service for young and old alike. We see this great need every month for our families at our community market food giveaway. Our families are asking if we have these products to give away with the food.	\$ 2,500.00
1 - Northeast	070 - Beaufort County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00		Pads		Period Underwear	Reusable Pads				Each of our schools has a hygiene closet that provides free shampoo, deodorant, soap, and feminine products for students in need. Local donations support these closets, but we are often short of feminine products for our students. Since we are a system of poverty, many of our young ladies have a difficult time purchasing their needs. This prevents them from attending school and makes them uncomfortable. The number in the question below is based on donations from businesses, individuals, and other organizations. This number is not based on our PSU purchases.	\$ 5,500.00
4 - Sandhills	090 - Bladen County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads							Many families in our PSU find it expensive and a financial hardship to purchase feminine hygiene products. Our PSU has 1,226 females enrolled in our middle and high schools. This grant will help those with a financial hardship to have an ample supply of clean feminine hygiene products, and to decrease absences from school due to not having these products to manage menstrual bleeding.	\$ 2,000.00
4 - Sandhills	09B - Emereau: Bladen	Charter	\$ 1,500.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			Other	Hygiene supplies such as feminine wipes	The items that would be purchased and given to our students would provide a much needed personal necessity to young females in our school. I would also like to utilize these supplies as part of the class that we provided on puberty to our 5th graders. These supplies would be greatly utilized by our students!	\$ 600.00
2 - Southeast	100 - Brunswick County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,400.00	Tampons	Pads							The funds awarded through the grant would allow for supplies to be on hand for students in need.	
7 - Northwest	120 - Burke County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads							This grant would be so helpful to our schools. They cannot afford to always have feminine hygiene products available. It would ensure their ability to provide for their student who have unexpected needs or cannot afford to provide for themselves. We are a rural area with a great deal of poverty. These products are very expensive. Students would be able to remain at school and continue learning if we receive this grant.	\$ 2,000.00
6 - Southwest	130 - Cabarrus County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads	Menstrual Cups	Period Underwear	Reusable Pads				Student Services/SISP staff will be provided with feminine hygiene items to ensure girls who need these items can access them at school at no cost. This will help ensure that students who have barriers to access (including money) can have immediate access to these needed items in a setting that reinforces self-advocacy for health and well-being. School social workers, counselors, psychologists, nurses, and health teachers will be engaged as primary points of contact for project implementation.	
6 - Southwest	13B - Cabarrus Charter Academy	Charter	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads	Menstrual Cups	Period Underwear			Other	Hygiene Wipes/Take home bags	This grant would greatly impact our students as many do not have access to menstrual products and depend on the school for these supplies. As a school nurse, I see students every single day asking for period products for use at school and for at home. This would allow our students to feel confident in coming to school and staying at school during their menstrual cycle knowing they have what they need in this area. This would allow us to fully provide these products to students instead of rationing them.	\$ 3,000.00
5 - Piedmont Triad	170 - Caswell County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads							Our school system, Caswell Co Schools, serves a low income, high risk population of students. There are many students who simply do not have the financial resources to purchase feminine hygiene products as we do. I am constantly giving feminine products to females and notice a lot of these students are "monthly repeats". I know my students well and their backgrounds so I truly feel they cannot afford to purchase and they know I have them on hand.	\$ 500.00
7 - Northwest	180 - Catawba County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads					Other	Underwear (Extra pairs)	Poor feminine hygiene leaves the body vulnerable to infection and illness. It also impacts students emotionally. The ability to supply feminine hygiene products to students will lead to improved attendance and engagement as good personal hygiene is important for maintaining physical and mental health.	\$ 7,600.00
7 - Northwest	181 - Hickory City Schools	LEA	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads							Female students will be able to remain at school when they have accidents and do not have the products. Students that are not able to purchase these items due to lack of personal funding will be able to have sanitary items provided to them so they will be more comfortable at school. The sanitary products are much safer than alternative items used during their cycle.	\$ 750.00
7 - Northwest	182 - Newton Conover City Schools	LEA	\$ 1,500.00		Pads							Feminine hygiene supplies is a consistent request by Student Services staff when working with students. We are a Title 1 district, with a free/reduced population of more than 50%. We know that female students are utilizing toilet tissue to meet their menses needs when appropriate feminine hygiene supplies are not available. Student services staff are addressing and supporting menses needs for students elementary through high school. Increasing access to appropriate supplies will support mental health of students by decreasing anxiety and concern. Furthermore, students who choose school absence over attendance during their menses time, will better be supported with available supplies at school.	
3 - North Central	190 - Chatham County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,000.00	Tampons	Pads							We have 8 Title 1 schools, and we regularly purchase feminine hygiene products for our students. Many of our students indicate they do not have access to these supplies outside of school.	\$ 500.00
8 - Western	200 - Cherokee County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads							We have 850 female middle and high school students (5 middle schools/5 high schools). Many of our students live in low-income families and may not have funds to purchase feminine hygiene products. Having products available at school may reduce stress and promote their well being. We have limited resources to purchase school health office supplies.	\$ 300.00
6 - Southwest	23A - Pinnacle Classical Academy	Charter	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			Other	Variety of sizes of regular underwear to have on hand for students	This grant will allow our schools to have a variety of feminine hygiene products available for our students. Our school serves kindergarten through 12 grade and our students have a variety of needs. It is so important for students to have the security of knowing that they do not have to worry about access to safe and appropriate hygiene needs and this would allow us a generous supply without the need to request donations from families and the community.	\$ 500.00
5 - Piedmont Triad	290 - Davidson County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads							Davidson County Schools has over 5000 female students in middle and high school. We currently have a 34% of our students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. We feel that number is not an accurate indication of our present need. Having feminine hygiene supplies available to our students relieves the stress our students feel in not having access to supplies when needed. It will also allow us to use donations from local churches for other needed supplies like clothing and school items.	\$ 3,500.00

5 - Piedmont Triad	291 - Lexington City Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads				Other	Regular Underwear	This grant will have a positive impact on our students as many students request these items especially at the Middle and High Schools. Unfortunately, many of our student live in poverty and access to these products are sometimes limited. Access to these products at school will allow students to have their needs met and remain in school.	\$ 500.00
3 - North Central	330 - Edgecombe County Public Schools	LEA	\$ 1,500.00	Tampons	Pads						Much of the student body at West Edgecombe Middle School comes from a low socio-economic background. For this reason, it can be difficult for some students to buy high quality menstrual cycle products. Further, WEMS strives to make our school culture as accepting as possible, and providing these products for our young ladies will help reduce stigma around periods.	\$ 1,000.00
1 - Northeast	370 - Gates County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads	Menstrual Cups	Period Underwear		Other	Panty Liners, Feminine Wipes	With this grant, students will have equitable access to personal feminine products they need while at schools. Additionally, having access to feminine products at school will reduce attention issues that arise as a result of students not having adequate feminine products and feeling ashamed to leave their home. Finally, access to feminine products will provide safety and comfort to students and increase academic success.	\$ 2,500.00
3 - North Central	39B - Oxford Preparatory School	Charter	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads	Menstrual Cups	Period Underwear	Reusable Pads			Receiving this grant will allow us to purchase, supply, and maintain a stock of feminine care items that our students desperately need. We encounter students daily whose families do not have the funds to properly supply these items for their children, so they are relying on school supply and others. Being able to supply the items for all students will help ensure everyone has equal access to one of the most basic needs. We also hope to use the supplies we receive to educate our students on the different options when it comes to feminine care products.	\$ 300.00
2 - Southeast	400 - Greene County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear				Approximately 75%-80% of the students enrolled in Greene County Schools live in poverty and qualify for free and/or reduced lunch. Our students struggle with being able to purchase hygiene products. Schools used local funds to purchase feminine hygiene products. Staff members have also donated monthly feminine hygiene products to several students and families. This grant will allow us to purchase more feminine hygiene products to have on hand and provide a better plan to meet the needs of our students.	\$ 2,000.00
5 - Piedmont Triad	410 - Guilford County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,000.00		Pads						Our middle school (Northeast Guilford) serves 6th-8th grade students that come from diverse backgrounds and upbringings. The socio-economic status of our students' families plays a huge part in their lack of awareness on menstruation and menstrual hygiene. The administrators and teachers here are working to change the culture of learning for our female students by teaching them the importance of healthy hygienic practices like changing regularly, disposing of feminine products correctly and washing themselves properly. Along with that education we try to provide them with the proper sanitary items that are needed to ensure that the students feel more comfortable in school and in themselves by knowing that they have somewhere to go should they need products or information.	\$ 500.00
1 - Northeast	421 - Roanoke Rapids City Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads				Other	Puberty education material (between you and me puberty guide book)	We have female students that start their menstrual cycle and do not have any female hygiene products. Some students are missing school, are using toilet paper for pads, and are soiling their clothes due to no available hygiene products. Some students are also afraid to attend school when on their period because they are afraid of being bullied due to soiled clothes from lack of female hygiene products. This grant will also allow the school nurse to purchase a book called between you and me puberty guide when a female student starts her first mensural cycle, the nurse can educate the female student about the changes in her body.	\$ -
1 - Northeast	422 - Weldon City Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear		Other	femine wipes	Throughout girls' cycles, hormones, which control their menstrual cycle, can also affect other aspects of their health — emotionally, mentally, and physically. This grant will allow funding to provide hygiene items for girls in our low-income district. The emotional impact of not having the proper hygiene supplies can affect a student's academic growth.	\$ 2,500.00
6 - Southwest	490 - Iredell-Statesville Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads				Other	Whatever our students need for feminine hygiene	This will greatly impact our female students that do not have access to feminine hygiene products at school (or even at home in some cases). This resource would allow for students to remain at school and have the necessary supplies to care for their needs.	\$ 5,000.00
6 - Southwest	49F - Langtree Charter Academy	Charter	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads						This grant will impact the wellness and health of our students by providing a common used bathroom need for girls who may not receive the proper hygienic needs at home. This will allow young girls to not worry about how to get through the day while on their period. This will also help some families economically.	\$ 2,000.00
8 - Western	500 - Jackson County Public Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear				Many of our students are impacted by a low socioeconomic status that provides many challenges in having feminine hygiene products when they need them. Many of our families struggle to provide basic health care products for their young adolescents. This grant would help us to provide products for students at school when needed and when emergencies arise.	\$ 1,500.00
3 - North Central	510 - Johnston County Public Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads						Currently, we have a lot of families who struggle financially as is evidenced by the numbers of students/families who receive free/reduced lunch assistance. Further, we have known areas of need where students don't have basic supplies (deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.) unless they receive it from student advocates/counselors at their schools. Feminine hygiene is no different, yet it is an important component of health and wellness for students. Further, since these products are not directly related to instruction, the school district is not able to purchase these with most funding sources. Some individual schools try to buy these items, and a lot of teachers spend out of pocket to help students. This grant, if funded, would be a tremendous boost in our effort to get our learners' basic needs met so that they can better focus on academics.	
3 - North Central	53C - MINA Charter School of Lee County	Charter	\$ 1,000.00	Tampons	Pads						We currently serve K-5th grade, adding 6th grade in the 22-23 academic school year. Several of our girls start their menstrual cycles at school. When this happens they are scared and unsure what to do. If we received the grant to provide girls in need with a menstrual cycle survival kit that would be awesome!	\$ 500.00
6 - Southwest	55A - Lincoln Charter School	Charter	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads				Other	sanitary wipes	We will provide these products for individuals who may not be able to afford them. Also, this will help female students to feel more comfortable at school, especially if they attend and are caught unprepared. Asking for products may be uncomfortable for some. These products would also help school staff with education for our female students.	\$ 3,000.00
1 - Northeast	580 - Martin County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads						Martin County Schools is a rural low wealth district that provides no cost lunches to all students. This grant will help students and families who are in need of financial assistance for all basic needs. In the past we have been able to purchase a small amount of supplies at the district level. However those supplies run out quickly and the school and staff members usually provide products as needed.	\$ 2,000.00
7 - Northwest	610 - Mitchell County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads						This grant will allow us to provide free menstrual products to all girls. We would like to put a cabinet in the restrooms with free products that girls can have available and use without having to go to the office or school nurse. This will allow girls to practice good feminine hygiene without being embarrassed about asking for products.	\$ 150.00
6 - Southwest	61T - Movement Charter School	Charter	\$ 5,000.00		Pads		Period Underwear				We are a Title I school and our students have economic difficulties which can lead to them missing school because of not being able to afford this basic necessity. We want them to feel empowered and prepared every day and not have to worry about not having supplies while at school.	\$ 3,000.00
4 - Sandhills	630 - Moore County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads						The health and wellness of our students will be greatly impacted by this grant because it will assist students that are at-risk or experiencing homelessness. Often in the school system students seek their resources from school social workers and school nurses. This grant would allow school social workers to collaborate with school nurses to assure feminine hygiene products are provided for young women and adolescents in need. The grant would assist our school system because there currently are limited to no funding sources for feminine hygiene products. School social workers have to depend on outside and community funding to fulfill these gaps for our at-risk students and students experiencing homelessness.	\$ 1,000.00
2 - Southeast	65G - Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	Charter	\$ 1,500.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear		Other	Educational pamphlets and books	WE are an all girls school serving grades 6-11 many of whom live in poverty. Providing supplies and appropriate education is important for improving quality.	\$ 500.00

1 - Northeast	660 - Northampton County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			Northampton County Schools is within a Tier 1 County. Our students come from homes where the basic essentials are often not available. The grant will allow students to have confidence in knowing that they do not have to reuse napkins or use tampons beyond the recommended timeframe.	\$ 1,000.00
2 - Southeast	670 - Onslow County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads			Other	Panty Liners	This grant will allow for the purchase of feminine hygiene products that will provide female students the opportunity to remain at school and participate in educational programs when unexpected menstrual activity would otherwise necessitate the student going home. Further, having these products available to students could prevent personal embarrassment and negative effects on a student's emotional well-being due to unexpected menstrual activity.	\$ 2,000.00
3 - North Central	681 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			This will help provide a valuable resource for students that have difficulty buying or obtaining period products and end up missing valuable instruction time staying home during their periods.	\$ 1,600.00
2 - Southeast	690 - Pamlico County Schools	LEA	\$ 1,500.00	Tampons	Pads					This grant will impact the health and wellness of students in our school by reducing absences in girls who miss school because they do not have feminine hygiene products. Having an adequate supply of products would eliminate the unhealthy practice of reusing these products.	
1 - Northeast	700 - Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			Many of our female population come to the school nurse office daily for female products. During their cycles, they will visit every time they need to change. We have five high school/middle schools within our district. In recent years we have run out of products to provide our students and due to the economical hardships or COVID are local churches have not been able to donate such supplies to feel the need of our students. This grant could help us tremendously. We are a Title 1 school, so many of our females are unable to purchase the supplies needed.	\$ 4,000.00
2 - Southeast	710 - Pender County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads					Students that do not have adequate access to feminine hygiene products are often fearful of period leakage. This prevents the student(s) from being able to focus on their school work and affects their attendance. Both will lead to a negative impact on their education.	\$ 4,500.00
1 - Northeast	720 - Perquimans County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads					Feminine hygiene products are essential for the management of menstruation and play a vital role for female students to be successful in the classroom during this time. Funding will allow access to menstrual supplies for students in our rural community in northeastern NC.	\$ 750.00
3 - North Central	730 - Person County Schools	LEA	\$ 3,000.00	Tampons	Pads					We live in a rural district in which many families live at or below the poverty line. On a daily basis, young ladies go to the office or to the nurse to ask for feminine products. In our poorer families, this isn't viewed as a priority when it comes to purchasing these types of products and therefore many girls go without. If we were able to have a larger supply of pads and tampons, we could help more students.	\$ 2,000.00
1 - Northeast	740 - Pitt County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads			Other	Feminine wipes	This is a Title 1 school that has a high number of student living in poverty. This grant would help provide much needed hygiene products for females that are unable to purchase these items. The grant would also help allow the females a choice of which item they would want to try and then receive those items to help them maintain better hygiene.	
8 - Western	750 - Polk County Schools	LEA	\$ 3,000.00	Tampons	Pads					Currently, community organizations provide enough feminine products to schools for "emergency" situations. Funding through this grant could provide monthly supplies for those families in need. Attendance and emotional well-being of female students would improve.	
4 - Sandhills	780 - Public Schools of Robeson County	LEA	\$ 5,000.00		Pads		Period Underwear	Other	deodorant, shampoo, bodywash, soap	Rex Rennert Elementary is one of the poorest communities in Robeson County. Robeson County is the poorest county in the state. Rex Rennert Elementary serves a predominantly hispanic population. Most homes are single parent or grandparents with school aged children. Our school relies heavily on donations to support some of the most basic needs. This grant would allow us to keep needed supplies on hand for the students and families	\$ 500.00
6 - Southwest	800 - Rowan-Salisbury Schools	LEA	\$ 3,000.00		Pads		Period Underwear			This grant will help Rowan-Salisbury School System (RSSS) to increase our current supplies of feminine hygiene products. RSSS will be able to supply period underwear to students that are in need. We will also be able to provide additional supplies for home use if needed.	\$ 1,500.00
4 - Sandhills	820 - Sampson County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads			Other	Sanitary napkins and liners, cotton underwear	Our district is a Tier 1, low-wealth rural county. Approximately 3,500 of our 7,800 students receive SNAP and TANF. That's roughly 50 percent of our student population. Knowing that number, it's safe to say that we have a great need for funding to support this particular need of our female students. Additionally, our schools are located in rural areas, away from shopping stores. It would be helpful to have feminine supply products on hand at the schools. While I cannot put a number to this I can share with you that any feminine hygiene products purchased at our schools is money that comes out of the principal, school nurse, or teacher pockets.	\$ 5,000.00
4 - Sandhills	830 - Scotland County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,000.00		Pads		Period Underwear			Many students depend on the school system supply of feminine products. These are supplied in large quantities for students who do not have the means for purchase in their home or through their family. This will help students to maintain healthy hygiene habits.	\$ 500.00
6 - Southwest	840 - Stanly County Schools	LEA	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads					Knowing students have access to feminine products will give students a great peace of mind during these uncertain, unpredictable times. Removing a potential point of worry takes away one less stressor in an already stress filled time. This will, in turn, allow students to better focus on learning.	\$ 2,000.00
5 - Piedmont Triad	850 - Stokes County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Menstrual Cups			All young women need access to feminine hygiene products. The inability to afford these products along with the cultural shame and stigma attached to the menstrual period can lead to learning loss and create barriers for female students at school. A lack of feminine hygiene products can also negatively impact a student's mental and physical well-being. The schools in our district do not receive any direct funding for these items, perpetuating period poverty in our rural school district. Receiving funding through the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program will assist in meeting the mental and physical needs of students.	
5 - Piedmont Triad	860 - Surry County Schools	LEA	\$ 3,000.00		Pads					This grant would provide the needed resources for our school nurses and principals to support our students. Our district is in a rural area and our students have many various needs. This could help our families.	\$ 500.00
5 - Piedmont Triad	861 - Elkin City Schools	LEA	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			Funds received from this grant will allow female students to remain in the classroom by closing the barrier of access to feminine hygiene products. Many of our female students require the school to provide the products due to limited income of parents. The social worker, counselors, and nurses will work with students to provide products in a discrete manner.	\$ 2,000.00
8 - Western	870 - Swain County Schools	LEA	\$ 1,500.00	Tampons	Pads					Swain County Schools serve a rural, low income community. This grant will allow us to stock female student restrooms and keep supplies with nurses, guidance counselors, and social workers. This will allow us to provide a climate of comfort and security for our female students.	\$ 500.00
6 - Southwest	900 - Union County Public Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads					Schools in our district purchase feminine products with general funds to make available for students. We would distribute to all of our middle and high school with an emphasis on high priority schools. We would also supply some for elementary schools that make a request. This would allow all students access to feminine products when needed.	\$ 5,000.00

3 - North Central	910 - Vance County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear	Other	panty liners and panties	At the current time, schools are having to use their funds to purchase these items for students. With this grant, we will have improved student attendance because students will not come to school if they do not have the products; better health and hygiene; and for those low-income or displaced children, we will be able to provide these students with the items they need and they will not have to worry about finding a funding source.	\$ 1,000.00
3 - North Central	92G - East Wake Academy	Charter	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads					This is an initiative that our PTA has helped us start. The key is access to the products and also to maintain privacy. The supply and health care support help with the overall health of our students.	\$ 2,500.00
3 - North Central	92T - Triangle Math and Science Academy	Charter	\$ 2,500.00	Tampons	Pads			Other	We would love to be able to provide heating patches to help our ladies get through the day without having to go home due to cramps and pain	The grant will help us to put items in the bathroom so the ladies will not need to leave, go to the front office, and ask for a pad/tampon. They will have the supplies in the bathroom, ready to go. This will also help with the heating patches that our young ladies would love to have to get them through the day. It would be so nice to offer different options instead of a one size fits all. These tiny comforts will make a huge difference within our school!	\$ 500.00
3 - North Central	930 - Warren County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear	Other	regular underwear, feminine wipes	School nurses, social workers and counselors supply students with hygiene products on an as needed basis in school. They rely on staff and community donations as well as their own out-of-pocket contributions to meet this demand. This does not address out of school needs and accessibility issues for students who might have this need. Puberty and hygiene education is most effective if the students have the means to put the things they have learned into practice consistently. Supplying this specific need will ensure our female students can practice the best feminine hygiene both in school and out on a consistent basis.	\$ 2,000.00
1 - Northeast	94Z - Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agr	Charter	\$ 500.00	Tampons	Pads					Providing these products to our female students is a necessity. Many of our students are from low income families and very much need assistance with obtaining the needed products.	\$ 450.00
2 - Southeast	960 - Wayne County Public Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00		Pads			Other	Purchasing restroom stall disposal bins	Wayne County Public Schools is a low wealth school district with over 17,000 students. WCPS would use this grant to purchase pads for school nurses and school social workers, which are who many students go to obtain feminine hygiene items because of their lack of resources at home. Currently, school nurses and school social workers have to seek donations of pads to support children who lack items at school. Additionally, WCPS will use this grant to purchase disposal bins for restroom stalls for elementary schools that were not equipped with such items when they were built. In these schools, children have to exit their restroom stalls and carry their used feminine hygiene products to a trash can, which are oftentimes located outside of the restroom entrance where other students are waiting to enter or return to class. Purchasing dispensers will reduce social and emotional embarrassment for children; reduce the risk of personal hygiene products from being improperly disposed of in the toilet and causing clogs; and ultimately making it easier for children to properly dispose of their used items while also applying new items prior to re-dressing in the restroom stall.	
7 - Northwest	970 - Wilkes County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads		Period Underwear			We have significant poverty in our community, with approximately 28% of our student population identified under McKinney-Vento each year. Our families struggle to make ends meet and we find that many of our female students need assistance with feminine hygiene products. Our school nurses and school social workers utilize every available community partner and small grants to help meet this need. This grant will help us meet this need and be able to ask our community partners to help with other areas.	\$ 1,500.00
3 - North Central	980 - Wilson County Schools	LEA	\$ 5,000.00	Tampons	Pads			Other	the basic supplies used by the majority of young ladies	By being able to have access to feminine hygiene products for our students, we will create a valuable resource to help them overcome the stigma of not having the basic supplies during menstruation for many young females. Approximately 70% of Wilson County students experience poverty and must overcome barriers to have a positive experience in school. Having access to feminine hygiene products for our students will help them overcome yet another barrier that interrupts their success in school when worried about the social and emotional struggles of not having these needs met over a biological function they have no control over. This grant would help many of our students.	