



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program

SECTION 7.10.(a) The Department of Public Instruction shall establish the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program (Program) to assist public school units participating in the Program in providing students with feminine hygiene products at no charge to the student. To the extent funds are made available for the Program, the Department of Public Instruction shall award public school units grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) on a first-come, first-served basis, and the Department shall prioritize awarding grants to public school units that did not receive an award pursuant to the Program in the previous fiscal year. No public school unit shall receive more than one grant per fiscal year. No later than March 15, 2023, and every year thereafter that funds are made available for the Program, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee 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, 2023
DPI Chronological Schedule, 2022-2023

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INTRODUCTION

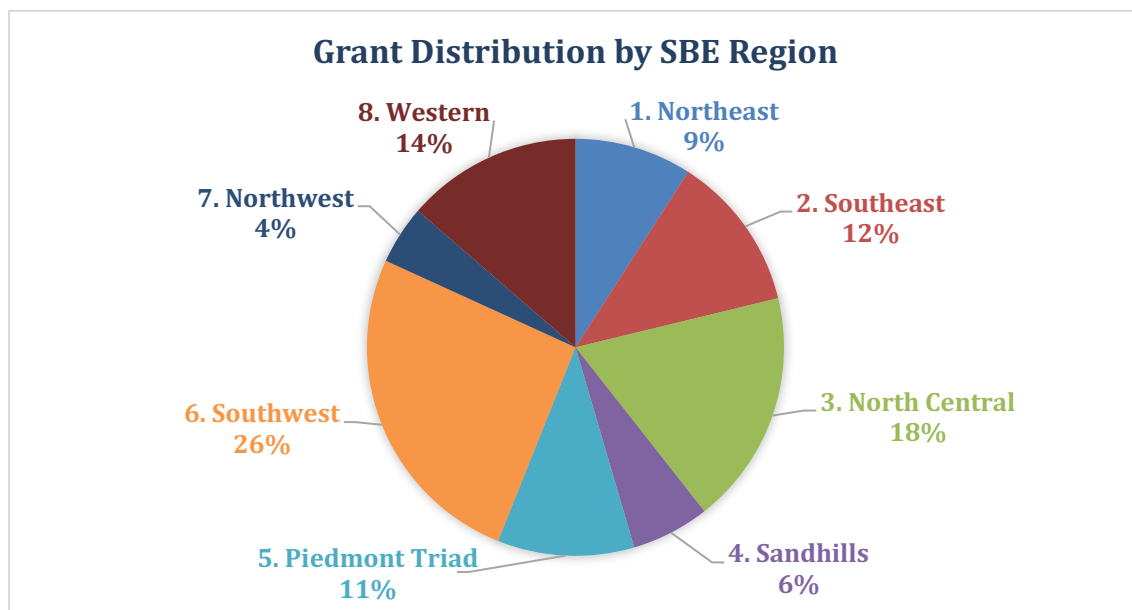
The Department of Public Instruction’s (DPI) NC Healthy Schools Section of the Office of Academic Standards provided an application to all public school units (PSUs) to apply on a first-come, first-served basis for the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program for funding up to \$5,000 to purchase feminine hygiene products. A total of 112 applications were received, with requests in funding amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. With a funding limit of \$250,000, DPI was able to award a total of 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; make products more accessible to students with transportation constraints and students impacted by natural disasters; provide feminine hygiene supplies for those who cannot afford the expensive products; reduce the stigma associated with menstruation; and offset teacher, staff, and 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

Over the course of a week, DPI received 112 applications for the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program. Of the 112 applications received, DPI was able to award 66 grants to PSUs from each of the eight State Board of Education (SBE) Regions. Grant awards were distributed to 35 LEAs, 31 Charter schools, and 1 Lab school. The following chart outlines the grant distribution by region (please refer to Appendix A for a detailed map of SBE regions):



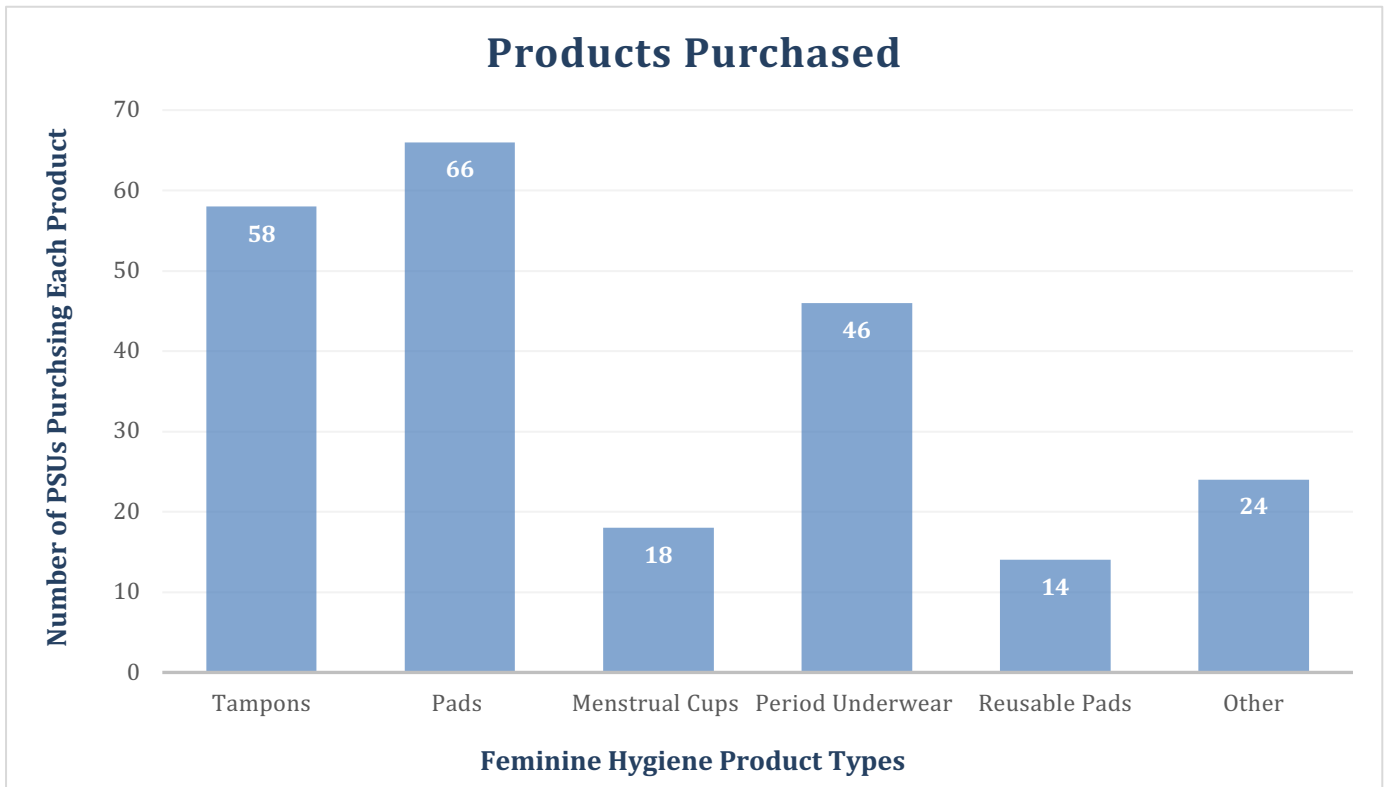
The table below provides a detailed list of the awarded PSUs, their region, and the amount of funding they each received:

Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program Awardees				
	Public School Unit (PSU)	PSU Type	BOE Region	Grant Amount
1	00A - North Carolina Cyber Academy	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 4,000.00
2	050 - Ashe County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 5,000.00
3	080 - Bertie County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 2,000.00
4	110 - Buncombe County Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00
5	111 - Asheville City Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00
6	11C - Invest Collegiate - Imagine	Charter	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00
7	132 - Kannapolis City Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 3,000.00
8	13B - Cabarrus Charter Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
9	13C - A.C.E. Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 3,000.00
10	13D - Concord Lake STEAM Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
11	140 - Caldwell County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 4,000.00
12	150 - Camden County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 1,000.00
13	220 - Clay County Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00
14	230 - Cleveland County Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
15	240 - Columbus County Schools	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 1,500.00
16	250 - Craven County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
17	260 - Cumberland County Schools	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 5,000.00
18	26C - The Capitol Encore Academy	Charter	4 - Sandhills	\$ 2,000.00
19	270 - Currituck County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 2,000.00
20	292 - Thomasville City Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 5,000.00
21	300 - Davie County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 3,000.00
22	310 - Duplin County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
23	320 - Durham Public Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
24	32D - Kestrel Heights School	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 500.00
25	32M - Global Scholars Academy	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 2,500.00
26	340 - Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 5,000.00
27	34D - Carter G Woodson School	Charter	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 2,500.00
28	35C - Wake Preparatory Academy	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
29	360 - Gaston County Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
30	41K - Piedmont Classical High School	Charter	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 2,500.00
31	450 - Henderson County Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 3,000.00
32	45B - FernLeaf Community Charter School	Charter	8 - Western	\$ 1,800.00
33	460 - Hertford County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
34	491 - Mooresville Graded School District	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
35	49G - Iredell Charter Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
36	51C - American Leadership Academy - Johnston	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
37	520 - Jones County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 3,000.00
38	530 - Lee County Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
39	550 - Lincoln County Schools	LEA	6 - Southwest	\$ 1,000.00
40	560 - Macon County Schools	LEA	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00

41	590 - McDowell County Schools	LEA	7 - Northwest	\$ 2,500.00
42	60F - Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
43	60K - Charlotte Secondary School	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 2,500.00
44	60N - Aristotle Preparatory Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
45	60Q - Invest Collegiate	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
46	60S - Bradford Preparatory School	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
47	60Y - Pioneer Springs Community School	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 3,000.00
48	61M - Charlotte Lab School	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
49	61V - Bonnie Cone Classical Academy	Charter	6 - Southwest	\$ 5,000.00
50	650 - New Hanover County Schools	LEA	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
51	65A - Cape Fear Center for Inquiry	Charter	2 - Southeast	\$ 500.00
52	65F - Coastal Preparatory Academy	Charter	2 - Southeast	\$ 5,000.00
53	65Z - D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy	Lab School	2 - Southeast	\$ 1,000.00
54	680 - Orange County Schools	LEA	3 - North Central	\$ 1,200.00
55	69A - Arapahoe Charter School	Charter	2 - Southeast	\$ 3,700.00
56	770 - Richmond County Schools	LEA	4 - Sandhills	\$ 5,000.00
57	790 - Rockingham County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 5,000.00
58	81A - Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	Charter	8 - Western	\$ 5,000.00
59	81B - Lake Lure Classical Academy	Charter	8 - Western	\$ 4,800.00
60	890 - Tyrrell County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 2,500.00
61	92K - Raleigh Charter High School	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 5,000.00
62	92S - Endeavor Charter	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 2,000.00
63	92W - Cardinal Charter	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 3,000.00
64	93N - Pine Springs Preparatory Academy	Charter	3 - North Central	\$ 1,000.00
65	940 - Washington County Schools	LEA	1 - Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
66	990 - Yadkin County Schools	LEA	5 - Piedmont Triad	\$ 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, toiletry and take-home bags containing products, extra undergarments and pants/leggings for accidents, deodorants and soaps, hygiene kits, puberty and menstruation education materials, and heating patches for cramps. In addition to the hygiene products purchased, a few grantees indicated that they would purchase baskets or product dispensers to house products in restrooms and trash receptacles for bathroom stalls. Grantees also commented on the ability to use funding to purchase period underwear, as it is something students ask for and feel more comfortable in, but which the PSU was unable to provide in the past. The following chart outlines which products PSUs said that they would purchase:



IMPACT ON STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Responses to the grant application demonstrated a great need for feminine hygiene products to be available in school. Grant recipients noted that the funding would help to cover costs the district incurs to purchase feminine hygiene products; to alleviate sole reliance on hospitals or community-based organizations, which often are not able to provide enough products to cover students’ needs; and to ensure that all schools in a district have supplies on hand when needed. Almost 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 or something they lack access to because of transportation constraints, and therefore have to rely on the school to provide these products.

“Duplin County Schools is committed to providing equitable access to supports and resources necessary for students to achieve at their highest level. This grant will allow us to have products on hand (including period underwear which we have not been able to provide before) to promote feminine hygiene. Having the ability to provide these basic necessities for students will enable them to focus on their personal learning and growth without worrying from where throughout the school day, these products can be retrieved. Duplin County is a high need school district in which 100% of all students receive free breakfast and lunch.”

-Duplin County Schools

A number of grantees also noted the stigma and embarrassment students experience surrounding menstruation, especially for those who do not have access to supplies and have to miss school during their cycles. Most grantees also noted that an increase in the availability of hygiene products in school would help students stay in school when they are menstruating and would alleviate student anxiety and embarrassment. Other grantees highlighted that students were very excited about the availability of period underwear, as they provide comfort and reduce leakage compared with other traditional products. The following summary points outline in greater specificity awardee comments on how the grant would impact student health and well-being:

“This grant will help to ease the financial burden on parents, staff, and students. Our school district has 89 schools, many of which are located in the Tier 1 poverty area of the city. School social workers and office staff provide feminine hygiene products for students in need using their own funds and constantly seeking donations. This is not included in school budget expenditures. Getting these funds will allow some students not to miss school during menstruation and provides equity in services to students.”

-Cumberland County Schools

- Alleviate financial hardship for both schools, educators, and students
 - Remove stigma, anxiety, and embarrassment related to menstruation and period poverty
 - Provide much needed support for resource poor areas
 - Prevent rationing of hygiene products in schools
 - Reduce instance of poor feminine hygiene and health risks, such as infections and reproductive health complications.
- Alleviate access barriers, such as transportation to stores to purchase products
 - Improve student mental and physical health, including reducing bullying and supporting school efforts to provide a safe environment that supports the whole child
 - Decrease fear of younger students, especially 8-12 years of age, who may begin menstruating and not have the supplies they need
 - 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
 - Ability to provide increased access to products throughout the school instead in just one location, including in food pantries, nurse’s office, restrooms, and athletic trainer offices for after school sports
 - 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 those experiencing homelessness, those displaced due to natural disaster, and those living below the poverty line
 - Provide much needed support for families and communities that rely on schools to provide feminine hygiene products to students

“It is imperative that students have access to necessary hygiene products in order for them to effectively engage in learning, particularly our economically-disadvantaged students who are most significantly impacted by this challenge. A sense of belongingness and psychological safety and security are vital to foster a positive school climate, and it is essential that students are able to remain in class, focused on learning, and free from embarrassment or shame...many of our schools augment their supplies through teachers' personal investments or through community partnerships and donations—this grant would enable us to serve a vital need across our district, and eliminate a stressor for both students and school staff.”

- Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

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

In a six-month post award follow-up survey sent to grantees regarding the grant’s impact on student health and well-being, awardees outlined the following impacts to-date:

- Opportunity for school to provide products to students, which it was unable to provide previously
- Availability of enough products to meet student needs, and students are pleased with the quality and type of products purchased
- Able to provide products proactively and have them available to meet immediate student needs
- Improvement in school attendance and self-esteem
- Serve all schools in need of supplies as well as Summer School Programs
- Assisted the school in not limiting how many supplies students can take
- Lessen cost burden for students and their families
- Provision of supplies to younger students who may begin their cycles at school and may not have any supplies they need at school
- Opportunity to provide equal access to feminine hygiene products regardless of cost
- Providing products directly in restrooms to destigmatize menstruation and reduce missed class time
- Alleviate burdens on the nursing budget, and allowed for nurses to purchase other much needed medical supplies for students
- Decreased student stress around attendance, tardiness, embarrassment related to accidents, and having access to basic needs
- Support McKinney Vento students, children in foster care, and others in accessing hygiene products which they would not otherwise be able to afford to improve their hygiene, self-esteem, and confidence

“We have been able to purchase period product dispensers and products for our students. We have had so many students tell us how much this means to them that they always have access to supplies needed.”

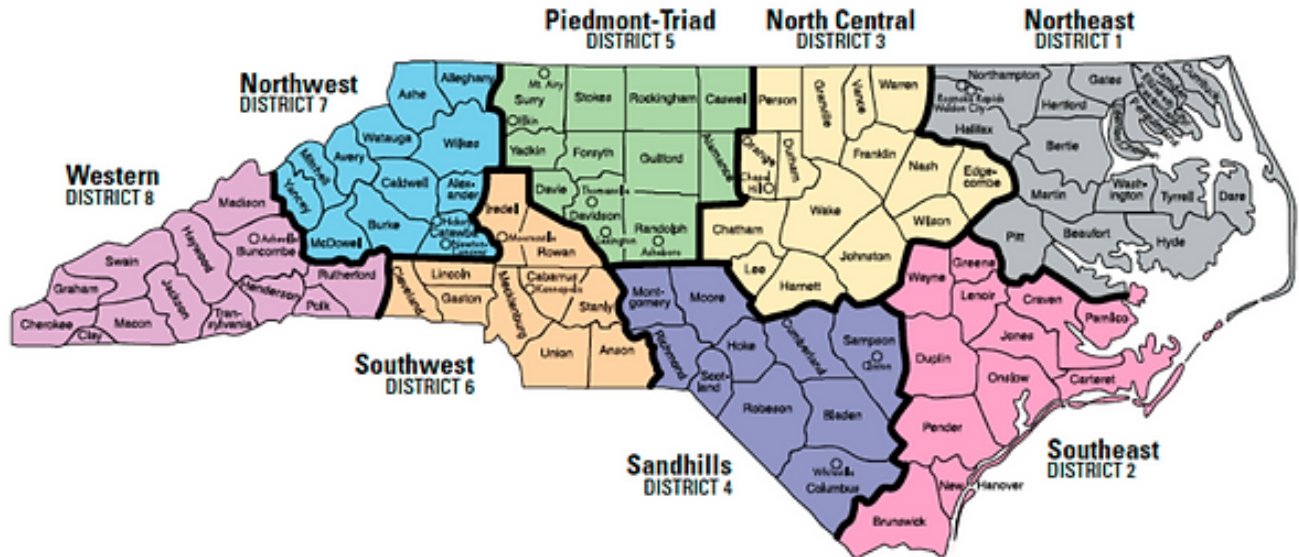
-Endeavor Charter, North Central Region

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 inquires about the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program, including inquires 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	Products to be purchased with funding, including tampons, pads, menstrual cups, period underwear, and reusable pads	Other products to be purchased with funding	Brief description (1-3 sentences) of how this grant will impact the health and well-being of students in your district.	How much do you spend annually on feminine hygiene products for your school district?
3 - North Central	00A - North Carolina Cyber Academy	Charter	\$4,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		We have students who fall under various socioeconomic statuses who need more than clothing and school supplies assistance. If awarded this grant, nearly 52% of our population of students will greatly benefit from receiving feminine hygiene products.	Our school has never had a budget designated for hygiene products so we had to rely on community resources to fund hygiene products.
7 - Northwest	050 - Ashe County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear		Being in a high poverty county our families often do not have adequate feminine supplies for their children. Our school nurses are providing a large amount of hygiene products in our schools. If awarded, we would have these supplies widely available for students in restrooms, classrooms, and the nurse's office.	\$1,200
1 - Northeast	080 - Bertie County Schools	LEA	\$2,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		We have many students in our district who are economically challenged. This grant will provide the funds necessary to meet their needs.	1000
8 - Western	110 - Buncombe County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		By providing these products in our restrooms, we will enable our students to stay at school for the full school day, as well as eliminate the embarrassment that sometimes goes along with students having to ask for the products from school staff.	\$5,000.00
8 - Western	111 - Asheville City Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Undergarments, wash clothes, soaps, body wash	Every school day Asheville City Schools serves over 1500 young women between the ages of 12 and 19 across its 9 campuses, many of which are part of the 16% living at or below poverty level or part of the 10% living in male headed households,all factors which inhibit access to feminine hygiene products for young women. Asheville City Schools currently receives pads and tampons from Project Dignity, a local nonprofit organization, which provides bulk products which are not tailored to the individual needs of all young women nor provide the necessary means to ,Áclean up,Á after an accident. This injection of funds would allow Asheville City Schools to purchase tampons and pads which fit our student individual needs, as well as ensure they are able to return to class clean and confident, ready to learn.	0
8 - Western	11C - Invest Collegiate - Imagine	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		Our National Honor Society currently seeks donations to supply these items to students in need. This funding would help us stock and inventory to serve any girls in need.	100
6 - Southwest	132 - Kannapolis City Schools	LEA	\$3,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Providing free feminine healthcare products will eliminate the financial burden on our families, most of who are economically disadvantaged. This will allow students to focus on attending and participating in classes and avoid unnecessary absenteeism caused by lack of feminine hygiene products.	Approximately \$1500 is spent via school funds and donated supplies.
6 - Southwest	138 - Cabarrus Charter Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		This grant will allow our us to provide feminine hygiene products to any student at Cabarrus Charter Academy that is in need of hygiene products. Teachers nor staff will feel the need to purchase this products out-of-pocket any longer. This grant will put the students at ease by knowing we have supplies to support them when needed.	Apprx \$5,000
6 - Southwest	13C - A.C.E. Academy	Charter	\$3,000.00	Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		A.C.E. Academy will utilize the funds to provide feminine hygiene packages for our girls. As an elementary and middle school we have girls just experiencing their monthly menstruation and they are rarely prepared. Providing each girl ranging from 8 years old to 12 years old with kids that include pamphlets, pads, and fresh under wear will help with the emotional feelings many experience.	\$1,000
6 - Southwest	13D - Concord Lake STEAM Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Feminine and baby wipes & deodorant	This grant will impact the health and well-being of students at Concord Lake Steam Academy by ensuring students have access to the necessary feminine products, deodorant and other basic hygiene items at school and aid their day to day health.	4,000
7 - Northwest	140 - Caldwell County Schools	LEA	\$4,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Panties, leggings for accidents, feminine wipes	This grant would significantly impact the health and well-being of our middle school students by supplying necessary items for cleanliness and optimal hygiene. In a Title I school, a lot of our students do not have the supplies that are needed at school or at home, so we often supply feminine products for school use as well as home use.	\$500
1 - Northeast	150 - Camden County Schools	LEA	\$1,000.00	Tampons,Pads		Our McKinney-Vento population has increased over the past three years, inflation has had an impact on the needs of all students. We have had some donations of these products, but that is sporadic. This grant will bring assurance that we will have the products as they are needed.	500
8 - Western	220 - Clay County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		Clay County is a very rural community in the mountains of western NC. Affordable housing for middle and low income families is a huge problem, and there are almost no affordable rental properties. As a result, many of our families are "house-poor" and most make hard choices to have a place to live. We have many students that appear not to have access to feminine products at home and only get them from us. This tends to be a great source of embarrassment for them.	In the past few years, several local churches have bought the products themselves and dropped them off at our schools. We have called them when we needed more, so I am not sure.
6 - Southwest	230 - Cleveland County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads		This grant will allow us to provide much-needed hygiene products for students who cannot afford to cover the costs necessary for their menstrual needs. Providing these products will ensure students can confidently attend school and reduce the anxiety that ensues when female students do not have access to what is needed each time they experience their cycle. Good menstrual hygiene reduces health risks such as urinary tract infections and future reproductive complications. Girls are empowered with they are educated about good menstrual hygiene and have the products they need.	
4 - Sandhills	240 - Columbus County Schools	LEA	\$1,500.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		By receiving these funds this will allow us to continue provide support to all of our students especially low income under privileged students regionally across the county. Columbus County schools and specifically our entire county has been majorly impacted by natural disasters over several years causing multiple displacements and financial struggles within a limited social economic area. Our students would greatly benefit from these resources made available to them throughout the school day.	\$1,000
2 - Southeast	250 - Craven County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Panty Liners	This grant will increase the attendance of students who may otherwise missed school during their cycle, due to lack of access of feminine products at school. The grant will aid in alleviating stress some students experience when faced with unaffordable costs of feminine products.	

				Pads,Period Underwear		This grant will help to ease the financial burden on parents, staff, and students. Our school district has 89 schools, many of which are located in the Tier1 poverty area of the city. School social workers and office staff provide feminine hygiene products for students in need using their own funds and constantly seeking donations. This is not included in school budget expenditures. Getting these funds will allow some students not to miss school during menstruation and provides equity in services to students.	Over 25,000
4 - Sandhills	260 - Cumberland County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				
4 - Sandhills	26C - The Capitol Encore Academy	Charter	\$2,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Baskets to store these products in the restroom discreetly, extra underwear, wipes	As a k-10 school (title 1) we have many students in need of menstrual products. For some we are the only source for these items. We can help them focus on academics instead of stressing over their periods.	300
				Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	feminine wipes, liners, toiletry bags	We have 157 5th grade girls we do the puberty class with. We would like to provide a little care package for them as a take-away following the class. We would like to be able to have counselors provide products in with the girl's backpacks with the food programs. We would like to be able to provide products in the nurses' offices and with athletic trainers (for after school during sports activities) for those students who are unprepared.	\$500
1 - Northeast	270 - Currituck County Schools	LEA	\$2,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Wipes	This grant will allow the students of Thomasville City Schools to have access to menstrual products while they are in our care and keep them from the embarrassment of not having the proper items to take care of themselves during their cycles. This will allow them to stay in school during their cycle period without missing instruction because they either need to go home to get products or because they lack products needed during this time. Previously, the hospital would supply us with the products but we have not received anything from them since Pre-Covid (2018) and we are in desperate need.	\$7,000
5 - Piedmont Triad	292 - Thomasville City Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				
5 - Piedmont Triad	300 - Davie County Schools	LEA	\$3,000.00	Tampons,Pads		We have many students that rely on pads/tampons being stocked in our healthroom for their needs.	\$2,000
				Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Duplin County Schools is committed to providing equitable access to supports and resources necessary for students to achieve at their highest level. This grant will allow us to have products on hand (including period underwear which we have not been able to provide before) to promote feminine hygiene. Having the ability to provide these basic necessities for students will enable them to focus on their personal learning and growth without worrying from where throughout the school day, these products can be retrieved. Duplin County is a high need school district in which 100% of all students receive free breakfast and lunch.	3000
2 - Southeast	310 - Duplin County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads	regular underwear and leggings/pants for students that have break through leaks	This grant will have a huge impact on the students that we serve because many of our students are from marginalized populations with many unmet needs, feminine hygiene products being one of them. Our schools struggle every day to meet the needs of girls who have no feminine products at home, and as a result schools provide products for girls each month for the duration of their period.	The cost to the district each year would surpass \$5000. However, many schools have community partnerships that have assisted with this great demand. With that said, this is not sustainable for these schools and each year the support ebbs and flows, whilst the demand continues to rise.
3 - North Central	320 - Durham Public Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	spare (new) underwear in case students need to change their clothes, zipper bags for backpack emergency kits, individually packaged wet wipes for cleaning up if there is an "accident"	Having a supply of menstrual hygiene products will support our students by ensuring they have what they need to attend class without distraction or worry. In the past we have had students miss class due to lack of supplies or embarrassment about an "accident" or leak, and having a supply closet available to them has prevented them from needing to call home for a change of clothes, go home "sick", or stay home due to lack of supplies. In addition, it has opened up lines of communication between the counselor (who stocks the cabinet) and students who have questions about their health and wellness.	The school itself does not purchase these items, but our counselor solicits community donations each year via an Amazon wish list in the amount of \$300-500.
3 - North Central	32D - Kestrel Heights School	Charter	\$500.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Wipes, feminine wash, and other hygiene products	At Global Scholars Academy, we have a majority-minority population, with approximately 95% of our students identify as Black or Hispanic/Latino. In addition, approximately 90% of students are eligible and receive free and reduced breakfast/lunch. We also have approximately 54% of our students are females. With all these factors, we are asking for funds to help our students avoid the "pink tax" or extra costs associated with feminine hygiene as many already struggle with resources to meet basic needs. We serve students in grades K-8, who are more vulnerable to needing resources and supplies but may not be able to get them versus students in high school.	2000
3 - North Central	32M - Global Scholars Academy	Charter	\$2,500.00				
				Tampons,Pads		It is imperative that students have access to necessary hygiene products in order for them to effectively engage in learning, particularly our economically-disadvantaged students who are most significantly impacted by this challenge. A sense of belongingness and psychological safety and security are vital to foster a positive school climate, and it is essential that students are able to remain in class, focused on learning, and free from embarrassment or shame -- our schools will keep all products in discreet containers in order to protect student privacy. We typically disperse all of the menstrual products ordered for our district over the course of the year, and many of our schools augment their supplies through teachers' personal investments or through community partnerships and donations -- this grant would enable us to serve a vital need across our district, and eliminate a stressor for both students and school staff.	\$2,523.20
5 - Piedmont Triad	340 - Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				
5 - Piedmont Triad	34D - Carter G Woodson School	Charter	\$2,500.00	Pads,Period Underwear		Young ladies will benefit from this grant because the need is great for this products during the year.	\$1,500.00

3 - North Central	35C - Wake Preparatory Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will provide our school with much needed feminine hygiene supplies to have on campus, and provide to students as the need arises. By providing the campus with a sufficient supply of feminine hygiene products, the school will be better equipped to make sure that all female student hygiene needs are met, and allow our health staff to better support these students who are just recently in need of these items, and still learning about their use, etc. Providing students with these products will help diminish missed time in school due to absences or tardies stemming from female hygiene needs, and reduce potential adverse health effects that would occur with students who do not have access to hygiene products.	\$0
6 - Southwest	360 - Gaston County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Sanitary wipes, clean underwear	This grant would support our efforts to provide a safe environment that supports the whole child. We would be able to offer all students supplies as they are needed to remain clean, healthy and in school.	We always look for grants and local donations. We would spend anywhere from \$3000-5000 of these funds but can always serve more students if there are supplies.
5 - Piedmont Triad	41K - Piedmont Classical High School	Charter	\$2,500.00	Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	body wash, deodorant, baby wipes	The Feminine Hygiene Grant will impact the health and well-being of our students because it is one less burden for them to think about each month. We have some students whose parents are barely making ends meet. This grant will allow us to replenish most used items to help assist our female students.	\$400.00
8 - Western	450 - Henderson County Schools	LEA	\$3,000.00	Tampons,Pads		These resources fit nicely into both the ways that we provide support for students who experience barriers to attendance and into the ways that we have collaborated with our community, who would like to help. COVID, the mental health crisis, and increased absenteeism have created a cycle of disengagement that we would like to fight on our fronts. And this is one of them.	We have partners who have helped us in the past and we would like to supplement their efforts.
8 - Western	45B - FernLeaf Community Charter School	Charter	\$1,800.00	Tampons,Pads		Our charter school has been growing a grade a year and just added our first 9th grade classes. With or without this grant, we intend to have feminine hygiene products on hand in case of emergency or financial need. We believe offering these products is an important part of how we support our families and support the demystification and destigmatization of this natural process as students progress in grade level.	1800
1 - Northeast	460 - Hertford County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		Help students decrease the risk of infections. Teach students how to take care of their bodies and menstrual hygiene.	We receive donations
6 - Southwest	491 - Mooresville Graded School District	LEA	\$5,000.00	Pads,Period Underwear		Period poverty impacts the education of menstruating students every year. By equipping our menstruating students with necessary period products, it keeps them in school, in class, and learning each month.	250
6 - Southwest	49G - Iredell Charter Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		As a Title I school, the grant would support our students with feminine hygiene products. Many of our families struggle with the basic needs, so this grant would offset expenses that female students need during their monthly cycles.	\$500
3 - North Central	51C - American Leadership Academy - Johnston	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will provide our school with much needed feminine hygiene supplies to have on campus, and provide to students as the need arises. By providing the campus with a sufficient supply of feminine hygiene products, the school will be better equipped to make sure that all female student hygiene needs are met, and allow our health staff to better support these students who are just recently in need of these items, and still learning about their use, etc. Providing students with these products will help diminish missed time in school due to absences or tardies stemming from female hygiene needs, and reduce potential adverse health effects that would occur with students who do not have access to hygiene products.	\$0
2 - Southeast	520 - Jones County Schools	LEA	\$3,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	replacement underwear, disposable washcloths and odor control	We are a low-wealth district in which students often need assistance in order to provide food, school supplies, basic hygiene products, clothing and footwear to meet their growing needs. We will utilize these funds to supply our Care Closets with personal feminine hygiene items, replacement underwear and odor control items to prevent the stigma associated with menstrual cycles, leakage, odor, and lack of funds to purchase feminine hygiene products. This will allow our students to participate fully in their school day.	\$4,000
3 - North Central	530 - Lee County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		The funding from this grant would greatly benefit our students who don't have enough funds to provide menstruation products for themselves and help them remain as clean and healthy as possible during their menstruation periods. We also have a high population of immigrants that cannot afford menstruation products and this would help ease the burden on families and students in the district. This funding would help our school system in making sure our students are confident in themselves during menstruation and being able to focus on their education rather than if they have a menstruation accident that would cause them to be less focused and/or help prevent an accident that would lead to them having to be sent home, where they could stay at school and increase their education.	\$2,000
6 - Southwest	550 - Lincoln County Schools	LEA	\$1,000.00	Pads		This will afford LCS to ensure no student goes without feminine hygiene product while attending school.	0
8 - Western	560 - Macon County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	cleansing wipes, privacy totes	This grant will ensure all students have access to school and don't have any additional financial burdens or worries when menstruating.	1000
7 - Northwest	590 - McDowell County Schools	LEA	\$2,500.00	Tampons,Pads		Students, especially those from low income families, will have access to these materials. Students can be secure in attending school during this time since access will not be a need.	\$2,500
6 - Southwest	60F - Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Educational materials, disposal receptacle, product dispenser, change of clothes for soiled clothes, hot water bottles	This grant will allow us to meet the need of students who are in need of feminine hygiene products. Previous years, we have provided products to the best of our ability, however the demand exceeds our supply. Our bathrooms are not adequately equipped for feminine product storage, therefore students must travel back and forth between the nurses office or front desk, and then the restroom. We also serve students who are unable to provide their own supply of such products for their school day.	Each year our demand has increased and we are now assisting students as young as 3rd grade with their menstrual cycle. We spend approximately \$3000 on feminine products alone, however with the added cost of providing clothing, undergarments, this figure is closer to \$4000. We would also like to better equip our female bathrooms.

6 - Southwest	60K - Charlotte Secondary School	Charter	\$2,500.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		We have at least 1/2 of population that live at or below the poverty line & this will be such a relief for our population. Many students arrive at school with NO period protection and often little knowledge of how their bodies are working, Especially our 6th grade students	\$1,000-\$2,000 a year
6 - Southwest	60N - Aristotle Preparatory Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear		This grant will provide our school with much needed feminine hygiene supplies to have on campus, and provide to students as the need arises. By providing the campus with a sufficient supply of feminine hygiene products, the school will be better equipped to make sure that all female student hygiene needs are met, and allow our health staff to better support these students who are just recently in need of these items, and still learning about their use, etc. Providing students with these products will help diminish missed time in school due to absences or tardies stemming from female hygiene needs, and reduce potential adverse health effects that would occur with students who do not have access to hygiene products.	\$500
6 - Southwest	60Q - Invest Collegiate	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		It will help especially given that our school is K-12 provides products that our students typically have difficulty purchasing. We also have a lot of younger students who get their first period at school and are scared and don't have the proper products so we would be able to stock up and utilize them throughout the school year for all students in all grade levels.	4500
6 - Southwest	60S - Bradford Preparatory School	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads		As a K-12 school that services NE Mecklenburg we provide support to all families and students on campus. The feminine hygiene grant would help lift any barriers to students needing these items on campus.	\$3,000
6 - Southwest	60Y - Pioneer Springs Community School	Charter	\$3,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Currently, Pioneer Springs serves K-12 and half of our 538 student enrollment is female. These products will be available to students to ensure hygiene and accessibility while at school and delivered in a manner that protects student dignity.	\$100
6 - Southwest	61M - Charlotte Lab School	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Feminine napkins, concealed pouches	Access to proper and adequate feminine hygiene products, especially in Middle and High school, is imperative to that student's academic, social and emotional success in school. Funding from this grant would impact the health and well-being of Lab students in that it will not only allow us to support our female students as their body undergoes changes, but also allows us to empower our female students; especially within a very critical time in their life. We would also be able to create mini menstrual kits that would be readily available for students, as needed.	200
6 - Southwest	61V - Bonnie Cone Classical Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will provide our school with much needed feminine hygiene supplies to have on campus, and provide to students as the need arises. By providing the campus with a sufficient supply of feminine hygiene products, the school will be better equipped to make sure that all female student hygiene needs are met, and allow our health staff to better support these students who are just recently in need of these items, and still learning about their use, etc. Providing students with these products will help diminish missed time in school due to absences or tardies stemming from female hygiene needs, and reduce potential adverse health effects that would occur with students who do not have access to hygiene products.	\$1,000
2 - Southeast	650 - New Hanover County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear and Leggings	Our goal is twofold. First, to provide menstruating students with the products they need when and where they need them in order to decrease class time missed during a student's menstrual cycle. Second, to provide products to anyone that needs them outside of school to decrease the period poverty that many of our students experience.	\$2,700
2 - Southeast	65A - Cape Fear Center for Inquiry	Charter	\$500.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		The funds will be used to purchase feminine hygiene products for our students. Our students will have access to important products which will keep them healthy and in school.	We typically will spend about \$500-\$750 for feminine hygiene products.
2 - Southeast	65F - Coastal Preparatory Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Shampoo, deodorant	This grant will provide our school with much needed feminine hygiene supplies to have on campus, and provide to students as the need arises. By providing the campus with a sufficient supply of feminine hygiene products, the school will be better equipped to make sure that all female student hygiene needs are met, and allow our health staff to better support these students who are just recently in need of these items, and still learning about their use, etc. Providing students with these products will help diminish missed time in school due to absences or tardies stemming from female hygiene needs, and reduce potential adverse health effects that would occur with students who do not have access to hygiene products.	\$1,000
2 - Southeast	65Z - D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy	Lab School	\$1,000.00	Pads,Period Underwear		This grant will greatly help the health and wellbeing in our district as many students do not come to school prepared with feminine hygiene products as they are lacking extra funds for those items. Our young ladies will benefit in their overall health and wellbeing with being able to come to school with confidence that personal feminine hygienic needs will be met therefore being conducive to a more productive learning experience. They will also have assurance that feminine needs can be met at school in a non-disruptive manner.	\$0.00
3 - North Central	680 - Orange County Schools	LEA	\$1,200.00	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Pants/shorts	This grant will allow for student support members to keep supplies on hand for students in need. It will also insure that students lose less time out of class or school. This intern will increase educational hours and keep students from missing important lessons.	\$3,500
2 - Southeast	69A - Arapahoe Charter School	Charter	\$3,700.00	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	We would like to purchase some dispensers to place in the restrooms which will dispense hygiene products at no cost for students.	This money would allow us to install dispensers in our restrooms and stock them with supplies that students could access quickly for free. This will decrease missed class time and allow girls to discreetly access the supplies they need. Period underwear is something that we have never been able to provide, but is something that girls ask for and would help them to feel comfortable in school.	\$350
4 - Sandhills	770 - Richmond County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00	Tampons,Pads		Richmond County is Tier 1 county with high rates of poverty, addiction and foster care placements. Many of our students are transient and live in unstable environments where knowing that receiving needed personal hygiene items at school could relieve at least one stressor from them. We strive to meet all of the Maslow needs first so that learning can occur at high levels.	\$750

				Tampons,Pads		Our district is located in a rural county and serves a significant amount of low-socioeconomic families. Many students come to schools to request feminine products regularly. Our staff members, particularly school nurses, often purchase these products from their own personal income.	0
5 - Piedmont Triad	790 - Rockingham County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Heating Patches for Menstrual Cramps, Period Educational Materials	Together with the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant, we can put a dent in period poverty. Our girls will receive clean free period products to reduce the risk of urogenital infections and toxic shock syndrome. Having easy access to period products will help make a girls' menstrual cycle a positive experience at school. The period underwear will be a hit in our school! Our girls wear a school uniform that is a beige-colored skirt and this will help them feel more uncomfortable and less distracted in having menstrual leakage.	3000
8 - Western	81A - Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	Charter	\$5,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Dispenser and/organizer	LLCA is a title 1 K-12 Charter School. Our student needs just since the pandemic have increased dramatically. To help decrease the burden and provide equity in this area of health care would benefit both students and families.	
8 - Western	81B - Lake Lure Classical Academy	Charter	\$4,800.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Hygiene wipes, hand sanitizer	Tyrrell County Schools is a very high poverty area with many students having limited transportation to stores. As a Student Services Department, we try to keep as many feminine hygiene items on campus for students in need. We would like to expand this to sending items home with students in need because of the lack of transportation students have and the lack of financial resources and local stores to purchase needed items.	Approximately \$2,000
1 - Northeast	890 - Tyrrell County Schools	LEA	\$2,500.00				
				Tampons,Pads		Students will have access to the sanitary materials that they need and will be able to more easily access the materials. This will result in students being able to take care of their needs with involving others (staff, friends etc.)	\$6,000
3 - North Central	92K - Raleigh Charter High School	Charter	\$5,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Undergarments for accidents/leakage at school	Our students are no longer allowed to store extra products in the school bathrooms due to safety concerns. This has led to more students needing to call/go home due to being unprepared or having accidents, and to an increase in inappropriate items being flushed. Having access to more products would allow our students to feel less shame and embarrassment over accidents.	100
3 - North Central	92S - Endeavor Charter	Charter	\$2,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear		This grant would provide us with the opportunity to make sure our students have the feminine supplies they need. The clinic is donation based and we don't always get the supplies we are in need of. This would really be an amazing opportunity to help provide supplies to students in need in order to help improve their well being.	3000
3 - North Central	92W - Cardinal Charter	Charter	\$3,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads		This grant will allow us to supply the needed feminine products for students who are in need and will also allow us to hand out sample products when doing our puberty talk.	500
3 - North Central	93N - Pine Springs Preparatory Academy	Charter	\$1,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Deodorant, Hygiene Kits	This grant will impact the health and well-being of the students by providing them security and stability. This means that their hygiene will not play a part in them being bullied. And they will not have to go home or wait for needed items from parents which will cause them to lose time from their classroom.	3500
1 - Northeast	940 - Washington County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				
				Tampons,Pads		Approximately 25% of our students struggle with access to feminine hygiene products. Receiving this grant will allow us to provide basic supplies for students and minimize the stigma they may feel around menstruation.	\$0.00 district dollars, however some faith-based organizations have donated feminine hygiene products that were kept in the school nurse's office in past years.
5 - Piedmont Triad	990 - Yadkin County Schools	LEA	\$5,000.00				