



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

COVID-19 School Psychologists Grant
Program

*S.L. 2021-25 § 3.5(a)(29), as enacted by S.L.
2021-180 § 7.27(a)*

Date Due: April 15, 2025
DPI Chronological Schedule, 2024-2025

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LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT

S.L. 2021-180 § 7.27(a). ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND/USE OF RESERVE FUNDS/DPI INFORM SCHOOLS ABOUT FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL

SECTION 7.27.(a) Section 3.5 of S.L. 2021-25 reads as rewritten:

SECTION 3.5.(a) Use of Funds. – The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund funds appropriated in Section 3.2 of this act shall only be used by the Department of Public Instruction to (i) allocate federal grant funds to public school units pursuant to subsection (d) of section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act and (ii) reserve three hundred sixty million one hundred seventy-eight thousand thirty-six dollars (\$360,178,036) of the funds pursuant to subsection (f) of section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act to be used according to the following:

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- (29) \$1,700,000 to establish the School Psychologists Grant Program (Program) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to improve the safety, mental health, and well-being of students by providing grants to public school units to recruit school psychologists, as follows:
 - a. Grant application. – A public school unit may submit an application to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision. The application shall identify current and ongoing needs for school psychologist services, including needs related to recruitment, and estimated costs associated with those needs.
 - b. Criteria and guidelines. – By January 15, 2022, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop criteria and guidelines for the administration and use of the grants under the Program, including any documentation required to be submitted by applicants.
 - c. Award of funds. – The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall award grants to public school units to provide signing bonuses to recruit school psychologists, as follows:
 - 1. The Department shall prioritize the award of funds to public school units that do not employ a full-time school psychologist at the time the application is submitted.
 - 2. No individual bonus shall be greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
 - 3. As a condition of accepting a signing bonus, a school psychologist shall agree to remain employed in the public school unit for at least one year.
 - 4. Grants provided to public school units pursuant to the Program shall be used to supplement and not to supplant State or non-State funds already provided for these services.
 - d. Report. – No later than April 1, 2022, and each subsequent year thereafter in which funds allocated pursuant to this subdivision are awarded, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall report on the Program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Fiscal Research Division. The report

shall include the identity of each public school unit that received a grant through the Program, the amount of funding provided to the public school unit, and the use of funds by the public school unit.

DATA COLLECTION METHOD

This report was completed using the Monthly Financial Report, which every public school unit is required to submit. Data is current as of February 28, 2025. Expenditures were recorded in the ARP – ESSER III- School Psychologists Grant Program allotment (PRC 0204). This will be the final report, as funding for this grant ended on September 30, 2024.

School Psychologist Expenditures by Fiscal Year

PSU Number	Public School Unit Name	FY 2023 YTD Expenditures	FY 2024 YTD Expenditures	FY 2025 YTD Expenditures (as of 2/28/2025)	Total Expenditures	Approved Funding	Remaining Balance
11C	Invest Collegiate - Imagine	\$ 1,540	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,540	\$ 4,966	\$ 3,426
65G	Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
020	Alexander County Schools	\$ -	\$ 13,400	\$ -	\$ 13,400	\$ 13,400	\$ -
040	Anson County Schools	\$ 2,593	\$ -	\$ 247	\$ 2,840	\$ 2,840	\$ -
060	Avery County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,679	\$ 5,679	\$ 21,000	\$ 15,321
070	Beaufort County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
130	Cabarrus County Schools	\$ 103,248	\$ 112,791	\$ 12,926	\$ 228,965	\$ 229,150	\$ 185
132	Kannapolis City Schools	\$ 5,918	\$ 3,550	\$ -	\$ 9,468	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,532
140	Caldwell County Schools	\$ 13,696	\$ 7,331	\$ 8,899	\$ 29,926	\$ 30,000	\$ 74
160	Carteret County Public Schools	\$ 24,051	\$ 2,958	\$ 4,951	\$ 31,960	\$ 31,960	\$ -
170	Caswell County Schools	\$ 864	\$ 6,084	\$ -	\$ 6,948	\$ 13,440	\$ 6,492
180	Catawba County Schools	\$ 11,762	\$ 24,494	\$ 4,744	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ -
190	Chatham County Schools	\$ 30,746	\$ 10,876	\$ -	\$ 41,622	\$ 41,622	\$ -
230	Cleveland County Schools	\$ 5,810	\$ 1,363	\$ 697	\$ 7,870	\$ 7,870	\$ -
241	Whiteville City Schools	\$ 5,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,496	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,504
250	Craven County Board of Education	\$ 33,818	\$ 62,513	\$ 8,669	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	\$ -
260	Cumberland County Schools	\$ 32,268	\$ 42,732	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -
270	Currituck County Schools	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
280	Dare County Schools	\$ 16,806	\$ -	\$ 3,194	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
300	Davie County Schools	\$ 5,286	\$ 915	\$ 299	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ -
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	\$ 20,599	\$ 14,801	\$ -	\$ 35,400	\$ 35,400	\$ -
360	Gaston County Schools	\$ 7,701	\$ 530	\$ -	\$ 8,231	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,769
400	Greene County Schools	\$ -	\$ 1,043	\$ 259	\$ 1,302	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,698
410	Guilford County Schools	\$ 21,544	\$ 14,389	\$ 7,401	\$ 43,334	\$ 43,565	\$ 231
422	Weldon City Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
430	Harnett County Schools	\$ 6,463	\$ 1,901	\$ 10,276	\$ 18,640	\$ 18,640	\$ -
440	Haywood County Schools	\$ 17,807	\$ 15,193	\$ -	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ -
450	Henderson County Schools	\$ 3,110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,110	\$ 3,150	\$ 40
500	Jackson County Public Schools	\$ 6,713	\$ -	\$ 3,291	\$ 10,004	\$ 10,900	\$ 896
510	Johnston County Public Schools	\$ -	\$ 13,672	\$ 751	\$ 14,423	\$ 15,000	\$ 577
520	Jones County Schools	\$ 7,797	\$ -	\$ 2,802	\$ 10,599	\$ 10,600	\$ 1
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,200	\$ 12,200
550	Lincoln County Schools	\$ 3,475	\$ 8,714	\$ 3,368	\$ 15,556	\$ 15,556	\$ -
560	Macon County Schools	\$ 2,321	\$ 3,949	\$ 24	\$ 6,294	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,706
590	McDowell County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
620	Montgomery County Schools	\$ 903	\$ 5,167	\$ -	\$ 6,070	\$ 6,090	\$ 20
640	Nash County Public Schools	\$ 21,388	\$ 9,612	\$ -	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ -
650	New Hanover County Schools	\$ 39,965	\$ 33,520	\$ -	\$ 73,485	\$ 73,485	\$ -
660	Northampton County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
720	Perquimans County Schools	\$ -	\$ 8,711	\$ 1,289	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
730	Person County Schools	\$ 17,292	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,292	\$ 21,600	\$ 4,308
740	Pitt County Schools	\$ 11,276	\$ 22,604	\$ 10,120	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ -
750	Polk County Schools	\$ 108	\$ 756	\$ -	\$ 864	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,836
760	Randolph County School System	\$ 1,054	\$ 353	\$ 9,300	\$ 10,706	\$ 55,000	\$ 44,294
790	Rockingham County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,547	\$ 5,547	\$ 45,000	\$ 39,453
820	Sampson County Schools	\$ 5,917	\$ 206	\$ -	\$ 6,123	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,877
830	Scotland County Schools	\$ 4,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,107	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,893

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840	Stanly County Schools	\$ 5,320	\$ 22,411	\$ -	\$ 27,731	\$ 28,000	\$ 269
850	Stokes County Schools	\$ 7,065	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,228	\$ 9,793	\$ 16,895	\$ 7,102
860	Surry County Schools	\$ 6,003	\$ 439	\$ -	\$ 6,442	\$ 7,640	\$ 1,199
862	Mount Airy City Schools	\$ -	\$ 5,529	\$ 1,434	\$ 6,963	\$ 7,500	\$ 537
870	Swain County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,977	\$ 7,977	\$ 8,315	\$ 338
880	Transylvania County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
890	Tyrrell County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
910	Vance County Schools	\$ -	\$ 5,592	\$ -	\$ 5,592	\$ 12,500	\$ 6,908
920	Wake County Schools	\$ 6,840	\$ 7,817	\$ 2,187	\$ 16,844	\$ 17,050	\$ 206
990	Yadkin County Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -