

BSOP - PRC 258 - Plasma Games Competitive Grant Program Awards

March, 2024

Background

LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE:

- Provide for the use of **educational software** to be used in science, technology, engineering, and math (**STEM**) and career and technical education (**CTE**) courses.

FUNDING SOURCE/AMOUNT:

- Session law 2023-134 provides **\$3,000,000** from **State funds** to continue the Plasma Games grant program previously established in SL 2021-180.
- Revised PRC established (PRC 258)

Timeline

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget approved with funding for Plasma Games
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidance and proposal documentation released to all PSUs per legislation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extension provided for PSUs to complete Plasma Games application
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 19, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application window for PRC 258 closed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 6, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present recommendations to State Board of Education

Request For Proposal

Plasma Games Request for Proposal (RFP) Key Points

Funds may be used for:

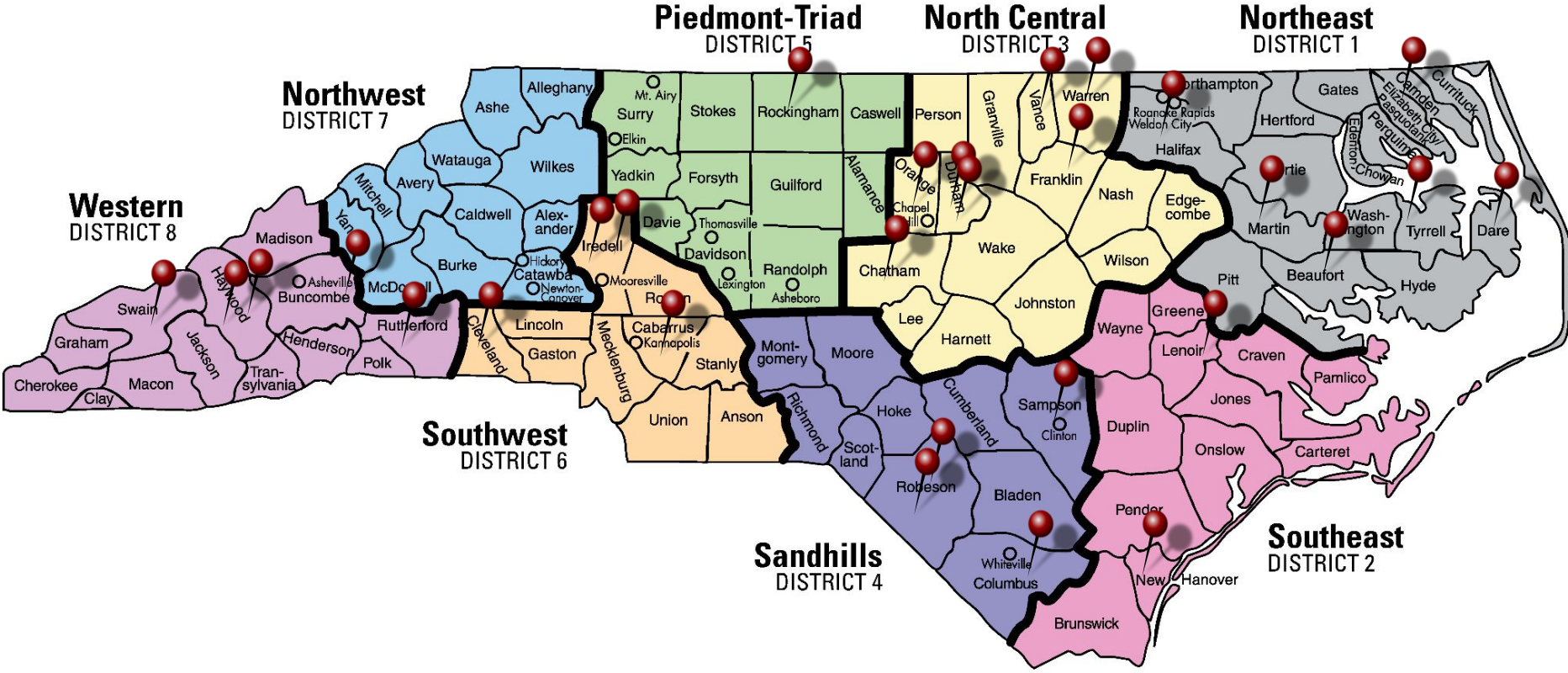
- Purchase of education software licenses from Plasma Games Inc., professional development and costs necessary to implement and utilize the software
- Preference will be given to: PSUs that participated in the pilot program created pursuant to Section 3.5(a)(25) of S.L. 2021-25, as amended by S.L. 2021-180, and are actively utilizing license grants pursuant to that pilot program.
 - 8 of the 22 PSUs previously awarded in 2022 applied again

Review Process

- **29 applications with \$1.33 million** in requests
 - 21 districts and 8 charter schools
 - 7 of 8 SBE regions
 - 8 applicants were previously awarded grants for Plasma Games in 2022

- **5 Components were required to ensure legislative alignment:**
 - Demographics
 - Description of Service Model
 - Operational Capacity
 - Evaluation Capacity
 - Budget Narrative and Alignment

Geographic Distribution of Recommended Grant Recipients



Applications Recommended for Funding

SBE Region	Number of Applicants	Amount of Funding Requested	Amount of Funding Recommended
Northeast	6	\$211,240	\$211,240
Southeast	2	\$42,840	\$42,840
North Central	7	\$317,311	\$317,311
Sandhills	4	\$217,020	\$217,020
Piedmont - Triad	1	\$56,040	\$56,040
Southwest	4	\$366,860	\$366,860
Northwest	0	-	-
Western	5	\$167,103	\$167,103
TOTAL	29	\$1,378,414	\$1,378,414

Applications Recommended for Funding

PSU	SBE Region	Award Amount
Beaufort County Schools	Northeast	\$27,840.00
Buncombe County Schools	Western	\$112,800.00
Cabarrus County Schools	Southwest	\$178,740.00
Chatham County Schools	North Central	\$57,417.00
CIS Academy	Sandhills	\$50,400.00
Clinton City Schools	Sandhills	\$48,000.00
Columbus County Schools	Sandhills	\$13,680.00

Applications Recommended for Funding

PSU	SBE Region	Award Amount
Dare County Schools	Northeast	\$26,520.00
Elizabeth City Pasquotank	Northeast	\$22,860.00
Franklin County Schools	North Central	\$169,054.00
Haywood County Schools	Western	\$31,740.00
Iredell-Statesville Schools	Southwest	\$110,280.00
Lake Lure Classical Academy	Western	\$11,403.00
Lenoir County Public Schools	Southeast	\$42,300.00
Martin County Schools	Northeast	\$76,540.00

Applications Recommended for Funding

PSU	SBE Region	Award Amount
Maureen Joy Charter	North Central	\$6,540.00
North Carolina Cyber Academy	North Central	\$16,020.00
Orange County Schools	North Central	\$37,020.00
Pinnacle Classical Academy	Southwest	\$48,000.00
Public Schools of Robeson County	Sandhills	\$104,940.00
Rockingham County Schools	Piedmont-Triad	\$56,040.00
Shining Rock Classical Academy	Western	\$1,260.00
Success Institute Charter	Southwest	\$29,840.00

Applications Recommended for Funding

PSU	SBE Region	Award Amount
Swain County Schools	Western	\$9,900.00
Tyrrell County Schools	Northeast	\$50,400.00
Vance County Schools	North Central	\$23,460.00
Warren County Schools	North Central	\$7,800.00
Weldon City Schools	Northeast	\$7,080.00
Wilmington School of the Arts	Southeast	\$540.00
TOTAL		\$1,322,110.00

Questions?

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