



Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program

§ 115C-377. (a) Program; Purpose. – 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.

(b) Grants. – 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.

(c) Reporting. – 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. (2022-74, s. 7.10(a).)

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DPI Chronological Schedule, 2025-2026

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Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program Summary



Period Poverty Quick Facts



1 in 4

female students in the US struggles to afford period products.

\$20/cycle

is the average cost a woman will spend on menstrual products, adding up to an estimated \$18,000 over the course of her lifetime.



67%

of NC female students in grades 7-12 attend a Title I eligible school.



4 out of 5

students have reported missing school or know someone who has missed school because of their period.

FY 26 Grant Program Highlights

Number of PSUs funded

In the 2025-2026 school year, NCDPI awarded 138 PSUs with a Feminine Hygiene Products Grant.

Funding and Award Amounts

The program is currently funded at \$500,000 annually, and awards to PSUs ranged from \$100-\$5,000/PSU.

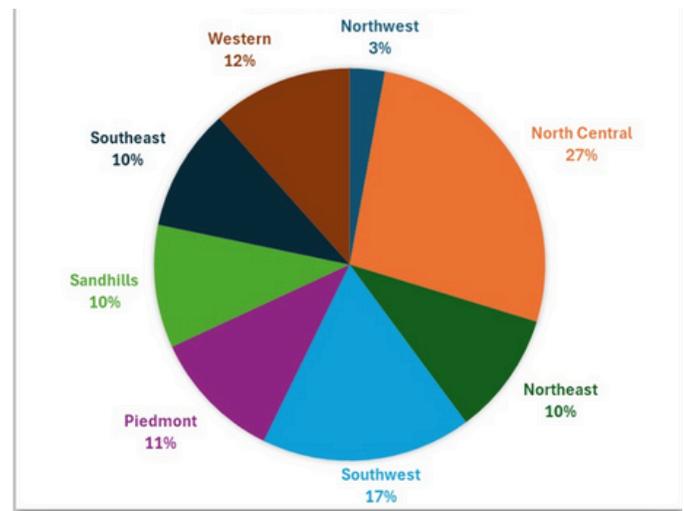
Products Purchased

Most applicants indicated that they planned to purchase pads and tampons, and many indicated that they would also purchase reusable products, such as period underwear, menstrual cups, reusable pads, and extra clothes and underwear.

Student Health and Well-Being

“The feminine hygiene products grant will significantly enhance the health and well-being of students in our district by ensuring consistent access to essential items that many families struggle to afford. By removing this barrier, students can attend school with confidence, maintain proper hygiene, and avoid preventable health concerns. Increased access also reduces absenteeism and helps students remain fully engaged in learning. This support promotes dignity, equity, and a healthier school environment for all students.” - FY26 Award Recipient, Randolph County Schools

Award Distribution by SBE Region



INTRODUCTION

An estimated 16.9 million menstruating women in the United States are living in poverty. Of these women two-thirds struggle to afford basic necessities, including food, clothing, and period products.¹ In North Carolina, 1 in 6 women and girls between 12 and 44 live below the federal poverty line, and 67% of female students in grades 7 to 12 attend Title I eligible schools.² With menstrual products costing about 20 dollars per cycle, North Carolina students experiencing poverty are not always guaranteed access to products at home. Students who do not have access to products are more likely to miss school, in fact, 4 out of 5 students have reported missing school or know someone who has because of their period.³ Providing access to menstrual products in schools limits disruptions to instructional time, increases attendance and ensures students are able stay in school during their cycle, and takes financial burden off teachers and educators to provide supplies to students.

The codification of the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program was a huge step toward making an impact on period poverty in North Carolina by increasing school-based access to supplies for students. The Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) NC Healthy Schools Section of the Office of Teaching and Learning 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 of up to \$5,000 to purchase feminine hygiene products. A total of 316 applications were received, with requests for funding amounts ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. With a funding limit of \$500,000, NCDPI was able to award a total of 138 PSUs with a Feminine Hygiene Products Grant, with those PSUs that did not receive a grant in FY25 being prioritized.

The grant awardees indicated that they would use the funding to purchase products ranging from pads and tampons 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; ensure students can maintain good hygiene and reduce unnecessary infections; make products more accessible to students with transportation constraints or to those experiencing homelessness due to natural disasters; provide feminine hygiene supplies for those who cannot afford the expensive products, especially those in rural and low-income areas; reduce embarrassment associated with menstruation and not having necessary supplies; and offset teacher and support staff expenses for such products. Many 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. Awardees also noted the toll on student mental health and self-esteem that not having access to feminine hygiene products can have, and how that correlates to increased time out of school.

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.

¹ Sacca L, Markham CM, Gupta J, Peskin M. Editorial: Period poverty. *Front Reprod Health*. 2023 Feb 7;5:1140981. doi: 10.3389/frph.2023.1140981. Erratum in: *Front Reprod Health*. 2023 Nov 20;5:1308137. doi: 10.3389/frph.2023.1308137. PMID: 36825206; PMCID: PMC9941660.

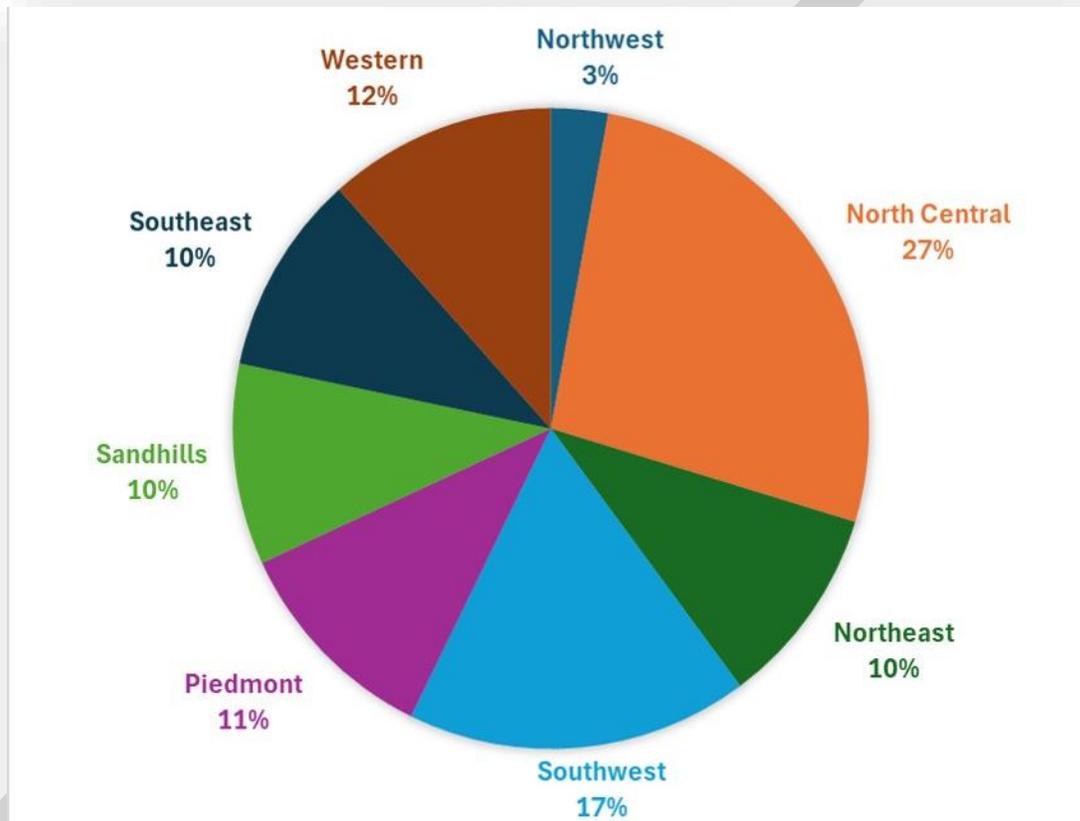
² Supplies , P. (2020). *North Carolina: State Fact Sheet on Period Poverty* . Alliance for Period Supplies . https://cdn.b12.io/client_media/HJ1wIVtl/f6ac686e-95f9-11ea-b2ee-0242ac110003-North_Carolina_APS_Period_Poverty_Fact_Sheet_052020.pdf

³ Thinx, Inc. & PERIOD. (2023, October 6). State of the period 2023. *Period.org*. <https://period.org/uploads/SOTP-2023.pdf>

PSU GRANT RECIPIENTS

Within two weeks, DPI received 316 applications for the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program. Of the 316 applications received, DPI was able to provide grants to 69% of PSU applicants (or 138 grants) from each of the eight State Board of Education (SBE) Regions. Grant awards were distributed to 73 LEAs, 64 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:

Grant Distribution by SBE Region



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 Awardees				
	Public School Unit (PSU)	PSU Type	BOE Region	Grant Amount
1	Alamance-Burlington Schools - 010	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
2	American Leadership Academy - Johnston - 51C	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 1,500.00
3	Anderson Creek Academy - 43C	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 1,000.00
4	Anson County Schools - 040	LEA	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
5	Arapahoe Charter School - 69A	Charter	Southeast - 2	\$ 800.00
6	ArtSpace Charter - 11B	Charter	Western - 8	\$ 2,500.00
7	Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County - 53B	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 3,100.00
8	Asheboro City Schools - 761	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00

9	Aspire Trade High School - 62N	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
10	Beaufort County Schools - 070	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 3,500.00
11	Bertie County Schools - 080	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
12	Bladen County Schools - 090	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 3,100.00
13	Bradford Preparatory School - 60S	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 4,000.00
14	Brunswick County Schools - 100	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 3,000.00
15	Buncombe County Schools - 110	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 5,000.00
16	Burke County Schools - 120	LEA	Northwest - 7	\$ 5,000.00
17	Cabarrus County Schools - 130	LEA	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
18	Camden County Schools - 150	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 400.00
19	Cardinal Charter Acad at Wendell Falls - 93T	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
20	Carter G Woodson School - 34D	Charter	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
21	Carteret County Public Schools - 160	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 4,000.00
22	Catamount School - 50Z	Lab School	Western - 8	\$ 600.00
23	Central Carolina Academy - 53D	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 800.00
24	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools - 681	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 4,800.00
25	Chatham County Schools - 190	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
26	Cherokee County Schools - 200	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 5,000.00
27	CIS Academy - 78A	Charter	Sandhills - 4	\$ 1,500.00
28	Clay County Schools - 220	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 5,000.00
29	Cleveland County Schools - 230	LEA	Southwest - 6	\$ 2,500.00
30	Clinton City Schools - 821	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 2,500.00
31	Clover Garden - 01C	Charter	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 1,000.00
32	Columbus County Schools - 240	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 2,000.00
33	Community Charter School - 36G	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 1,500.00
34	Community School of Digital and Visual A - 32C	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 3,500.00
35	Concord Lake STEAM Academy - 13D	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
36	Craven County Board of Education - 250	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 5,000.00
37	Crosscreek Charter School - 35A	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
38	Currituck County Schools - 270	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
39	Edenton-Chowan Schools - 210	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
40	Edgecombe County Public Schools - 330	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
41	Excelsior Classical Academy - 32R	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 2,000.00
42	Forsyth Academy - 34F	Charter	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 2,500.00
43	Franklin County Schools - 350	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 300.00
44	Gates County Schools - 370	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 1,000.00
45	Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington - 65G	Charter	Southeast - 2	\$ 2,500.00
46	Granville County Schools - 390	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 1,000.00
47	Gray Stone Day School - 84B	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 300.00
48	Greene County Schools - 400	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 5,000.00
49	Guilford County Schools - 410	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
50	Halifax County Schools - 420	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
51	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School - 93A	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 1,000.00
52	Harnett County Schools - 430	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
53	Haywood County Schools - 440	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 2,500.00

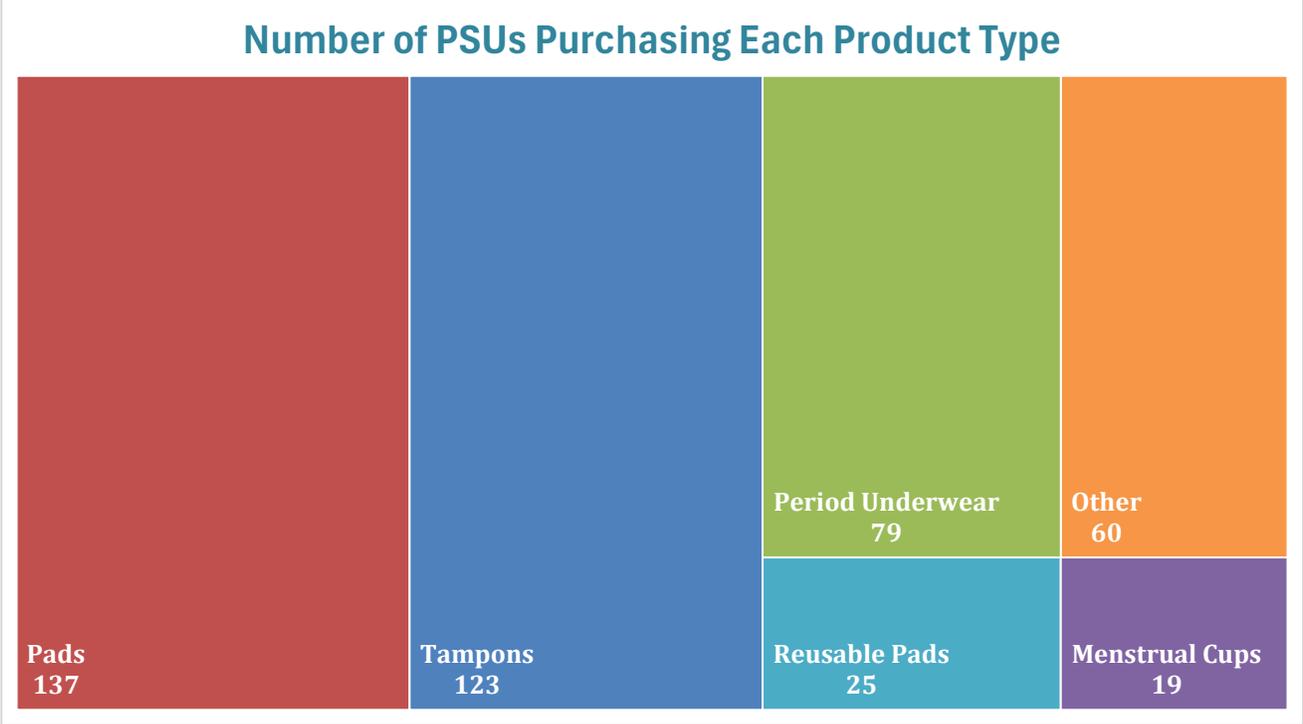
54	Henderson County Schools - 450	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 100.00
55	Hickory City Schools - 181	LEA	Northwest - 7	\$ 3,500.00
56	Hoke County Schools - 470	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 2,500.00
57	Hyde County Schools - 480	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
58	Invest Collegiate - Imagine - 11C	Charter	Western - 8	\$ 1,500.00
59	Iredell Charter Academy of Arts & Science - 49G	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
60	Iredell-Statesville Schools - 490	LEA	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
61	Jackson County Public Schools - 500	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 2,500.00
62	Johnston County Public Schools - 510	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
63	Jones County Schools - 520	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 5,000.00
64	Kannapolis City Schools - 132	LEA	Southwest - 6	\$ 3,300.00
65	Kestrel Heights School - 32D	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 2,500.00
66	KIPP Durham College Preparatory - 32S	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 3,500.00
67	KIPP Pride College Preparatory - 66A	Charter	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
68	Lake Lure Classical Academy - 81B	Charter	Western - 8	\$ 5,000.00
69	Lake Norman Charter - 60D	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 2,500.00
70	Lee County Schools - 530	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
71	Lexington City Schools - 291	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
72	Longleaf School of the Arts - 92U	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
73	Madison County Schools - 570	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 5,000.00
74	Magellan Charter - 92D	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
75	Martin County Schools - 580	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
76	Mitchell County Schools - 610	LEA	Northwest - 7	\$ 2,500.00
77	Moore County Schools - 630	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 5,000.00
78	Moore Montessori Community School - 63C	Charter	Sandhills - 4	\$ 2,500.00
79	Mount Airy City Schools - 862	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
80	Movement School Eastland - 62K	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 3,000.00
81	Nash County Public Schools - 640	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
82	NCDPS Juvenile Education Services - 998	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
83	NE Academy for Aerospace & AdvTech - 70A	Charter	Northeast - 1	\$ 2,500.00
84	New Hanover County Schools - 650	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 5,000.00
85	Newton Conover City Schools - 182	LEA	Northwest - 7	\$ 5,000.00
86	North East Carolina Preparatory School - 33A	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
87	Oxford Preparatory School - 39B	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 2,500.00
88	Peak Charter Academy - 93M	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 3,000.00
89	Pender County Schools - 710	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 2,500.00
90	Phoenix Academy Inc - 41D	Charter	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
91	Piedmont Classical High School - 41K	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 3,500.00
92	Pine Springs Preparatory Academy - 93N	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 2,000.00
93	Pinnacle Classical Academy - 23A	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 3,000.00
94	Polk County Schools - 750	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 5,000.00
95	Public Schools of Robeson County - 780	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 5,000.00
96	Quest Academy - 92N	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 200.00
97	Randolph County School System - 760	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
98	Roanoke Rapids City Schools - 421	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00

99	Rockingham County Schools - 790	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
100	Rocky Mount Preparatory - 64A	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
101	Rowan-Salisbury Schools - 800	LEA	Southwest - 6	\$ 4,000.00
102	Roxboro Community School - 73B	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
103	Sampson County Schools - 820	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 5,000.00
104	Scotland County Schools - 830	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 5,000.00
105	Shining Rock Classical Academy - 44A	Charter	Western - 8	\$ 5,000.00
106	Sledge Institute - 91C	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
107	Socrates Academy - 60J	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 1,000.00
108	Southeastern Academy - 78B	Charter	Sandhills - 4	\$ 5,000.00
109	Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy - 62J	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
110	Success Institute Charter School - 49D	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
111	Sugar Creek Charter - 60B	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
112	Swain County Schools - 870	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 2,500.00
113	The Academy of Moore County - 63A	Charter	Sandhills - 4	\$ 300.00
114	The College Preparatory and Leadership A - 41H	Charter	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
115	The Franklin School of Innovation - 11D	Charter	Western - 8	\$ 4,000.00
116	The Math and Science Academy of Apex - 93Y	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 4,000.00
117	The Math and Science Academy of Charlott - 61N	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 2,500.00
118	Thomas Academy - 24B	Charter	Sandhills - 4	\$ 800.00
119	Thomasville City Schools - 292	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 5,000.00
120	Transylvania County Schools - 880	LEA	Western - 8	\$ 3,100.00
121	Tyrrell County Schools - 890	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 1,000.00
122	Union County Public Schools - 900	LEA	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
123	Union Day School - 90B	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 3,900.00
124	Union Preparatory Academy at Indian Trai - 90C	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
125	Vance Charter School - 91A	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 1,500.00
126	Vance County Schools - 910	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
127	Voyager Academy - 32L	Charter	North Central - 3	\$ 1,000.00
128	Wake County Schools - 920	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 2,000.00
129	Wayne County Public Schools - 960	LEA	Southeast - 2	\$ 5,000.00
130	Wayne preparatory academy - 96F	Charter	Southeast - 2	\$ 5,000.00
131	Wayne STEM Academy - 96G	Charter	Southeast - 2	\$ 5,000.00
132	Weldon City Schools - 422	LEA	Northeast - 1	\$ 5,000.00
133	West Lake Preparatory Academy - 55B	Charter	Southwest - 6	\$ 5,000.00
134	Whiteville City Schools - 241	LEA	Sandhills - 4	\$ 5,000.00
135	Wilmington School of the Arts - 65H	Charter	Southeast - 2	\$ 1,100.00
136	Wilson County Schools - 980	LEA	North Central - 3	\$ 5,000.00
137	Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools - 340	LEA	Piedmont Triad - 5	\$ 1,000.00
138	Z.E.C.A. School of Arts and Technology - 67B	Charter	Southeast - 2	\$ 1,500.00

PRODUCTS PURCHASED

The PSU grantees indicated that they would use the funding to purchase basic feminine hygiene products, including tampons, pads, menstrual cups, reusable pads, and period underwear. Many

grantees indicated that in addition to purchasing these menstrual collection products they would purchase other much needed hygiene products including panty liners, feminine hygiene wipes, period hygiene kits containing products, extra underwear and clothes/leggings for accidents, deodorants and soaps, puberty and menstruation education materials, product dispensers and receptacles, and reusable heating patches for menstrual pain. 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, as school may be the only place some students have access to these products. Most grantees noted that access to supplies greatly improves attendance and academic outcomes. Grant recipients noted that the funding would help cover costs the district and/or staff, nurses, and teachers incur to purchase feminine hygiene products; to alleviate reliance on and to supplement community-based donations; to ensure students do not leave in the middle of day for supplies and not return; and to ensure that all students feel safe, comfortable, confident, and able to learn at school. One Western North Carolina grantee noted that many students are still dealing with the loss of reliable access to hygiene supplies due to the impact of Hurricane Helene. Many grantees noted that a lack of access to feminine hygiene products resulted in embarrassment, anxiety, and negative mental and/or emotional health outcomes

“Many of our female students do not have the monetary means or transportation to obtain their needed feminine products, so they come to school without them, relying on the nurse’s office to have them. The district nurses have been supplying these things, for menstrual needs at school, mostly out of pocket.”

-Asheboro City Schools

for students. The majority of grantees indicated that the funding would support students and families in their school community living below the poverty line or in rural and low-income areas. These students and families are often forced to choose between food and other basic necessities. Period products are an expense they cannot afford and therefore must rely on their school to provide these products.

Several grantees also noted the stigma, shame, anxiety, and embarrassment students experience surrounding menstruation because they do not have access to supplies and therefore are absent from

“The Feminine Hygiene Grant will ensure that students have consistent access to essential sanitary products, reducing health risks and preventing avoidable absences. By meeting this basic need with dignity, the grant helps students feel more confident, supported, and ready to fully engage in their learning. Ultimately, it promotes a healthier school environment and strengthens overall student well-being.”

-Bertie County Schools

school during their cycles. Most grantees also noted that the reliability of access to hygiene products in school would help students stay in school when they are menstruating and would alleviate negative mental health outcomes. Other grantees highlighted that having products on hand at school will better support younger students who start their period at school or may not have regular cycles yet. Grantees also noted that the funding will help support menstrual health education and hygiene. In addition, grantees commented on the impact the

grant would have on students to maintain good hygiene and reduce the number of unnecessary infections from lack of access to feminine hygiene products. The following summary points outline in greater specificity awardee comments on how the grant would impact student health and well-being:

- Alleviate financial hardship for both schools, educators, and students.
- Give districts, schools, and teachers the ability to genuinely meet the needs of students when it comes to availability of hygiene products in school.
- Provide much needed support for families and communities that already rely on schools to provide feminine hygiene products to students.
- Support the most vulnerable students, including those experiencing homelessness and poverty and those living in low-resource areas.
- Decrease instances of multiple absences and continue to support students and families who continue to be impacted by the pandemic.
- Increase educational opportunities and academic growth because students can stay in school when they are menstruating.
- Remove stigma, anxiety, and embarrassment related to menstruation and period poverty.
- Improve student mental health, including reducing anxiety and stress when students do not have needed supplies and increasing their confidence.

“As our number of students experiencing homeless and families living below the poverty line grows, the hygiene grant will ensure that students have consistent access to essential hygiene items, which will prevent illness and reduce school absences. By meeting these basic needs, students experience greater confidence, dignity, and emotional wellbeing. As a result, they are better able to focus, participate, and succeed academically.”

- Carteret County Schools

- Increase awareness and education on the importance of maintaining good feminine hygiene practices, and reduce instances of poor feminine hygiene and health risks, such as infections.
- Address needs of younger elementary students who are starting their periods and may not yet understand the changes occurring in their bodies or have hygiene products with them at school.

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 funding resources for hygiene products prior to receipt of the grant can be found in Appendix B.

“Providing free feminine hygiene products will help ensure that students never have to miss class or feel anxious due to lack of access to essential supplies. This support promotes better physical health, personal comfort, and hygiene, while also fostering confidence and full participation in school activities. By removing a key barrier to learning, the grant will contribute directly to improved well-being and academic success for students in our district.”
- Thomas Academy Charter School

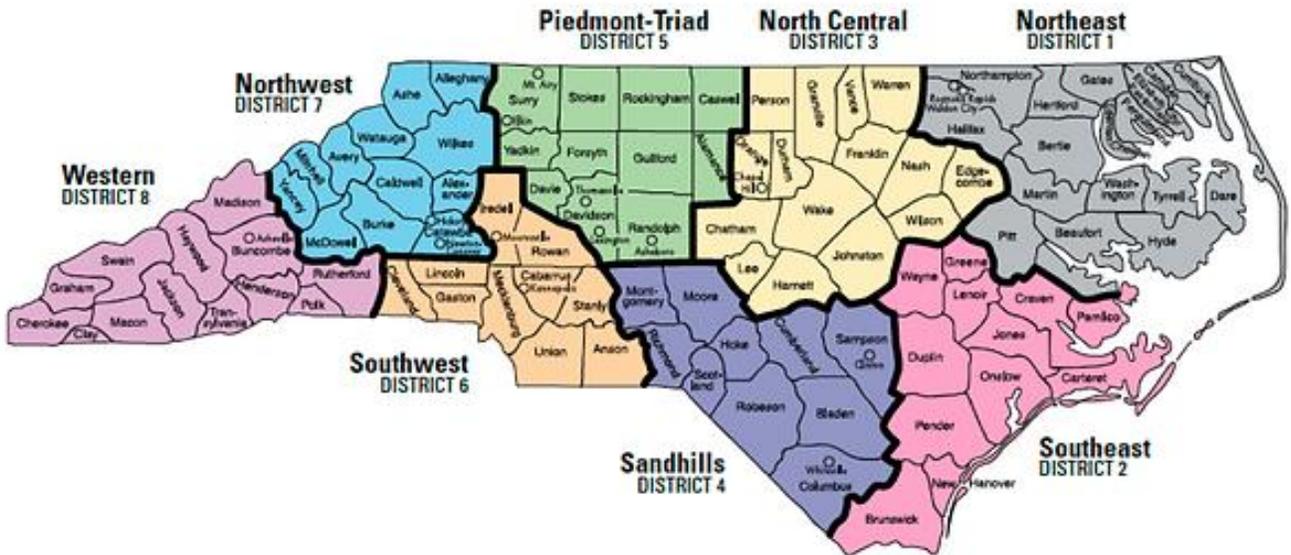
CONCLUSION AND RECCOMENDATIONS

Based on the application responses and needs of the districts, the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program provided much needed support for PSUs, staff and teachers, students, families, and communities. As many grantees indicated, there is a direct link between student academic success, attendance, and the provision of hygiene products in school. When students know that they can access hygiene products at school, they are able to learn better and are more likely to stay in and come to school during their periods. The grant program has not only helped students stay in school during their menstrual cycles but also has helped provide educational opportunities for younger students who may get their periods for the first time at school, and for maintaining good hygiene to increase knowledge and understating of menstruation. The grant program has helped to support PSUs and students by removing financial barriers to products; decreasing stigma, anxiety, and embarrassment due to lack of access to products, and ensuring confidence, health, and well-being is maintained so that students can continue their academic growth.

The DPI receives inquiries about the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program throughout the year, including inquiries on applying for funding and when or if funding might be available at multiple points during the school year. Since the program’s inception, applicants and awardees continue to note the great need for the availability of period supplies in schools, the positive impact on attendance and student well-being access to supplies can have, and the alleviation of financial burden on teachers, nurses and other educators. Even with the increase in funding in FY25, NCDPI is still only able to cover a portion of the funding requests received. Continued expansion of the program would allow DPI to provide more PSUs across the state with grants for feminine hygiene products. It is rare that there is a solution so tangible with widespread impacts on student attendance and health and well-being as the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program. An increase in the program funding could have the potential to make statewide impacts on chronic absenteeism, academic success and outcomes, and the overall mental and physical health of students across North Carolina.

APPENDIX A

North Carolina State Board of Education Districts



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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?
Piedmont Triad - 5	Alamance-Burlington Schools - 010	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		A large portion of our student population is in need of additional support for food, clothing, hygienic needs, and of course feminine products. The grant last year helped tremendously to support our students' needs.	\$7,250
North Central - 3	American Leadership Academy - Johnston - 51C	Charter	\$1,500	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	To be determined as needed to cover any purchases that may need to be made for the female students.	This grant will cover the cost of providing feminine pads, tampons, period underwear, and feminine wipes to female students, ensuring they have what they need during the school day. We expect this access to reduce absenteeism, embarrassment, and health risks from makeshift solutions, allowing students to stay in class, focus on learning, and feel supported.	\$1,500
North Central - 3	Anderson Creek Academy - 43C	Charter	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Bags to hold the feminine items.	As an elementary school and military connected community, we work with our families to provide feminine products and meet the needs of our young girls who are likely experiencing their period for the first time. We teach the NC health standards, and provide knowledge, along with a supporting community and relationships so girls feel comfortable.	\$500-\$1,000
Southwest - 6	Anson County Schools - 040	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	hygiene wipes	This grant will allow our district to purchase feminine products for our low income and high poverty county. A large number of our students do not have pads and feminine products and our school provides these to our students frequently.	\$2,000
Southeast - 2	Arapahoe Charter School - 69A	Charter	\$800	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear, wipes	This grant will allow for us to refill our free feminine hygiene dispensers. These free products help our disadvantaged students who often do not have access to period supplies. I will also purchase pads which supplement our 5th grade education on puberty, allowing the girls to feel prepared and ready for their menstrual cycle.	\$100
Western - 8	ArtSpace Charter - 11B	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads		We are a school with about 45% economically disadvantaged families. Our students would benefit from being able to have products at school as needed and being able to bring them home as well.	We have received some by donation. Our school does not currently budget for feminine hygiene products.
North Central - 3	Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County - 53B	Charter	\$3,100	Tampons,Pads		ALA serves middle and high school students many of them have started their cycles and don't have access to quality hygiene products.	Currently one of the counselors purchases hygiene products out of her pocket. Roughly \$250-\$500 a year.
Piedmont Triad - 5	Asheboro City Schools - 761	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	underwear, leggings	Our district is a rural Title one district with all of our students qualifying for free lunch and breakfast. The district has a large minority population. Many of our female students do not have the monetary means or transportation to obtain their needed feminine products, so they come to school without them, relying on the nurses office to have them. The district nurses have been supplying these things, for menstrual needs at school, mostly out of pocket. This grant would help us to supply the needed feminine hygiene supplies for our female students.	\$3,000
Southwest - 6	Aspire Trade High School - 62N	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Deodorant, body wash, lotion, combs, lice combs, shampoo, conditioner, underwear, toothbrush, mouthwash, heating pads, cooling pads, pain relief meds, socks, nausea meds, dispenser for tampons and pads for 6 bathrooms, first aid kit,	Our school's population is comprised of a large number of low income families. This grant would help us continue to provide feminine and personal hygienic supplies to our young ladies who are navigating strained conditions at home and may not be able to purchase all of the necessary products to properly care for themselves as teenagers on the cusp of adulthood. We often provide many things such as food, clothing and school supplies in addition to feminine products. These funds would allow us to provide more for our students while also relieving some financial pressure in this area.	We are averaging upwards of \$3,500. The additional funding would allow us to provide more for our young ladies. Thank you.

Northeast - 1	Beaufort County Schools - 070	LEA	\$3,500	Tampons,Pads		We have noticed a huge increase in the amount of feminine hygiene products needed at most of our schools. These young ladies aren't being supplied from home. We are a rural county with free breakfast and lunch at all the schools. Most students, when they come get a tampon or pad, take several. This will allow them to have a resource at school.	We depend upon donations. Probably \$3,500-4,000
Northeast - 1	Bertie County Schools - 080	LEA	\$5,000	Pads		This Feminine Hygiene grant will ensure that students in Bertie County Schools have consistent access to essential sanitary products, reducing health risks and preventing avoidable absences. By meeting this basic need with dignity, the grant helps students feel more confident, supported, and ready to fully engage in their learning. Ultimately, it promotes a healthier school environment and strengthens overall student well-being.	\$3,000
Sandhills - 4	Bladen County Schools - 090	LEA	\$3,100	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Feminine wipes	Our students are from low income families. It is hard to buy feminine products for female students. This will take the burden off families.	\$500
Southwest - 6	Bradford Preparatory School - 60S	Charter	\$4,000	Tampons,Pads		We are a K-12 school, and this will allow us to support female health as needed across our campus. This will reduce the stress of students and staff.	\$4,000
Southeast - 2	Brunswick County Schools - 100	LEA	\$3,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Black leggings in assorted sizes for students who need to change their pants and their parents are unable to bring them another pair	We have many students in our schools whose parents may not be able to afford personal hygiene products for their children. These products would help ease the burden parents/guardians face in providing hygiene products for their children during the school day.	\$2,800
Western - 8	Buncombe County Schools - 110	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		This grant provides feminine hygiene products for students at all of our 45 schools. It takes some of the burden off of schools to have these products on hand for when needed.	\$0, unless through grants
Northwest - 7	Burke County Schools - 120	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	underwear	This grant will help students in vulnerable situations and have more confidence in the school being able to meet their needs and provide that security for them.	Provide as requested that is not met by grant funds- \$2,000
Southwest - 6	Cabarrus County Schools - 130	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		The maximum amount of \$5000 would allow us to provide \$200 to each of our secondary schools to purchase these items. This would allow schools to ensure they have these products available in restrooms or in the Student Services department for students to access whenever needed.	\$0
Northeast - 1	Camden County Schools - 150	LEA	\$400	Tampons,Pads		I have several students that forget to bring pads/ tampons to school. These students would have to call home to try to find someone to bring them something or not come to school all together. The pads/ tampons are very beneficial to our students. There are 4 schools in our district that need supplies & I was applying for all 4 schools.	\$449
North Central - 3	Cardinal Charter Acad at Wendell Falls - 93T	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will ensure that students in our Title I school have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, removing a key barrier that often disrupts their comfort, confidence, and ability to stay engaged in learning. By meeting this fundamental health need, we can reduce absenteeism, support students's physical well-being, and promote a more dignified and equitable school environment. Ultimately, this funding will help students focus on their education rather than their basic necessities.	\$5,000
Piedmont Triad - 5	Carter G Woodson School - 34D	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		A lot of our students can not afford these products and may impact their attendance at school.	\$5,000
Southeast - 2	Carteret County Public Schools - 160	LEA	\$4,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	underwear, leggings, soap, deodorant, vaginal wash	As our number of students experiencing homeless and families living below the poverty line grows, the hygiene grant will ensure that students have consistent access to essential hygiene items, which will prevent illness and reduce school absences. By meeting these basic needs, students experience greater confidence, dignity, and emotional wellbeing. As a result, they are better able to focus, participate, and succeed academically.	Approximately \$3000-\$5000 is spent annually to provide hygiene products for Carteret County.
Western - 8	Catamount School - 50Z	Lab School	\$600	Tampons,Pads		Health in general and specifically female health is a critical issue in middle school as young students enter adolescence. These funds would help support products to encourage lifetime health habits for female students as they are on varying spots in their journey.	\$500
North Central - 3	Central Carolina Academy - 53D	Charter	\$800	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Deodorant	This grant will allow me to provide for students who may not be able to afford the products. This grant has been a blessing to CCA.	\$650-\$750

North Central - 3	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools - 681	LEA	\$4,800	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Female pants	Female students will have adequate hygiene products to ensure proper sanitation. Additionally these items will guarantee adequate supplies are available as needed,	\$5,000
North Central - 3	Chatham County Schools - 190	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Our goal is to keep students in school. By having feminine hygiene items at school, this allows our students to have the basic needs to remain at school. We know that when we call parents to bring supplies to a student, the majority of students will go home. The period underwear would primarily be used for our special needs students so that they could remain at school.	\$2,000
Western - 8	Cherokee County Schools - 200	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		A feminine hygiene grant can ensure that students in our rural school system have reliable access to essential products, reducing absenteeism and supporting their health and confidence. It also helps our school system address financial gaps allowing us to create a more equitable and supportive learning environment for all students.	\$1,500
Sandhills - 4	CIS Academy - 78A	Charter	\$1,500	Tampons,Pads		Over 90% of the students we serve are economically disadvantaged, this will be provide much needed financial relief in an area most people never think of. Our female student population will be provided private assistance to help offset unsanitary practices.	\$500
Western - 8	Clay County Schools - 220	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear and leggings/pants for when they bleed through	We have previously received this grant, and our students have greatly benefited from having period supplies readily available throughout the school day. With the prior funding, we were able to provide period-product stations in every restroom at our High School and Middle School, as well as provide supplies in the Elementary School, the 5th-grade building, and the main building. We also placed a station in our ISS building to ensure that female students have access to necessary products regardless of where they are on campus. As a small rural community with all four schools located on one campus but spread across multiple buildings, maintaining consistent access to supplies in the majority of our female restrooms has made a significant and positive impact. The availability of these products has supported student comfort, dignity, and preparedness, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue providing this essential resource. Without this grant, we do not have a funding source or budget for feminine hygiene supplies.	\$5,000
Southwest - 6	Cleveland County Schools - 230	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear/clothing for students who may have bled through their clothing.	Kings Mountain High School serves almost 1300 students. This grant would allow us to purchase feminine items they could keep in their classrooms for students who may have a need. It would also allow us to purchase items like underwear and leggings for students who may have a need due to bleeding through their clothing. This would allow us to assist students quickly and keep them at school and in class.	\$250-\$500
Sandhills - 4	Clinton City Schools - 821	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Feminine hygiene wipes, panty liners for light days, variety sizes of cotton underwear	This grant would allow us to increase our current supplies of feminine hygiene products that are available to our students and meet the need beyond school hours. Our 6th-12th grade schools serves approximately 1,600 students which includes 762 female students. Increasing access to appropriate supplies will support mental health of students by decreasing anxiety and stress our students feel in not having access to supplies when needed. Students may not have these items due to lack of personal funding or situations in which they are living where these items are not provided. These students will be able to have access to sanitary items so they will be more comfortable at school and provide an environment for our young women so they need not be embarrassed.	\$1,500
Piedmont Triad - 5	Clover Garden - 01C	Charter	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		This grant will ensure that students in our school have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, removing a key barrier that can impact their comfort, confidence, and ability to fully participate in the school day. By meeting this basic health need, we can help reduce absences, support student well-being, and promote a more equitable and supportive learning environment for all.	\$1,000

Sandhills - 4	Columbus County Schools - 240	LEA	\$2,000	Tampons,Pads		Columbus County Schools is a Tier 1 low wealth/economically, limited area. By receiving these much needed funds, this would our school District to support our students in receiving much needed feminine supplies, which in many cases students would go without or be limited in their access. Additionally, supports our academic endeavors, but also encourages growth, socially, and emotionally for our students and encourage school attendance.	\$1,800
Southwest - 6	Community Charter School - 36G	Charter	\$1,500	Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	pad dispensers	Being able to provide not only pads but also underwear for student at our school is a real privilege. We are able to encourage our students to stay in class rather than them having to leave school early for supplies.	\$2,000
North Central - 3	Community School of Digital and Visual A - 32C	Charter	\$3,500	Pads,Period Underwear		This grant will allow CSDVA to provide consistent access to feminine hygiene products for our students, removing a major barrier to learning, confidence, and daily well-being. By ensuring that every student can manage their personal health with dignity, we are promoting higher attendance, stronger engagement, and a healthier school community.	\$3,500
Southwest - 6	Concord Lake STEAM Academy - 13D	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will ensure that students in our Title I school have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, removing a key barrier that often disrupts their comfort, confidence, and ability to stay engaged in learning. By meeting this fundamental health need, we can reduce absenteeism, support students' physical well-being, and promote a more dignified and equitable school environment. Ultimately, this funding will help students focus on their education rather than their basic necessities.	\$5,000
Southeast - 2	Craven County Board of Education - 250	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		Receiving the Feminine Care Grant will significantly enhance Craven County Schools' ability to provide consistent access to essential hygiene products for students in need. This support will reduce barriers to attendance and participation, promote student well-being, and help ensure that all students feel confident and supported throughout the school day.	\$5,000
North Central - 3	Crosscreek Charter School - 35A	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		We have students that are from families where items may not be easily accessible. It will greatly help students to not feel uncomfortable when needing items and provide them with what will be most helpful to them at times when they need them the most.	\$0
Northeast - 1	Currituck County Schools - 270	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	vagisil wipes, shower wipes, thermacare heating pads	This will provide feminine hygiene products at the school so that students can stay at school and not be embarrassed by leakage. It helps students to stay in class by providing the temporary heat relief. And, we use to make take home packets as part of our education program.	\$5,000
Northeast - 1	Edenton-Chowan Schools - 210	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Providing funding for menstrual products will remove a persistent barrier to attendance and engagement for students in Edenton-Chowan Public Schools, where many families face economic challenges and limited access to essential hygiene supplies. Reliable, stigma-free access to menstrual items ensures that students' especially those in rural, low-income areas of Chowan County can remain in class, participate fully, and maintain personal dignity throughout the school day. This investment directly supports equity, student wellbeing, and consistent instructional access across the district.	\$0
North Central - 3	Edgecombe County Public Schools - 330	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		We have low income families over a large rural district/county. These supplies have helped students remain in school and helped with confidence.	\$3,000
North Central - 3	Excelsior Classical Academy - 32R	Charter	\$2,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		We are dependent on donations for our health office to stock menstrual products for our students. We would love to have a consistent stock of products for our students at all times. Access to necessary products while at school is conducive to keeping students in school on days these are needed.	\$1,000-\$2,000
Piedmont Triad - 5	Forsyth Academy - 34F	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		This program will help with young girls who are less fortunate and can't get the necessary items when on their cycle.	\$2,200
North Central - 3	Franklin County Schools - 350	LEA	\$300	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		It will help boost feminine health, self esteem, and the well being on young girls in Franklin County Schools.	\$100

Northeast - 1	Gates County Schools - 370	LEA	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads		Gates County is a small, rural school system with limited local resources and few nearby businesses. Funding for feminine hygiene products will ensure that all students have consistent access to essential items, allowing them to remain focused on learning without interruption.	\$750 a year
Southeast - 2	Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington - 65G	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Sanitary wipes, underwear, sports bras	The grant will directly enhance student well-being at the Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington by ensuring all students can manage their menstrual health with dignity. Providing these essential supplies supports equity, promotes consistent attendance, and empowers students to remain confident and fully engaged in their education.	\$1,500+
North Central - 3	Granville County Schools - 390	LEA	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads		We are a small district with a large population of student who rely on us to help provide them with hygiene products while at school. This grant could help us ensure that we have enough supplies for each student in need this year. This could change the life of some of our students.	\$500
Southwest - 6	Gray Stone Day School - 84B	Charter	\$300	Tampons,Pads		Gray Stone Day serves middle school and high school students. As the School Nurse, I have helped many of our middle school girls who started their menstrual cycle at school for the first time. Having the available supplies of feminine hygiene products to provide these young ladies and those who may have ran out or be in financial need is extremely helpful.	\$150
Southeast - 2	Greene County Schools - 400	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		Having these supplies readily available will decrease absenteeism and improve mental health. It has been shown that student who lack these necessary supplies experience anxiety and shame that contribute to their absences. This grant is vital in working with the students to provide academic success.	\$5,000
Piedmont Triad - 5	Guilford County Schools - 410	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		A feminine hygiene product grant can greatly improve health and wellbeing by for students in GCS by providing them protection, reducing stress and stigma, supporting school/work participation which will lower absenteeism, offer financial relief, and impact overall quality of life the students. By addressing a basic and essential need, this project removes barriers that limit people's potential and ensures that no one misses school, work, or life activities because they cannot afford menstrual products that will impact them immediately and long-lasting affects of the students.	\$5,000
Northeast - 1	Halifax County Schools - 420	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Panty Liners, First Period Kits, Rinse Free Bath Wipes	This grant will significantly strengthen student health and well-being in our rural, high-poverty district by expanding access to essential hygiene products, wellness supplies, and preventive supports that many families cannot reliably afford or access. This investment will help students feel more confident, comfortable, and prepared for learning by reducing hygiene-related barriers that often lead to absenteeism. Ultimately, the grant will aid in ensuring all students have the basic resources needed to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.	This information has not historically been tracked and various programs have supported these efforts along with historical charitable donations from local organizations in the community most of which in the last eight months have not been able to sustain their previous of level of support.
North Central - 3	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School - 93A	Charter	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	550	The Feminine Grant will empower the school to address health and well-being through culturally grounded, gender-responsive initiatives that uplift Indigenous girls and women. By funding wellness programming, mental health supports, and safe spaces for expression, the grant plays a crucial role in fostering a nurturing environment where students feel seen, supported, and resilient. These efforts will ripple outward, strengthening community bonds and promoting holistic healing across generations.	\$450
North Central - 3	Harnett County Schools - 430	LEA	\$5,000	Pads		Multiple schools in our district are in areas affected by families with significant poverty. These girls depend on the school to assist them with feminine hygiene products during the school day or they would have to go without.	\$0 It is not a line item in the budget.

Western - 8	Haywood County Schools - 440	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads		<p>The feminine hygiene products grant will have a meaningful and immediate impact on the health and well-being of students in our district. By ensuring free and consistent access to essential products, we can reduce barriers that often prevent students from feeling comfortable, confident, and prepared during the school day. This support will help decrease absenteeism related to lack of supplies, promote better personal hygiene, and reduce the stress and anxiety students may experience when they do not have access to necessary products.</p> <p>Additionally, the grant allows us to create a more supportive and equitable school environment. When students' basic needs are met, they are better able to focus on their learning, participate fully in school activities, and maintain their overall physical and emotional well-being. This initiative strengthens our commitment to providing a safe, healthy, and inclusive educational experience for all students.</p>	\$500
Western - 8	Henderson County Schools - 450	LEA	\$100	Pads,Other (Please describe.)	new underwear to replace soiled underwear from menstrual bleeding	This grant will assist students in poverty by providing necessary supplies, give dignity to students struggling with menstruation, and provide peace of mind to parents who struggle to provide expensive supplies to their children. It will also work to reduce student absences, as they will have adequate resources to stay in school during menstruation.	\$100
Northwest - 7	Hickory City Schools - 181	LEA	\$3,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Regular undergarments for accidents	There will be an increase in attendance as students can be more prepared. The purchase of items will help student self-esteem and decrease bullying in the event of accidents or their period starting unexpectedly by having items on hand.	\$500
Sandhills - 4	Hoke County Schools - 470	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Feminine whips, Soap, Laundry Detergent	These products will improve the health and well-being of our students by ensuring they have necessary items to come to school feeling confident and prepared to learn. They will be able to focus on learning not hygiene issues.	\$2,500
Northeast - 1	Hyde County Schools - 480	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Feminine Hygiene educational materials- with many single parents and grandparents raising students it provides information to students.	This will provide period boxes (period underwear, information regarding feminine hygiene, tampons and pads) to students that are reaching puberty in grades 4/5 to support understanding female hygiene, free tampons and pads in all girls bathrooms. This has been	\$5,000
Western - 8	Invest Collegiate - Imagine - 11C	Charter	\$1,500	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear		We would like to be able to provide products to our females who families are on a limited income or whose menstrual cycle creates an unexpected inconvenience while at school.	\$500
Southwest - 6	Iredell Charter Academy of Arts & Scienc - 49G	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will ensure that students in our Title I school have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, removing a key barrier that often disrupts their comfort, confidence, and ability to stay engaged in learning. By meeting this fundamental health need, we can reduce absenteeism, support students' physical well-being, and promote a more dignified and equitable school environment. Ultimately, this funding will help students focus on their education rather than their basic necessities.	\$5,000
Southwest - 6	Iredell-Statesville Schools - 490	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Students are impacted by the current financial climate. Having a supply for pads would provide period security for those most impacted. It could mean the difference in choosing food or period supplies.	\$0
Western - 8	Jackson County Public Schools - 500	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant is incredibly impactful for our students each year and helps to meet our students' basic needs with dignity. Our support teams are able to provide them with what they need at school.	\$2,500 - \$5,000
North Central - 3	Johnston County Public Schools - 510	LEA	\$5,000	Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	sweatpants, leggings and/or regular underwear for accidents during periods	We have many low income families in our district that can not afford to purchase feminine hygiene products. Have this grant we would be able to purchase sweatpants, underwear and/or leggings for students if they begin their cycle at school and soil their clothing. We have purchased some pads but have a high need for underwear and replacement pants at this time.	In the past we got boxes for all 50 schools in our district and it was \$4,199.00
Southeast - 2	Jones County Schools - 520	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		The feminine hygiene grant will help our low income district provide resources to our students during the school day. We are a small district, very rural, and low income.	We have spent around \$5000 yearly upon receiving the grant.

Southwest - 6	Kannapolis City Schools - 132	LEA	\$3,300	Tampons,Pads		This grant would impact the overall health and well being of our students at A.L. Brown by providing them with feminine products they may not be able to afford or may not be available for them if they started their menstrual cycle while at school.	
North Central - 3	Kestrel Heights School - 32D	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads		Kestrel Heights is a Title 1 school, and our students have been impacted by the economic downturn. For some, having access to feminine products at school saves them from embarrassing moments or missing school altogether.	We only spend when we receive grant money or when we create a "Clear the List" campaign.
North Central - 3	KIPP Durham College Preparatory - 32S	Charter	\$3,500	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear & Cleaning Wipes	PSU KIPP Durham College Preparatory serves nearly 400 students grades K through 8, many of whom come from low-income families for which feminine hygiene products are a costly need. A generous contribution of \$3,475 will enable KIPP Durham College Preparatory to provide their students with the feminine hygiene products needed to focus on learning and thriving in the classroom during the school day.	\$3,000
Northeast - 1	KIPP Pride College Preparatory - 66A	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Heating Patch for Menstrual Cramps, Period Pouches/ Kits	This grant will allow us to bring awareness to teen development. It will allow students to build relationships with staff around health and well-being. It will also allow us to educate students on health and physical development. In addition, this grant will raise awareness and provide support for our student health services department.	\$3,500
Western - 8	Lake Lure Classical Academy - 81B	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	deodorant, period bags	This grant would impact the health and well-being of our students by providing them access to feminine hygiene products at school. As a Title 1 school, many students do not come prepared for their period or come from homes that fully prepare their daughters for that time of the month. Having period bags, period underwear, and products available reduces the stigma and allows students the freedom to get the products they need.	Donations
Southwest - 6	Lake Norman Charter - 60D	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve student mental health, including reducing anxiety and panic attacks when students do not have needed supplies. • Reduce instance of poor feminine hygiene and health risks, such as bacterial and urinary tract infections. • Increase awareness and education on the importance of maintaining good feminine hygiene practices. 	Currently supplies are donated by parents and our PTO \$0
North Central - 3	Lee County Schools - 530	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	If permissible: baby wipes for cleaning up, underwear and leggings for a change of clothes	This grant would help the students in our district greatly since we have a large number of immigrant students, and students in low-income households that many times do not have the extra funds for purchasing feminine products, and allow the school to provide them with the products needed during their menstrual cycles. The ability to use these funds for clothing, if allowed, would also benefit our district so that the nursing staff could provide a change of clothing as well, so that parents would not have to miss work to pick students up, which in turn increases a financial burden on them. The items would also be used by the nurses to teach students about puberty, cleanliness, and how to take care of their bodies and hygiene in these situations.	\$7,500
Piedmont Triad - 5	Lexington City Schools - 291	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear for all grade levels	Funding for feminine hygiene products will ensure students have access to essential items, reducing stress and health risks from a lack of supplies. This support promotes dignity, minimizes absences, and fosters equity and a safe and supportive school environment for all.	Last year our district was able to use our grant funds \$4000 to provide feminine hygiene products.
North Central - 3	Longleaf School of the Arts - 92U	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	regular underwear	In this time of increased prices on everything, many students' families are having a hard time making ends meet. We will be able to help these students financially by providing some of their feminine hygiene products. Their families will have more money to spend on rent, groceries, utilities, gas, etc... 10% of our school population is on Free/Reduced lunch. We would like to be able to offer Menstrual Cups, Period Underwear, and Reusable Pads, in addition to just tampons and traditional pads.	\$2,160/year

Western - 8	Madison County Schools - 570	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Heating pads and pants	This grant will greatly impact the health and well-being of students in our district by offering access to necessary medical supplies for students that may not be able to afford or access them otherwise. It will also remove potential barriers that could impede instruction delivery or access.	\$5,000
North Central - 3	Magellan Charter - 92D	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Period kits, advil, underwear, feminine wipes, shorts, pants.	Having feminine hygiene products on hand will provide reassurance to our girls should they need supplies at school. It will also assist with students who are not able to bring their own supplies.	\$1,000
Northeast - 1	Martin County Schools - 580	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Students will have access to products they will need at school and be able to stay in school and not have to sign out and go home.	\$5,000
Northwest - 7	Mitchell County Schools - 610	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Many of our students come from low-income families. Also, with Hurricane Helene, we lost our only grocery store, making it even more difficult for students and families to get the necessities they need for everyday living. This grant will make feminine hygiene products more accessible to our students.	\$0
Sandhills - 4	Moore County Schools - 630	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Deodorant & Feminine Wipes	This grant will directly impact every middle school and high school in our district by providing feminine products/support to our students in need. Each counselor, social worker, and school nurse currently use the products from last year's grant and it has made a tremendous impact on our schools. Having the products on hand allow for children to remain in school and continue their academic growth.	Last year we spent \$5,000 because we received this incredible grant opportunity. However, in the past, we have had to coordinate our efforts with local businesses and agencies for donations.
Sandhills - 4	Moore Montessori Community School - 63C	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads		40% of our population at the school meets the criteria for economically disadvantaged. This would help support those students that fall into that category.	\$500
Piedmont Triad - 5	Mount Airy City Schools - 862	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		A feminine hygiene product grant would ensure that all students have consistent access to essential supplies, reducing absences caused by lack of resources. It would also promote equity and dignity, creating a more supportive learning environment where students can focus on academics rather than unmet basic needs.	Our school system gets feminine hygiene products through donations only.
Southwest - 6	Movement School Eastland - 62K	Charter	\$3,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		The population of students I work with primarily come from low-income households and there are health products, like tampons or pads, that cause additional financial stress. I never want our students, especially our females, to feel they can't receive the care and products they need. I want to help remove financial barriers to families and promote an environment that's supportive, caring, and trustworthy.	\$500
North Central - 3	Nash County Public Schools - 640	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Uderware	This grant will ensure that students have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, reducing barriers to comfort, dignity, and participation in the school day. By meeting these basic needs, we can improve student health, decrease absenteeism, and support a more equitable learning environment.	\$0
North Central - 3	NCDPS Juvenile Education Services - 998	LEA	\$5,000	Pads		Access to feminine hygiene products is a fundamental human right and a critical component of health, dignity, and well-being. Within juvenile justice facilities, young women and girls often face barriers to obtaining adequate menstrual products, which can lead to discomfort, embarrassment, and even health complications. oProviding high-quality, sufficient supplies helps maintain physical health and prevents avoidable medical issues. oMenstruation is a natural biological process. Denying or limiting access to products can cause shame, anxiety, and emotional distress. Ensuring access promotes self-esteem and a sense of normalcy for youth in custody This grant seeks to address these inequities by ensuring consistent, dignified, and stigma-free access to essential feminine hygiene supplies.	\$7,000

Northeast - 1	NE Academy for Aerospace & AdvTech - 70A	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	underwear and leggings for students who made them during the day.	I am seeking support to provide feminine hygiene products specifically pads and spare underwear/pants for my middle grade students. Many of them are navigating their first years of menstruation and occasionally experience unexpected accidents during the school day. Having these supplies readily available would help ensure they feel comfortable, supported, and able to return to class with confidence and dignity.	\$2,000
Southeast - 2	New Hanover County Schools - 650	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		Access to period products in imperative for our students to be able to maintain attendance goals. We would provide the products to a variety of nurses, school counselors, as well as teachers in each of our high schools and middle schools so that students have ample access to their period products.	\$0
Northwest - 7	Newton Conover City Schools - 182	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	shorts, leggings, underwear	The majority of our schools are Title 1 schools and come from single parent families. Many of our families have a difficult time providing these supplies and count on the schools to provide them. We also like to keep pants and underwear so that our students do not need to leave school to change clothes as they typically do not return and miss instructional time.	\$5,000 or more
North Central - 3	North East Carolina Preparatory School - 33A	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Reusable Pads		When there's a need having feminine products available to students we can get the students quickly back in class learning. It is a frequent need, most days we have students asking for "pads".	I received a truck load of excess state Covid supplies, including sanitary products which was a huge blessing. Unfortunately we've gone through large cases of those and are almost out. I was not employed at this school when feminine hygiene had to be purchased so I don't know our cost.
North Central - 3	Oxford Preparatory School - 39B	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	reusable heating pads	This grant will allow our district to provide consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products for students who may otherwise go without. By reducing barriers related to cost and availability, we can help students feel more comfortable, confident, and prepared during the school day. Ensuring these resources are readily available supports student health, dignity, and uninterrupted classroom participation.	We received this grant 2 years ago and have been able to sustain our program using this funding.
North Central - 3	Peak Charter Academy - 93M	Charter	\$3,000	Tampons,Pads		Allowing this funding could increase our attendance specifically in Middle School. On average a middle schooler can miss up to 15 days out of the year because of lack of hygienic items. Our hope is to allow more of a transparent space for our scholars with the ability of this grant.	\$1,000
Southeast - 2	Pender County Schools - 710	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Leggings	This grant will ensure that students in grades 5 through 8 have reliable access to essential feminine hygiene products during a time when many begin their period and often experience unexpected accidents that require clothing changes. Providing these supplies will reduce stress, support comfort and dignity, and prevent missed class time by giving students immediate care when they need it most. With these resources in place, our schools can promote confidence and a healthier environment for every student.	\$0
Piedmont Triad - 5	Phoenix Academy Inc - 41D	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		As a K-12 school our need for feminine hygiene products and education begins as early as third grade and continues through 12th grade. These students are spread across 2 campuses and therefore our needs require us to fill two closets. These young female students often have not received education on what is happening to their bodies which leads to not being prepared. We want to make sure that all of students have their needs met and they do not feel embarrassed by what is happening but instead are empowered to learn how to take charge of their personal care.	\$0, we rely on donations
Piedmont Triad - 5	Piedmont Classical High School - 41K	LEA	\$3,500	Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	In addition to pads, period underwear, and menstrual cups, I would also purchase deodorant and body wash for students.	The ways that this grant will impact my students are two-fold. On one hand, my students feel a sense of relief when they walk into my room to get feminine hygiene items, and those items are readily available. I provide students with new underwear, pads, wipes, and in some cases, body wash to freshen up. Another way that this grant will impact the health and well being of students in my district is to contribute to improved student self-esteem and social confidence, creating a more focused and positive learning environment.	\$750

North Central - 3	Pine Springs Preparatory Academy - 93N	Charter	\$2,000	Pads		We are in need of pads to fill our dispensers for our middle school students. Not having pads in the bathrooms creates lots of anxiety for my students, and they get very embarrassed having to come to the front office to the nurses office to ask for them.	\$1,500-\$2,500
Southwest - 6	Pinnacle Classical Academy - 23A	Charter	\$3,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Heat packs for cramps	This funding will allow our district to provide free, readily available feminine hygiene products to students who need them, ensuring no student has to miss class due to lack of supplies. By addressing this critical need, we can enhance students' well-being, participation, and overall school success.	Unsure of a definite total.
Western - 8	Polk County Schools - 750	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	underwear, feminine wipes	Our demographics in our district include a large percentage of students/families in the lower income bracket and struggle financially. This would help provide needed feminine hygiene supplies to make sure our students have access to important and necessary supplies.	\$2,500
Sandhills - 4	Public Schools of Robeson County - 780	LEA	\$5,000	Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	deodorant and shampoo if allowable	Robeson County schools is one of the poorest counties; but also one of the largest school systems in the state. Many of our student homes are grandparents or custodial placement. Lack of resources and support within the home to school to primary care providers displaces our population disproportionately.	\$500
North Central - 3	Quest Academy - 92N	Charter	\$200	Tampons,Pads		This grant will enable our students to have products that will be of benefit to them as needed. It will aid in proper hygiene and care and also keep our school restrooms clean. More importantly, it will ease anxiety of those who may not carry the necessary items with them during the appropriate timeframe causing them to be anxious or worried about being unprepared.	\$150
Piedmont Triad - 5	Randolph County School System - 760	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		A grant for feminine hygiene products will significantly enhance the health and well-being of students in our district by ensuring consistent access to essential items that many families struggle to afford. By removing this barrier, students can attend school with confidence, maintain proper hygiene, and avoid preventable health concerns. Increased access also reduces absenteeism and helps students remain fully engaged in learning. This support promotes dignity, equity, and a healthier school environment for all students.	\$0
Northeast - 1	Roanoke Rapids City Schools - 421	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		By supplying feminine hygiene products across the district, this grant helps create a healthier and more equitable learning environment. It ensures all students can care for their basic needs, which supports physical well-being, emotional security, and consistent school engagement.	Haven't spent any money.
Piedmont Triad - 5	Rockingham County Schools - 790	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	flushable wipes or other TBD permittable items	If awarded, this grant will serve our upper elementary, middle and high school students who frequently request/need feminine hygiene products during the school day. Without this grant, school nurses and some other staff purchase these items from own personal funding.	\$500 possibly? This is a modest estimate of how much collectively our school nurses spend. Due to being a previous past years grant recipient, this has eased the burden of personal expense for these products. Thank you for our consideration.
North Central - 3	Rocky Mount Preparatory - 64A	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		This grant will significantly support the health, dignity, and academic well-being of our scholars by ensuring consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products. With nearly 75% of our 860- student population being female, many scholars face barriers that can impact attendance, comfort, and confidence when products are unavailable. Grant funds will allow us to maintain equitable access, reduce health-related concerns, and promote a safe, supportive school environment.	Based on current needs across our campus and the volume of female scholars we serve, our district spends an estimated \$4,000 annually on feminine hygiene products.
Southwest - 6	Rowan-Salisbury Schools - 800	LEA	\$4,000	Pads,Period Underwear		This feminine hygiene grant will strengthen students' health and well-being by providing reliable access to menstrual products, reducing absenteeism, and supporting their confidence. In addition to meeting needs during the school day, the grant also helps students who require products at home, ensuring continuity of care and reducing stress. This support fosters a more equitable and focused learning environment for all.	\$2,000
North Central - 3	Roxboro Community School - 73B	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		Our school will be able to provide feminine products in each bathroom. Our school will not have to ask for donations of these products.	\$500

Sandhills - 4	Sampson County Schools - 820	LEA	\$5,000	Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear, leggings/jogging pants, wipes	This feminine hygiene grant would help Sampson County Schools to ensure our students have consistent and reliable access to essential products allowing parents to remain at work and students to remain in school without be stressed, embarrassed, or missing class time. Students can feel safe, confident, and more comfortable at school knowing that their basic needs are met. Being able to provide students with supplies to meet their menstrual needs, even when accidents occur, promotes overall well-being and fosters a healthier, more inclusive school environment.	Approximately \$5,000-\$6,000
Sandhills - 4	Scotland County Schools - 830	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Reg. female underwear for student accidents and educational materials (i.e., brochures, small booklets, etc.) to help educate students as needed	This grant for feminine hygiene products can significantly improve student health and well-being in our high-poverty school district by removing barriers to education, promoting attendance, and reducing stress and anxiety for our female students. By ensuring students have access to necessary products, this grant will help prevent unnecessary absences, allow students to focus on their work instead of stressing over managing their period while at school. Overall, being able to have feminine products and educational materials on hand will help foster a more supportive and equitable learning environment where our students' basic needs are met.	Approx. \$2,000
Western - 8	Shining Rock Classical Academy - 44A	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		As SRCA serves middle school and high school students in a low-income area, feminine hygiene needs are a consistent area that requires support. Having these products on hand provides a comfort and promotes modesty for our female population.	\$3,500
North Central - 3	Sledge Institute - 91C	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads		With us being a brand new school it would be wonderful to be able to help the girls in our district anyway we can with their menstrual cycle. We've only been in session for a few months and the girls have gone through a lot of our products. It would be nice to have them to make sure all of our girls have what they need.	\$500
Southwest - 6	Socrates Academy - 60J	Charter	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		The grant supports both access and dignity. Students will have what they need to manage their menstrual cycles safely, reducing the risk of infection and the stress of going without. It also reinforces a learning environment where all students feel valued, supported, and free to participate fully in their education.	\$1,000
Sandhills - 4	Southeastern Academy - 78B	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	material resources to help female students on the appropriate disposal of items such as flyers and posters from the print shop that can be used around campus and to send home with students following lessons from our school counselor. hygiene items located in the restroom such as dispensers, canisters, disposal bags, cleaning items and products.	This grant will help female students become better educated and feel more confident when utilizing the items located within our restrooms while helping students recognize and feel comfortable with utilizing the tools available to them. Furthermore, students who may not have the means to obtain products will have access to a supply of products. To accompany the hygiene items, additional hygiene items will be included in the bag of goodie for students.	\$5,000
Southwest - 6	Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy - 62J	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Bottoms: When our girls have accidents sometimes they stain their bottoms. I would like funds to purchase backup bottoms like uniforms, pants, and skirts. I would also like to purchase other feminine hygiene products such as wipes, disposable towels, and soap should they need it.	This grant will directly support the health, dignity, and confidence of our students by ensuring consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products. By removing this barrier, we can reduce absenteeism, promote student well-being, and help our girls stay fully engaged in their learning environment.	\$1,200 is what we spend for the school year/summer school. If feasible, we'd like to receive additional funds to pay for changes of clothing, wipes, disposable towels, and soap. We are a K-8 School with 900 ADM.
Southwest - 6	Success Institute Charter School - 49D	Charter	\$5,000	Pads,Period Underwear		As we continue to serve at risk and low income families, we would utilize any monies to teach females the importance of cleanliness, by demonstrating the proper usage of feminine hygiene products. Encouraging the importance of hygiene at home and at school. Especially for cases where this may not be taught at home.	\$2,500
Southwest - 6	Sugar Creek Charter - 60B	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Underware, khaki pants, wipes, heating packs for cramps	Our student population is low income with parents working to make ends meet. If we are able to provide items so that parents don't have to take time from work to supply, it will not only allow the parent to stay at work, but will allow the student to stay in class.	\$5,000

Western - 8	Swain County Schools - 870	LEA	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		This will ensure all students are provided the basic necessities for clean feminine hygiene. There will be no fear of discrimination or opportunity to receive these products needed.	\$2,500
Sandhills - 4	The Academy of Moore County - 63A	Charter	\$300	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will impact the health and well-being of students in our district by providing the products of need to our students. This grant will allow us to educate our students of the importance of hygiene and cleanliness.	\$300-\$400
Piedmont Triad - 5	The College Preparatory and Leadership A - 41H	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	small cases to carry the products in for discretion	This feminine hygiene grant will ensure students at CPLA have consistent access to essential products, reducing absences and supporting their ability to focus and fully participate in school. By removing barriers tied to stigma, cost, and emergency needs, the grant helps our school community promote better physical health and greater confidence. Ultimately, it helps create a more equitable learning environment for all students and supports the financial burden of teachers and success coaches who fund these materials out of their own pocket.	Our average need: \$1.50-\$2.00 per student per month when products are supplied at school (pads, tampons, liners, emergency stock). Annual cost for 450 students at \$1.75/student each month for 12 months= \$9,450.
Western - 8	The Franklin School of Innovation - 11D	Charter	\$4,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Our school serves students in grades 5-12 and has over 32% of our students qualifying for free and reduced meals. The School purchases Hygiene products and makes them available free to the students in bathrooms at all grade levels, as well as in the, locker rooms nurse's office, counselors' offices, and behavior assistants' offices. Many of our students who have ongoing needs are also able to take a supply home.	approx \$4,000-\$4,500
North Central - 3	The Math and Science Academy of Apex - 93Y	Charter	\$4,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		This will help our students learn about their personal health and how to be healthier.	\$4,000
Southwest - 6	The Math and Science Academy of Charlott - 61N	Charter	\$2,500	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear		This grant will ensure that all students have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, removing a significant barrier to their comfort, confidence, and daily participation in school.	\$2,500
Sandhills - 4	Thomas Academy - 24B	Charter	\$800	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		Providing free feminine hygiene products at Thomas Academy Charter School will help ensure that students never have to miss class or feel anxious due to lack of access to essential supplies. This support promotes better physical health, personal comfort, and hygiene, while also fostering confidence and full participation in school activities. By removing a key barrier to learning, the grant will contribute directly to improved well-being and academic success for students in our district.	We do not currently purchase feminine hygiene products for our school. We, however, have been lucky to have received donations in the past. Having a fund we can pull from on our own will ensure that we maintain a reliable supply of products.
Piedmont Triad - 5	Thomasville City Schools - 292	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Hot pads	TCS is a Title 1 school district with 90% underprivileged students. Attendance issues are high as well. We could keep these students in school by providing them with these health hygiene supplies during this time of the month.	\$5,000
Western - 8	Transylvania County Schools - 880	LEA	\$3,100	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		We will utilize this grant to purchase period products for our students who have needs. We provide supplies on our clothing closets as well as in each bathroom our female students are in.	\$0
Northeast - 1	Tyrrell County Schools - 890	LEA	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	wipes/cleanser, underwear, panty liners	Access to free feminine hygiene products will significantly improve the health and well-being of students in our district by preventing hygiene-related health issues, ensuring all students have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, and will help promote positive physical and mental health outcomes, especially for students who face financial hardship or lack reliable access from home. The grant will also help create an environment where students can focus on their education rather than worry about essential needs.	\$200
Southwest - 6	Union County Public Schools - 900	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Underwear	When we previously received this grant, we were able to supplies all of our 53 schools with a base supply. We were able to replenish the supply for our secondary schools; with an emphasis on our higher need secondary schools.	\$0, relied on donations and the previous grant
Southwest - 6	Union Day School - 90B	Charter	\$3,900	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This is a K-12 charter school and a lot of times the girls upstairs forget to bring maxipads or tampons or they didn't know they was going to start. Having a supply of both will help when they are in need.	\$300

Southwest - 6	Union Preparatory Academy at Indian Trail - 90C	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will ensure that students in our Title I school have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, removing a key barrier that often disrupts their comfort, confidence, and ability to stay engaged in learning. By meeting this fundamental health need, we can reduce absenteeism, support students' physical well-being, and promote a more dignified and equitable school environment. Ultimately, this funding will help students focus on their education rather than their basic necessities.	\$5,000
North Central - 3	Vance Charter School - 91A	Charter	\$1,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads,Other (Please describe.)	disposable heating pads, puberty packets, cleansing wipes, extra underwear	This grant would help our school by providing the funds to purchase supplies our female population need to sustain healthy and good hygiene during their menstrual cycle. Also, the funds would create an opportunity for us to purchase educational materials about puberty for our teenage girls.	\$1,500
North Central - 3	Vance County Schools - 910	LEA	\$5,000	Pads		Many students miss school due to lack of pads and menral products at home. This grant would helo students miss fewer days so overall attendance improve and chronic absenteeism decreases.	unsure
North Central - 3	Voyager Academy - 32L	Charter	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads		This grant will help us give students more of the health and wellness support they need to feel their best at school. With better access to activities, resources, and early help when challenges come up, students can focus more on learning and feeling connected. It will make a real difference in creating a healthier, more supportive environment for all our kids.	\$250
North Central - 3	Wake County Schools - 920	LEA	\$2,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Leggings and sweat pants to change into after an accident occurs to help them in school.!	A health hygiene grant helps keep students in school by providing essential hygiene items that many families may struggle to afford. When students feel clean, comfortable, and confident, they are far less likely to miss school due to embarrassment or discomfort. This support directly improves attendance and overall readiness to learn.	Unsure, but right now hygiene products are more for first aid than for young ladies cycle. It would be nice to get while in the bathroom.
Southeast - 2	Wayne County Public Schools - 960	LEA	\$5,000	Pads		Wayne County Public Schools, a low wealth school district with approximately 17,000 students, will use this grant to purchase pads for school nurses and school social workers - many of whom students go to obtain feminine hygiene items because of their lack of resources at home. Because inflation has greatly increased the costs of personal hygiene products, our student services support teams recognize that having feminine hygiene products at school will reduce embarrassment and remove this barrier for children whose families cannot afford to purchase them. We believe this is critical to keep students at school, necessary for academic recovery, and reduce absenteeism due to a student's lack of resources at home. Note: Without this grant, school nurses and school social workers have to seek donations of pads to support children who lack items at school.	\$0 (2024-2025)
Southeast - 2	Wayne preparatory academy - 96F	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		Hello thank you for asking. We have some students who are less fortunate and families that don't have the means to provide them with basic necessities that they need to help them feel prepared for school. There are many times students will come to my office in need of sanitary napkins. This grant will help us stay stocked up, students want have to call parents and possibly miss school hours or feel uncomfortable at school. This grant will help us be a better resource to them and their families. Thank you	Never thought to calculate, we just do what we need to do to service our students.
Southeast - 2	Wayne STEM Academy - 96G	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		Our charter school serves many economically disadvantaged students, and access to feminine hygiene products is often limited. This grant will promote students' physical health, emotional well-being, and dignity, helping create a more equitable learning environment where no student's education is disrupted due to lack of necessary supplies.	\$2,500
Northeast - 1	Weldon City Schools - 422	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	personal wipes	We are in a Tier 1 county and our students come from high poverty homes. Some students do not come to school when their cycle is on due to lack of personal hygiene supplies.	\$5,000

Southwest - 6	West Lake Preparatory Academy - 55B	Charter	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Menstrual Cups,Period Underwear,Reusable Pads		This grant will ensure that students in our Title I school have consistent access to essential feminine hygiene products, removing a key barrier that often disrupts their comfort, confidence, and ability to stay engaged in learning. By meeting this fundamental health need, we can reduce absenteeism, support students' physical well-being, and promote a more dignified and equitable school environment. Ultimately, this funding will help students focus on their education rather than their basic necessities.	\$5,000
Sandhills - 4	Whiteville City Schools - 241	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	Pants, shorts, disposable wash cloths, disposable bags for feminine products, mini bottles of soap	Because our community faces significant economic challenges and high levels of poverty, we are committed to supporting students who come to school without the necessary supplies for proper feminine hygiene. Providing these resources will help ensure students can remain in school and avoid being sent home due to a lack of essential items.	\$2,000
Southeast - 2	Wilmington School of the Arts - 65H	Charter	\$1,100	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear		We keep feminine products stocked in our restrooms for our young ladies. All products are purchased out of pocket by staff to ensure that they have what they need on a daily basis. It would be nice to have period underwear for the occasions where they bleed through, as a way to help them with the need for new undergarments, but also as a way of encouraging them to use reusable products that are also safer for their bodies in the long run.	\$500
North Central - 3	Wilson County Schools - 980	LEA	\$5,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	Feminine wipes/cloths	This will allow female students to remain in school due to missing items to care for themselves during their monthly cycle. Many of our students are not able to afford feminine pads so we are able to provide them the products they need outside of school if needed.	We have a budget and it is incorporated in that. \$1,000
Piedmont Triad - 5	Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools - 340	LEA	\$1,000	Tampons,Pads,Other (Please describe.)	regular underwear	It will provide the girls that are not prepared or do not have period materials at home a place to get the protections while at school. Clean underwear to change into while away from home. Parents do not always have time or fund to come to the school during the work day. This will help provide what the girls need.	\$0
Southeast - 2	Z.E.C.A. School of Arts and Technology - 67B	Charter	\$1,500	Tampons,Pads,Period Underwear,Other (Please describe.)	disposable wipes, deodorant, and body deodorant	This feminine hygiene grant will ensure students in our district have consistent access to essential menstrual products, helping to remove barriers that often impact attendance, focus, and overall confidence. By providing these resources at no cost, we are promoting health, dignity, and equity for all students. Ultimately, this support will contribute to a more inclusive school environment where students can learn without disruption or embarrassment.	\$1,000