

Homeless and Foster Extraordinary Transportation Grant

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ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL **EXCELLENCE**



**Ensure Healthy, Safe
and Secure Learning
Environments**

PILLAR 4

Focus Area 2 | Improve Student and Staff Health and Well-being



ACTION 2

**Identify and share effective practices
for reducing chronic absenteeism and
strengthening student attendance.**

“ **Overall, schools must be
places where students
develop resilience, build
relationships and prepare
for their futures in safe,
secure environments that
nurture their full potential.** ”

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ACTION 3

**Promote student and staff well-being by
supporting PSUs in implementing Whole
School, Whole Community, Whole Child
models to foster positive school climates
and elevate student voice and belonging.**

Purpose of the Homeless and Foster Transportation Grant

- To **offset the extraordinary costs** incurred due to students identified as homeless and/or foster.
- The General Assembly of North Carolina **appropriates three million dollars (\$3,000,000)** for the Homeless and Foster Transportation Grant
- Funds are to be **utilized in the 2025-26 school year.**

Eligibility

General Assembly Requirements

The NC Department of Public Instruction is **charged with establishing eligibility guidelines and award funds** appropriated in this section.

- Extraordinary Transportation Costs are **based off last year's data**.
- These grants **cannot be more than 50%** of the extraordinary costs.
- **Priority shall be given** to those based upon the amount of federal funds used.

The funds **cannot** be prorated to ensure all eligible applicants receive funding

Federal Fund Priority

General Assembly requirements state that priority is to be given based upon federal fund usage to **support students experiencing homelessness.**

Funding priority was given for PSU's setting aside **at least 4% of their Title I funds** to support students experiencing homelessness.

Grant Eligibility

PSUs are eligible for grant funds if they **have at least fifty thousand dollars in transportation expenses** and **meet at least one** of the criteria below:

- **at least 4% of the total student population** comprised of students identified as homeless or foster
- **set aside at least 4% of their Title I funds** to support students experiencing homelessness

Grant Awards

- Awards are made to eligible PSUs **at approximately 42% of eligible expenditures.**
- The presented awards **represent 56 awards**, awarding a total of **\$2,999,993.00.**
- In the event a PSU waives funds due to variances between current-year expenditures and prior-year expenditures, **the waived funds will be:**
 - **reallocated** to eligible, approved PSUs that accept funding, or
 - **awarded in rank order** to ensure full and efficient utilization of available funds.

Organizations Recommended for Funding

2025-2026 School Year Grants

PSU Code	PSU Name	Award Amount	PSU Code	PSU Name	Award Amount
030	Alleghany County Schools	\$ 8,594.00	690	Pamlico County Schools	\$ 6,565.00
050	Ashe County Schools	\$ 42,982.00	700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	\$ 20,443.00
060	Avery County Schools	\$ 14,265.00	720	Perquimans County Schools	\$ 8,145.00
090	Bladen County Schools	\$ 19,822.00	750	Polk County Schools	\$ 8,873.00
110	Buncombe County Schools	\$ 164,028.00	770	Richmond County Schools	\$ 17,177.00
111	Asheville City Schools	\$ 22,668.00	810	Rutherford County Schools	\$ 57,964.00
230	Cleveland County Schools	\$ 43,682.00	862	Mount Airy City Schools	\$ 1,527.00
270	Currituck County Schools	\$ 12,393.00	880	Transylvania County Schools	\$ 13,786.00
291	Lexington City Schools	\$ 7,157.00	910	Vance County Schools	\$ 17,584.00
292	Thomasville City Schools	\$ 4,436.00	920	Wake County Schools	\$ 635,628.00
320	Durham Public Schools	\$ 155,817.00	930	Warren County Schools	\$ 22,656.00
350	Franklin County Schools	\$ 27,303.00	950	Watauga County Schools	\$ 13,916.00
360	Gaston County Schools	\$ 69,067.00	970	Wilkes County Schools	\$ 43,532.00
390	Granville County Schools	\$ 18,806.00	980	Wilson County Schools	\$ 24,989.00
400	Greene County Schools	\$ 19,163.00	995	Yancey County Schools	\$ 12,433.00
410	Guilford County Schools	\$ 298,136.00	13C	A.C.E. Academy Charter	\$ 2,210.00
421	Roanoke Rapids Schools	\$ 3,644.00	24B	Thomas Academy	\$ 1,813.00
422	Weldon City Schools	\$ 4,711.00	32K	Central Park School for Children	\$ 1,262.00
440	Haywood County Schools	\$ 25,441.00	32S	KIPP Durham College Preparatory	\$ 3,680.00
450	Henderson County Schools	\$ 40,635.00	60B	Sugar Creek Charter School	\$ 16,652.00
491	Mooresville Graded School District	\$ 8,819.00	60L	KIPP Charlotte	\$ 15,510.00
530	Lee County Schools	\$ 23,348.00	64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory School	\$ 5,147.00
590	McDowell County Schools	\$ 40,661.00	65H	Wilmington School of the Arts	\$ 1,111.00
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	\$ 853,296.00	87A	Mountain Discovery Charter School	\$ 638.00
610	Mitchell County Schools	\$ 12,558.00	92M	PreEminent Charter School	\$ 3,049.00
620	Montgomery County Schools	\$ 27,821.00	93J	RISE SE Raleigh Charter School	\$ 3,259.00
650	New Hanover County Schools	\$ 62,129.00	93L	Central Wake Charter High School	\$ 1,382.00
660	Northampton County Schools	\$ 7,269.00	93P	Rolesville Charter Academy	\$ 411.00

Questions?

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