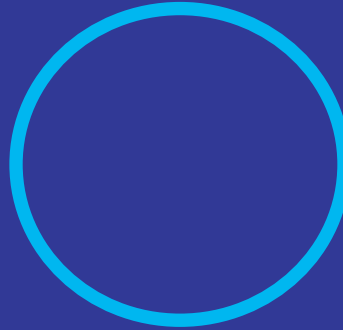
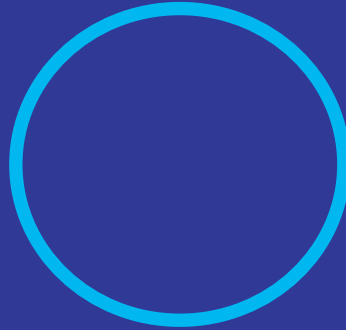
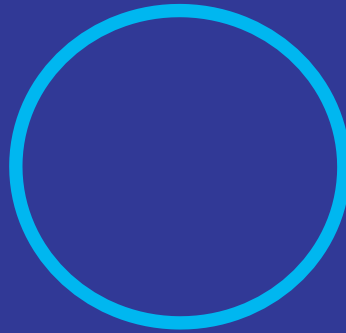


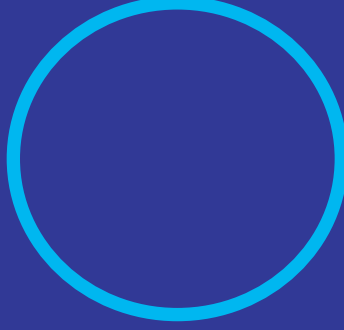
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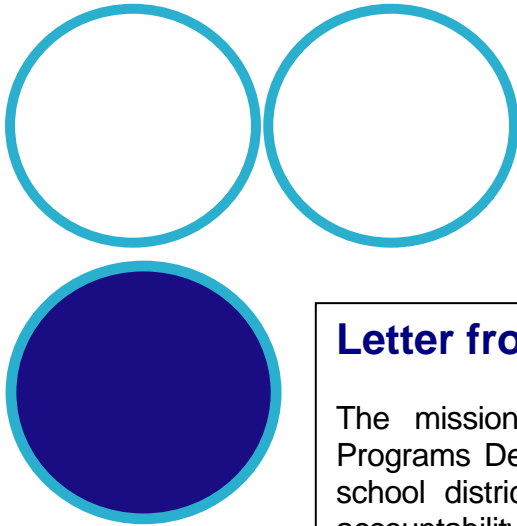
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Letter from the Director

The mission of the Grants Administration and Government Programs Department is to maximize resources available to the school district to improve educational services and to ensure accountability in the use of those resources. The Annual Report of Grant Activity for 2007-08 documents the results of our efforts to fulfill our mission. This report has been prepared to provide a historical perspective of the district's grant funding and to illustrate the important role grant programs play in meeting strategic district goals and school improvement plans. It highlights the district's grant funding accomplishments.

The report provides individual grant profiles detailing information on projects that were operational in Broward County Public Schools during the school year, between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. This document is a product of the Grant Retrieval, Analysis, Notification and Tracking System (GRANTS) database, maintained by the Grants Administration and Government Programs Department. The database information utilized in this report was gathered from Board Agenda Item Request forms, grant applications or contracts, award documents, and feedback from project managers.

This report illustrates the astonishing efforts of the district in securing external resources to support programs that focus on student-centered education, teacher development, school security, and other initiatives to meet the specific needs of the students of the Broward County Schools. We are pleased to recognize the outstanding efforts of the many school and district staff who have contributed to the development and acquisition of grants funding during the 2008 fiscal year. Together, we are truly making a difference in the lives of Broward County students.

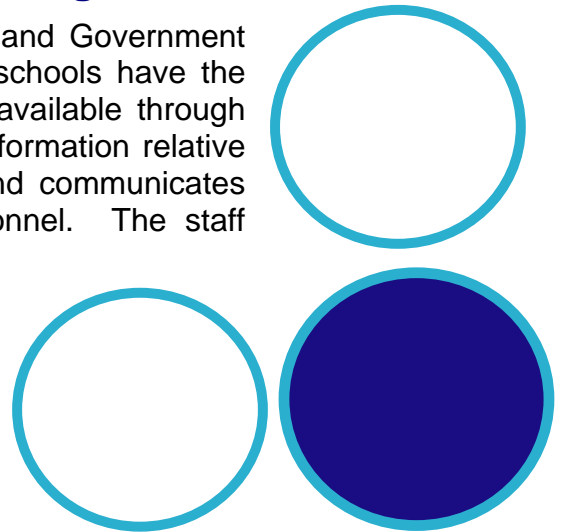
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Grants Administration and Government Programs

Broward County Public Schools' Grants Administration and Government Programs Department is responsible for assuring that schools have the opportunity to participate in grant programs which are available through federal, state, local and private sources. It maintains information relative to existing and pending legislation regarding grants, and communicates this information to appropriate departments and personnel. The staff provides:

One-on-One Technical Assistance

- Classroom & School-wide Funding Information
- State-of-the-Art Grants Research
- Information Workshops
- Nuts & Bolts Post Award Assistance
- Grant Funding Forecast for School Planning
- On-site School Appointments with Individual Teachers



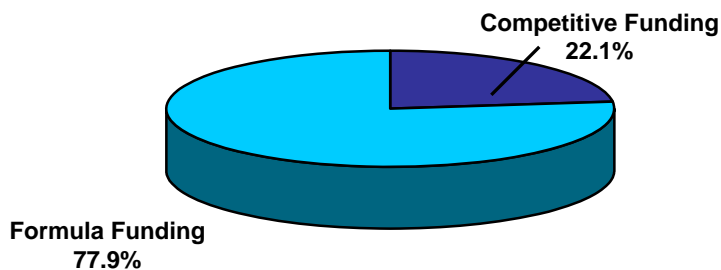
The Grants Administration and Government Programs Department is assisted by Grant Liaisons that are assigned at every school in the district to disseminate grant information and serve as the main source of communication with the schools regarding grant programs.

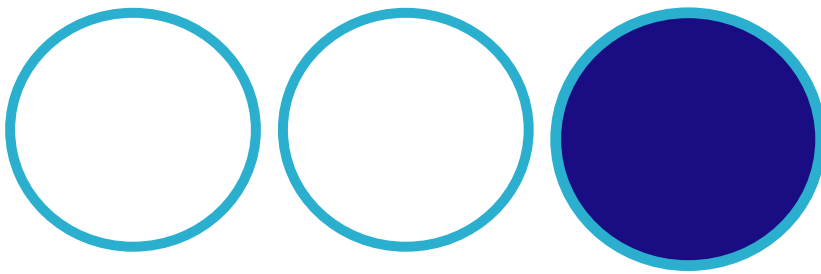
Annual Report Summary

Broward County Public Schools strives to provide the highest quality education for all students in the district. Through the hard work and dedication of district and school staff, supported by the Grants Administration and Government Program Department (GAGP), the district was able to generate proposals for both formula and competitive grants that netted over **\$176,529,010** in funding from federal, state and local agencies; foundations; and the corporate community.

Of the total grant funding received by the district in 2007-08, 22% or **\$39,055,391** was received through competitive grant applications for which the district competed with other school districts, institutions of higher education and/or non-profit organizations on the local, state and national level. An estimated 40% of all competitive grant proposals submitted this year (not including continuations) were selected for funding. This is a higher than average success rate for competitive grant proposals.

Competitive versus Formula Funding





Total grant funding for 2007-08 was \$7.3 million, or about 4% lower, than the previous year. Formula grant funding went down over \$5 million and competitive grant funding was reduced by approximately \$2 million.

The reduction is, in large part, a reflection of the U.S. Congress' actions in reducing appropriations for education grants, both formula and competitive, for two consecutive Federal fiscal years (FY 2006 and FY2007). The decrease is indicative of those Federal funding reductions.

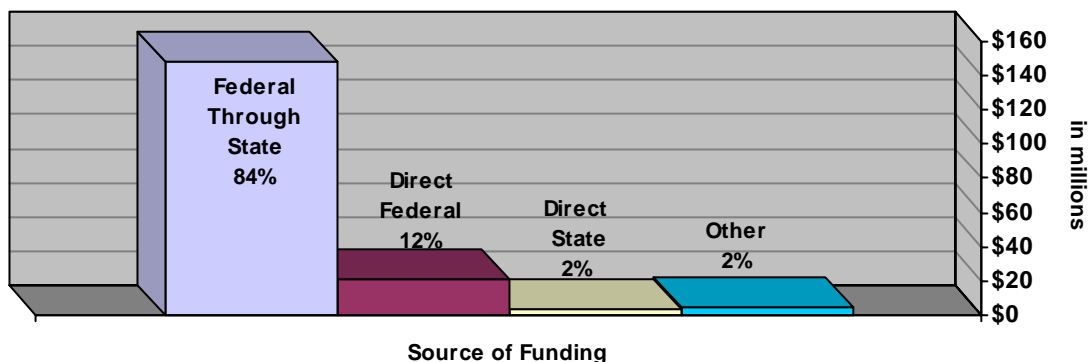
Declines in formula grant funding in 2007-08 were experienced in Title I, Part A- Education for the Disadvantaged; Title II, Part A- Teacher and Principal Quality; Title II, Part D- Technology; Title III, Part A - English Language Learners; Title IV, Part A – Safe & Drug Free Schools; Title V, Part A – Innovative Programs; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and the Adults with Disabilities Grant.

While the District's success rate in winning competitive grants did not decrease significantly in 2007-08, the amount of funds received for competitive grants declined. The decrease in competitive awards can be attributed to less funding available for grant competitions in 2007-08 due to reduced appropriations , plus several competitive grant projects having reached the end of the funding period the preceding year. Among the competitive grant projects that were not operational in 2007/08 were the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, the Math/Science Partnership Grant and the Enhancing Technology Through Education Grant.

Source of Funding

There are four categories of grant funding: 1) **Direct Federal** includes grants that are awarded directly to the school district by a unit of the Federal Government; 2) **Federal Through State** comprise those federal funds that are awarded to the district with the State of Florida acting as intermediary; 3) **Direct State** includes state funding awarded to the district; and 4) **Other** includes grant awards made by local governments, as well as corporations and foundations.

Source of Funding Categories



The **Federal Through State** category accounted for the largest sum of funding for the district, a total of \$148.6 million. This category, which includes many formula grant programs, includes such as programs as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Title I. Additionally, the school district received competitive funding in this category through the Reading First Program, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.

Direct Federal sources category was the next largest category with \$20.7 million of grant funding received from federal agencies. A large portion of the funds awarded were for the Head Start Program which received over \$13.5 million in grant funding. The district also successfully obtained competitive funds through the Transition to Teaching grant program, Smaller Learning Communities grant, School Leadership grant, Character Education grant, Elementary and Secondary School Counseling grant, Foreign Language Assistance Program grant, and the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant from the US Department of Education.

The Florida Department of Education and other **Direct State** funding sources provided the district with \$3.5 million in grant funding. This included formula grants such as the Adults with Disabilities Program, through which the district was awarded over \$1.68 million. A large portion of competitive funding was received through the SUCCEED Florida grant for industry programs at McFatter and Atlantic Technical Centers.

Under the **Other funding** category, local public funding totaled over \$4.2 million during the 2008 fiscal year and was primarily from the Early Learning Coalition, City of Coral Springs At-Risk Youth and Special Events grant programs, Workforce One and the Children’s Services Board of Broward County grant programs. The remainder of funding in this category, approximately \$68,926 came from private foundations and corporations, such as the Target Foundation, Best Buy Children’s Foundation, and the Community Foundation of Broward County.

Additionally in the Department’s effort to increase overall district grant funding, GAGP staff has worked alongside the Broward Education Foundation to obtain additional foundation funding. A grant was received by the South Florida Community Leadership Foundation for approximately \$200,000 for a district accountability and leadership training project.

