



Grant Management Update

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JPS Grant Management Office

Purpose

Reestablished in January 2022, the JPS Grant Management Office provides guidance and assistance to district teachers, staff members, departments, and schools in seeking funding opportunities to support identified strategic initiatives of the district. The office is currently managing 20 academic and operational foundation, state and federal grants valued at over \$24,000,000.



The Grant Management Office Supports the Following Strategic Commitments and Core Values

Commitment 1: Innovative Teaching and Learning

Commitment 3: JPS Joy

Commitment 4: Organizational Effectiveness.

Core Values: Equity, excellence, growth mindset, relationships, relevance, and a positive and respectful culture.



Grants and Initiatives

Community School Initiative

Project Implementation: Patrick McGriggs

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
NEA Community School Grant	\$66,000	2024-2025	Community Schools Strategy: Funding for personnel, planning meetings, equipment, supplies, family engagement activities, professional development, indirect costs and travel. 2024-2025 is the 5th Year to receive a grant from NEA. Total NEA investment in JPS: \$318,500
Phil Hardin Foundation Grant	\$375,000	2023-2026	To support expansion of the community schools strategy in JPS.
Communities in Schools (CIS)	\$1,000,000	2023-2026	To support expansion of the community schools strategy in JPS.

Total Investment: \$1,693,500



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Mental Health Related Grants

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
School-Based Mental Health Grant	\$2,712,820	2023-2027	Funding will allow JPS to increase the number of credentialed school-based mental health services providers within the district. Project Director: Dr. Rachea Williams
Mental Health Services Professional Grant	\$2,063,107	2023-2027	The Mental Health Service Professional Grant will create a pipeline of mental health service providers with Jackson State University. Project Director: Dr. Rachea Williams
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Grant Program	\$795,662	2024-2026	To establish safer and healthier learning environments and to prevent and respond to acts of bullying, violence, and hate that impact our school communities at individual and systemic levels, among other programs and activities.

Total Investment: \$5,571,589



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Bus Grants

Project Implementation: Stephanie Harris-Martin

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
MDEQ Bus Rebate Grants	\$84,150.11	Annually: 2022, 2023 & 2024	This program assists JPS in replacing older buses with newer, lower emission buses. The rebates helped defray the cost of four buses. Three Grants since 2022
EPA Clean Bus Rebate Program	\$9,875,000	2022-2024	JPS was awarded \$9,375,000 for 25 new electric buses, and \$500,000 for eligible charging infrastructure.

Total Investment: \$9,959,150



Grants and Initiatives

Literacy

Project Director: Althea Johnson | Project Assistant: Jeanette Whisenton

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
Reading Inspires Student Excellence (RISE) Literacy Grant.	\$3,750,000	2021-2026	The grant is designed to support the District's literacy efforts in the execution of the following objectives: (1) literacy interventions and extended learning; (2) educator professional development; (3) library and media center enhancements / acquisitions; and (4) family/community supports. 2023-2024 was Year 3 of a 5 Year grant.

Total Investment: \$3,750,000



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Computer Science

Project Implementation: Krystal Chatman

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
Amazon Future Engineer+ Bootup Elementary Computer Science Initiative <i>(Service Grant)</i>	\$100,000	2022-2025	Provides Computer Science professional development services and materials for elementary schools

Total Investment: \$100,000



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College and Career Readiness

Project Implementation: Jana Williams

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
Accelerate MS Career Coach <i>(Service Grant)</i>	\$134,000	2022-2023	Funding <i>(paid through the Central MS Planning and Development District)</i> for 2 JPS Career Coaches salaries and fringe benefits, travel expenses, equipment and materials.
Accelerate MS Career Coach <i>(Service Grant)</i>	\$399,300	2023-2024	Year 2 Expansion: Additional coaches.
Accelerate MS Career Coach <i>(Service Grant)</i>	\$450,000	2024-2025	JPS will be receiving 6 coaches for the upcoming school year – one for each high school.

Total Investment: \$983,300



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The Arts

Project Implementation: Torris Bell

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
<i>Save the Music (Equipment/ Programming)</i>	\$154,000	2022-2023	Musical instruments, resources, and training impacting 7 elementary schools. No funds received. Donated equipment and services.
<i>Save the Music (Equipment/ Programming)</i>	\$220,000	2023-2024	For the 2023-2024 grant cycle, STM budgeted for an additional 10 Elementary Intro To Music Grants for Jackson Public Schools!
<i>Save the Music (Equipment/ Programming)</i>	\$44,000	2024-2025	For the 2024-2025 grant cycle, STM budgeted for an additional 2 Elementary Intro To Music Grants for Jackson Public Schools: Casey and Wilkins.

Total Investment: \$418,000



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Homeless Support

McKinney Vento Manager: Tiffany Jones

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
McKinney Vento	\$710,056	2021-2023	Funds cover cost of social workers, tutors, travel, school supplies, summer reading books, school uniforms. <i>18-month performance period.</i>
McKinney Vento	\$642,440	2023-2024	Funds cover cost of social workers, tutors, travel, school supplies, summer reading books, school uniforms.
McKinney Vento	\$417,038	2024-2025	Funds cover cost of social workers, tutors, travel, school supplies, summer reading books, school uniforms.

Total Investment: \$1,769,534



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Public Engagement

Project Implementation: Dr. William Merritt

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
New Venture Capital Grant	\$28,500	2022-2024	Public engagement.

Student Enrichment

Project Implementation: Jana Williams

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
Community Foundation Impact Grant	\$1,606	2023-2024	Funding for equipment to reinstate chess clubs at JPS High Schools. Project Ended May 2024.



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Facilities

Project Implementation: Facilities and Operations Department

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
MDE Infrastructure Loan	\$800,000	2024-2034	10 Year Loan for Emergency Repairs (Elevators) and Debt Reduction. Paid in lump sum, August 2024. Final payment due May 2034.
MAC Building Fund for the Arts (BFA) Grant	\$30,000	2023-2025	Funds will be applied to conducting a Conditions Assessment of the Jim Hill Auditorium in preparation for future renovation, as well as immediate minor repairs.

Total Investment: \$830,000



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Safety and Security

Project Implementation: Chief Charles McInnis

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
COPS Hiring Grant	\$515,776	2023-2028	Hiring additional sworn police officers to increase policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

Employs sworn police officers, non-sworn safety officers, analysts, and technicians.

Patrols 91 buildings and approximately 1,650 acres of land.

Protects approximately \$8 million in inventory.

Provides security for all employees and students and their parents, visitors and District owned equipment and property.

Responds to approximately 36,500 calls for service per year



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A Strong Start

Project Implementation: Dr. Felicia Thomas

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
JPS-Hinds Early Learning Collaborative	\$9,195,000	2022-2024 <i>(Ended June 2024)</i>	The JPS Hinds Early Learning Collaborative across the district has 62 classrooms. The maximum enrollment is 20 students per class. Participants include 19 JPS elementaries, as well as Little Saints, Lottie Thornton and the Hinds County Human Resource Agency.

Total Investment: \$9,195,000



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Workforce Development

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Grant	\$136,925	2024-2026	Jackson Public Schools Optimizing for Equity Repurposing Initiative. Feasibility study: To repurpose a closed school as a workforce development center, which includes entrepreneurship programs, and establishing business incubators.
We Build Better (WBB / WWBB) Grant	\$129,897	2024-2025	The workforce development program will provide curriculum, teacher training, and required materials for one year. We Build it Better (WBB) Program at two middle schools (Blackburn and Kirksey) and the We Will Build It Better (WWBB) Program at two Elementary Schools (Pecan Park and Spann).

Total Investment: \$266,822



Grants and Initiatives

Advancement of Education

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
William and Flora Hewlett Recovery Grant	\$268,750	2022-2023	Fostering student agency and engagement, executive leadership support, financial sustainability, and teacher capacity. Before this, JPS received \$1,500,000 from 8/2020-6/2022.
Hewlett #2 <i>(Supplemental Grant)</i>	\$10,000	2022-2023	Educational travel opportunities for students in Jackson Public Schools.
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Grant	\$768,625	2023-2024	To support student engagement, leadership development, the global citizenship project, and more.

Total Hewlett Investment 2020-2024: \$2,547,375



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Advancement of Education

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
Kellogg Foundation Transformation (Final Year)	\$921,000	2022-2023	Strategic consulting, planning, new teacher coaching and support, SEL planning and implementation, staff recognition, convocation, personnel, leadership development, comprehensive land study, and fostering student agency and engagement. 2022-2023 was the final year of a 3 year grant totaling \$4,880,000.
Kellogg Recipe	\$755,000	2023-2024	Strategic Plan Development, Talent Support, Scholar Voice/Empowerment Support, Operations/Capacity Support

Total Kellogg Investment 2020-2024: \$5,635,000



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School Based Grants			
Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Description
MAC Casey Artist Grant	\$5,000	2023-2024	FY24 MWS Capacity Building Project Grant: To present Dance and Theater teaching artists at Casey Elementary. Ended May 2024
MAC Green Artist Grant	\$1,000	2023-2024	Teaching Artist Services for Green Elementary Ended May 2024
Laura Bush: Spann Library Grant	\$5,000	2023-2024	To purchase books, e-books, and magazines. Ended May 2024

Training is being scheduled during the 2024-2025 school year to assist schools with application completion, onboarding, contracts, and reporting requirements.



Grants and Initiatives

School Based Junior League Grants

School	Amount	Performance Period	Project Title / Description
Boyd Elementary School	\$4,971.00	2023-2024	Classroom Library Makeover
Casey Elementary School	\$8,520.00	2023-2024	Gifted Manners and Etiquette Banquet
Forest Hill High School	\$3,000.00	2023-2024	Dance M.O.V.E.S.
Galloway Elementary School	\$9,962.00	2023-2024	Having a Rootin', Tootin', Reading Good Time in Music Class



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School	Amount	Performance Period	Project Title / Description
Isable Elementary School	\$1,000.00	2023-2024	Creating a Healthy Generation
JPS- Tougaloo Early College Program	\$4,500.00	2023-2024	Field Trip to National WWII Museum
Key Elementary School	\$1,045.00	2023-2024	Reading Starts Now
Lester & Isable Elementary Schools	\$4,723.00	2023-2024	Look Who's Listening



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School	Amount	Performance Period	Project Title / Description
Murrah High School	\$430.00	2023-2024	Recalling our Future
Murrah High School	\$1,335.00	2023-2024	Engaging the Socio-Academic Community
Murrah High School	\$5,000.00	2023-2024	JXN Young Michelangelo Stone Carvers
Murrah High School	\$10,000.00	2023-2024	Emboldening Students to Inquire, Explore, and Create



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School Based Junior League Grants			
School	Amount	Performance Period	Project Title / Description
Raines Elementary School	\$5,000.00	2023-2024	Orff Social Emotional Learning Crosswalk
Spann Elementary School	\$1,300.00	2023-2024	Exc(EL)ing through Reading
Spann Elementary School	\$2,970.00	2023-2024	Make Reading my Superpower: Ready to Read



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School Based Junior League Grants			
School	Amount	Performance Period	Project Title / Description
Spann Elementary School	\$3,800.00	2023-2024	For the Health of It!
Spann Elementary School	\$5,000.00	2023-2024	The Power of Reading
Sykes Elementary School	\$4,990.00	2023-2024	Extra, Extra Write All About It



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School	Amount	Performance Period	Project Title / Description
Wells APAC	\$4,000.00	2023-2024	World-Class Students Deserve a World-Class Performance
Wells APAC	\$8,520.00	2023-2024	Gifted Manners and Etiquette Banquet
Wells APAC	\$9,934.00	2023-2024	The PAW-sitive Impact of Community Service

The Junior League of Jackson awarded a total of \$100,000 for the 2023-2024 school year, funding 21 grants. Award amounts ranged from \$430 to \$10,000.



Grant Applications Pending Approval

Grant	Amount	Performance Period	Notification	Description
People’s Garden Grant	\$50,000	2024-2025	Pending	Environmental Learning Center Improvements.
GEARUP Grant	\$11,000,000	2024-2031	October 2024 <i>(Projected)</i>	Starts with cohort of 6th & 7 th graders and follows them through fist year of college. Mentoring, enrichment, and more.
COPS SVPP	\$500,000	2024-2027	September 30, 2024	Surveillance system upgrades in high schools along with new radios for the department.
Clean Bus Grant II	\$5,500,883	2025-2027	December 31, 2024	15 additional electric buses plus infrastructure



Forecasted Potential Grant Opportunities

Grant	Projected Amount	Performance Period	Classification	Description
Perkins Reserve Grant	\$40,000-\$50,000	2024-2025	State Grant	To support Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programming
21 st Century	\$1,600,000	2025-2029	State Grant	After school student enrichment
Environmental and Climate Justice Grant	\$10-20 million	2025-2028	Federal Grant	Greenspaces, HVAC systems, clean water, and more. Deadline for Submission: November 21, 2024





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