



# Grant Management Update

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# JPS Vision and Mission

## **Our Vision:**

We prepare scholars to achieve globally, to contribute locally, and to be fulfilled individually.

## **Our Mission:**

We develop scholars through world class learning experiences to attain an exceptional knowledge base, critical & relevant skill sets, and the necessary dispositions for great success.



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

Commitment 1: Innovative Teaching and Learning

Commitment 2: Talented Individuals and Teams

Commitment 3: JPS Joy

Commitment 4: Organizational Effectiveness.

Commitment 5: Strong Finish

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



# 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 monitoring and providing support to over 20 academic and operational foundation, state and federal grants valued at over \$28,000,000.



# 2024-2025 Highlights

During the **2024-2025** school year alone, the grant management office generated

**\$6,523,818**

for Jackson Public Schools.

This includes funding for buses, related infrastructure, workforce development, homeless students, student enrichment, building improvements, and supporting our community school initiative.



# Academic Grants and Initiatives

## Community School Strategy

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, and more. 2024-2025 is the 5th Year to receive a grant from NEA. Total NEA investment in JPS: \$318,500. Total requested for 2025-2026: \$120,000 (Pending) |
| 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**



# Academic Grants and Initiatives

## Mental Health Related Grants

Project Implementation: Dr. Rachea Williams

| 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.      |
| 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. |

**Total Investment: \$4,775,927**



# Academic 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          | Federal Literacy Grant that supports the District's literacy efforts. 2023-2024 was Year 3 of a 5 Year grant. |

**Total Investment: \$3,750,000**



# Academic Grants and Initiatives

## College and Career Readiness

Project Implementation: Jana Williams

| Grant                                      | Amount      | Performance Period | Description  |
|--|-------------|--------------------|--|
| Accelerate MS Career Coach (Service Grant) | \$1,433,300 | 2022-2026          | Total funding awarded to date ( <i>updated annually, paid through the Central MS Planning and Development District</i> ) for up to 6 JPS Career Coaches. |

## The Arts

Project Implementation: Dr. Michael Cormack and Lauren Womack

| Grant  | Amount    | Performance Period | Description   |
|--|-----------|--------------------|---|
| <i>Save the Music (Equipment/ Programming)</i> | \$440,000 | 2022-2026          | Total value of contribution. Musical instruments, resources, and training impacting 19 elementary schools. No funds received. Donated equipment and services. |

# Academic Grants and Initiatives

## A Strong Start: Early Learning Initiative

Project Implementation: Dr. Micheal Cormack and Dr. Felicia Thomas

| Grant                                  | Amount       | Performance Period                    | Description  |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| JPS-Hinds Early Learning Collaborative | \$9,195,000  | 2022-2024<br><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. |
| JPS-Hinds Early Learning Collaborative | \$16,625,000 | 2024-2029                             | Modified agreement to provide a continuation award to support the JPS-Hinds Early Learning Collaborative.  |

**Total Investment: \$25,820,000**



# Operational Grants and Initiatives

## 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**



# Operational Grants and Initiatives

## Safety and Security

Project Implementation: Chief Corliss Harris

| 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. |

## Health and Wellness

Implementation: Dr. William Merritt / Dr. Rajeeni Clay-Scott

|  |           |           |  |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|
| Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Grant Program (BCSA) | \$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. |
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# Operational Grants and Initiatives

## Bus Grants

Project Implementation: Stephanie Harris-Martin

| Grant                        | Amount      | Performance Period                | Description   |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| MDEQ Bus Rebate Grants       | \$84,150.11 | Annually:<br>2022, 2023<br>& 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.<br><b>Performance Period Ends 9-30-25.</b> |
| 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.  |
| EPA CHDV Bus Grant           | \$4,923,958 | 2025-2026                         | JPS was awarded funding for 15 additional electric buses, personnel, and travel related to the project.   |

**Total Investment: \$14,883,108**



# Academic and Operational Grants

## 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 support workforce development. |
| We Build Better Grant                | \$129,897 | 2024-2025          | Workforce development program providing curriculum, teacher training, and required materials.                             |

## Health and Wellness

|                      |           |           |  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| MDE Nurses Grant     | \$425,000 | 2024-2029 | School Nurse Intervention Program. UMMC applied on behalf of the Jackson Public Schools  |
| Peoples Garden Grant | \$50,000  | 2024-2025 | National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: To enhance environmental and nutrition education. |



# Academic and Operational Grants

## 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<br><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 | 2023-2026          | To support student engagement, leadership development, the global citizenship project, and more.   |

**Total Hewlett Investment: \$2,547,375**



# Academic and Operational Grants

## 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 | 2023-2025          | Strategic Plan Development, Talent Support, Scholar Voice/Empowerment Support, Operations/Capacity Support  |
| Kellogg Bright Lives                           | \$450,000 | 2024-2026          | Cultivating JPS Joy, Student Engagement, Organizational Effectiveness   |

**Total Kellogg Investment: \$6,085,000**



# Academic and Operational Grants

## Homeless Support Implementation: Tiffany Jones

| Grant          | Amount       | Performance Period | Description  |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| McKinney-Vento | \$642,440    | 2022-2024          | Ensuring each homeless child has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education available to other students             |
| McKinney-Vento | \$417,038    | 2024-2025          | Ensuring each homeless child has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education available to other students             |
| McKinney-Vento | \$ 1,526,469 | 2025-2028          | Ensuring each homeless child has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education available to other students. (3 Years). |

**Total Investment: \$2,585,947**



# Recent JPS Grant Totals by Category

Student Enrichment (Chess) - \$5,406

Public Engagement - \$28,500

Computer Science - \$100,000

Workforce Development - \$266,822

Safety and Security - \$515,776

Facilities and Operations - \$830,000

College and Career Readiness - \$983,300



# Recent JPS Grant Awards by Category

Community Schools Initiative - \$1,693,500  
Homeless Support - \$2,585,947  
Literacy - \$3,750,000  
Mental Health/ Health Related - \$5,996,589  
Advancement of Education - \$8,182,375  
Bus Transportation - \$14,833,108  
JPS-Hinds Early Collaborative - \$25,820,000



# Thank You!

The grant management office does not work in isolation. Grant acquisition, implementation and management is a collaborative effort that involves multiple departments and personnel.

*A special thanks goes to....*

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# Thank You!

## Grant Project Implementation

Patrick McGriggs – Community Schools Initiative

Dr. Rachea Williams – Mental Health Grants

Althea Johnson *and* Jeanette Whisenton – RISE Literacy Grant

Jeff Gibson – People’s Garden Grant

Stephanie Harris-Martin – Bus Transportation

Jana Williams – High School Chess Initiative

Chief Corliss Harris – COPS Hiring Grant

Tiffany Jones – McKinney Vento



*Thank You!*

## Grant Funders

US Department of Education

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

US Department of Justice (DOJ)

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

Mississippi Department of Health

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC)

Delta Regional Authority (DRA)



*Thank You!*

## Grant Funders

AccelerateMS | Office of Workforce Development

Community Foundation for Mississippi

Communities In Schools

National Education Association Foundation

Kellogg Foundation

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Phil Hardin Foundation

New Venture Capital



# In Summary...

*In recent years, JPS has received*

**Academic Grants**

Over \$39,000,000

**Operational Grants**

Over \$20,000,000

**Academic / Operational Grants**

*(Kellogg and Hewlett)*

Over \$8,000,000

*supporting implementation of the strategic plan.*



# Goals for the 2025 – 2026 school year

- Improve communication and further refine procedures for onboarding, managing and closing out grants.
- Identify District Funding Priorities to drive grant writing efforts.
- Submit at least 5 proposals for foundation, state and/or federal funding.
- Increase funding for the district.



# Closing Affirmation

*“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. The slogan ‘Press On’ has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”*

—Calvin Coolidge  
30th president of the United States  
1923 - 1929





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