Function	Function Description	Object Description	Organization	Cost	Total	Narrative Description
100	Instruction	Salaries	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 125,340.00	$ 125,340.00	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL - SALARY Provide a STEAM teacher position who provides structured, inquiry-based instruction that integrates science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics to reinforce core academic standards. This role is especially critical in supporting Title I students by offering: 1 FTE Hands-on, project-based learning aligned with South Carolina science and math standards Development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills Increased engagement for students who struggle in traditional instructional settings Exposure to STEM concepts that build college and career readiness foundations early Whale Branch Elementary School is a STEAM magnet school with a focus on technology. This magnet focus is designed to improve student achievement. Currently, school achievement in math has improved from 25.1% proficiency to 42.4% and science data have improved from 10% to 34%. As the school is still performing below 50% proficiency, a STEAM teacher was added to lead STEAM integration and provide STEAM classes to students. This teacher will also work to provide strategic intervention and support to students in reading and or math. STEAM instruction supplements the core curriculum by providing additional opportunities for students to apply academic concepts in meaningful, real-world contexts. By adding a STEAM teacher, supplemental instructional support is provided to students with a goal established by the school as follows: "By Spring 2027, the number of K-2 students who met or exceeded their ATG on their i-Ready Math Diagnostic will increase by 10% from a baseline of 55%. Additionally, the number of 3rd-5th grade students scoring meets and exceeds will increase from a baseline of 26% to 35%." (Data Sources: SC READY and i-Ready) A Teaching Assistant will provide supplemental instructional support under the direction of certified teachers to ensure Title I students receive differentiated instruction and targeted assistance. This position is essential for increasing instructional capacity and ensuring students receive additional support beyond whole-group instruction. 1 FTE Part-time tutors (120 hours) will provide targeted, supplemental instruction to students identified as needing additional academic support. Tutoring services will occur during extended learning time (before/after school or during designated intervention periods) and will focus on: Evidence-based interventions in literacy and mathematics Individualized and small-group instruction based on student data Reinforcement of classroom instruction to close learning gaps Frequent progress monitoring to adjust instruction as needed Tutoring services are critical for providing the additional time and intensity of instruction required for Title I students to achieve proficiency.
100	Instruction	Employee Benefits	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 46,252.00	$ 46,252.00	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL- BENEFIT Benefit costs are a necessary and allowable component of total compensation for staff supported with Title I funds. These costs include employer-paid payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance, and required statutory benefits. Providing benefits is consistent with district compensation practices and is essential for recruiting and retaining qualified personnel who implement and support ESSA program activities. All benefit costs are reasonable, allocable, and directly related to the operation of the Title I-funded program.
100	Instruction	Purchased Services	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 640.00	$ 640.00	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT - CONTRACTED SERVICES Substitute funding for Title I personnel is necessary to ensure continuity of instruction and support for students when staff are absent. While staffing allocations are based on state and local funding formulas, they do not account for the need to cover absences without disrupting essential Title I services. Funding substitutes allows intervention services and targeted support to continue without interruption, maintaining compliance with program requirements. This investment helps preserve instructional time, supports student achievement, and ensures consistent delivery of supplemental services for eligible students. ($640)
100	Instruction	Supplies and Materials	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 4,358.00	$ 4,358.00	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES and MATERIALS Classroom supplies may include: paper, ink, pencils, pens, notepads, dry eraser markers, journals, scissors, sound boxes, stickers, student planners, staples, staplers, take-home folders, writing instruments, calculators, erasers, glue, math manipulatives, rulers, Legos, robotic kits, flash drives, book sets, reading materials of a high interest level, paper clips, binders, tape, science lab materials, postage, envelopes, postcards, construction paper, tag board, glue, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, banners, posters, supplemental math materials, literacy materials, batteries, student white boards, classroom rugs for educational purposes (ex. alphabet), desk test dividers, science lab materials, student planners, STEAM and Lego lab supplies, STEAM unit supplies, leveled books, read aloud books, toys for instructional play, reading/phonics intervention materials, variety of texts in classroom libraries for students to read independently or with another and carts for classroom libraries and technology to support in class and any remote learning and the Maker Space area in the media center through the purchase of tablets and laptops, printers and cartridges, external hard drives and wireless keyboards for classroom.
188	Parenting/Family Literacy	Salaries	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 32,000.00	$ 32,000.00	PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT - SALARY Funding a Bilingual Parent Liaison is a strategic use of Title I resources to enhance family engagement, which is a critical component of student success. This role ensures that families of Title I students are meaningfully involved in their children's education, ultimately contributing to improved academic outcomes and stronger school communities. 1 FTE

188	Parenting/Family Literacy	Employee Benefits	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 17,200.00	$ 17,200.00	PARENTING AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT - BENEFIT Benefit costs are a necessary and allowable component of total compensation for staff supported with Title I funds. These costs include employer-paid payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance, and required statutory benefits. Providing benefits is consistent with district compensation practices and is essential for recruiting and retaining qualified personnel who implement and support ESSA program activities. All benefit costs are reasonable, allocable, and directly related to the operation of the Title I-funded program.
188	Parenting/Family Literacy	Supplies and Materials	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 3,050.00	$ 3,050.00	PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT - SUPPLIES Provide food and supplies to encourage parent attendance at parental and family engagement activities such as STEAM nights, math nights, literacy nights, and weekly parent and grandparent activities on campus. Activities will include literacy activities to include technology literacy for parents to understand academic standards as well as technologies that support school personalized learning, data review, literacy and STEAM activities that will include experiences for families to go through the engineering process and connects to literacy
220	Instructional Staff	Purchased Services	Whale Branch Elementary	$ 17,400.00	$ 17,400.00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - CONSULTANT (See Related Documents for details) The proposed professional development consultants are directly aligned with the goals and allowable uses of Title I funds, as it supports improving instructional quality and increasing student achievement for disadvantaged students. Participation in this professional development opportunity will provide evidence-based strategies, instructional practices, and resources designed to meet the academic needs of students served under Title I, particularly those who are at risk of failing to meet state academic standards. The training focuses on strengthening teacher capacity in areas such as differentiated instruction, data-driven decision making, and targeted interventions-key components required to close achievement gaps. Attendance at this workshop will allow staff to: *Gain current research-based instructional strategies proven effective with low-performing and economically disadvantaged students *Enhance skills in analyzing student data to inform instruction and interventions *Collaborate with educators from other districts to share best practices for supporting Title I populations *Access updated tools and resources that directly support school improvement goals and the district's Title I plan The trainings have a direct and measurable impact on improving academic outcomes for our students. Based on both formal and informal observations, as well as student achievement data, it became clear that there was a need to strengthen our teachers' content knowledge in mathematics and English language arts. By investing in targeted professional learning opportunities through high-quality conferences and trainings, our teachers have gained deeper instructional expertise, which has translated into more effective and engaging Tier I instruction. As a result, we are already seeing gains in student achievement. To ensure that our investment in consultants and travel leads to measurable improvements in instructional practices and student performance, we have a multi-layered system of accountability and follow-through in place. Our instructional leadership team conducts weekly classroom walkthroughs and formal observations to monitor the implementation of strategies and provide real-time feedback to teachers. These observations are aligned with the instructional goals and strategies emphasized in the professional development sessions.