



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
State Board of Education  
Department of Public Instruction

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# Report to the Fiscal Research Division

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Quarterly Progress Report on Directed Grants  
*Session Law 2023-134, Section 5.3.(b)*

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**PURPOSE**

Session Law 2023-134, Section 5.3.(b)(3) states: “Beginning on the first day of a quarter following the deadline provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection and quarterly thereafter, State agencies administering directed grants shall report to the Fiscal Research Division on the status of funds disbursed for each directed grant until all funds are fully disbursed. At a minimum, the report required under this subdivision shall include updates on (i) the date of the initial contact, (ii) the date the contract was sent to the entity receiving the funds, (iii) the date the disbursing agency received the fully executed contract back from the entity, (iv) the contract execution date, and (v) the payment date.”

The following details the payments made to the Directed Grant Recipients (DGR) from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as required by Session Law 2023-134, Section 5.3.(b)(3).

**Table 1: 2023 Appropriations Act Directed Grant Recipients (DGR) Receiving One-Time Payments of \$100,000 or Less State Fiscal Year 2024:**

Directed Grant Recipient (DGR)	Date of Initial Contact Between DPI and DGR	Date DPI Sent Contract to DGR	Date DPI Received Contract from DGR	Contract Execution Date	Payment Issue Date
Best Buddies International, Inc.	10/27/2023	12/21/2023	12/27/2023	1/3/2024	1/4/2024
Masonboro.org <sup>(1)</sup>	12/4/2023	1/5/2024	1/5/2024	1/5/2024	3/1/2024

(1) DPI was not able to execute the contract or the initial payment within the legislated timeline due to the difficulty in receiving required information from Masonboro.org.

**State Fiscal Year 2025:**

Directed Grant Recipient (DGR)	Date of Initial Contact Between DPI and DGR	Date DPI Sent Contract to DGR	Date DPI Received Contract from DGR	Contract Execution Date	Payment Issue Date
Best Buddies International, Inc.	8/14/2024	9/4/2024	9/23/2024	9/23/2024	10/7/2024
Masonboro.org	8/14/2024	9/4/2024	9/9/2024	9/9/2024	9/17/2024

**Table 2: 2023 Appropriations Act Directed Grant Recipients (DGR) Receiving Monthly Payments**

**State Fiscal Year 2024:**

Directed Grant Recipient (DGR)	Date of Initial Contact Between DPI and DGR	Date DPI Sent Contract to DGR	Date DPI Received Contract from DGR	Contract Execution Date
Muddy Sneakers	10/27/2023	12/21/2023	12/21/2023	12/24/2023
Clarence Henderson Education Foundation <sup>(2)</sup>	10/26/2023	3/12/2024	3/12/2024	3/13/2024
SparkNC	10/31/2023	11/20/2023	11/29/2023	11/30/2023

(2) Clarence Henderson Education Foundation experienced delays with establishing the entity as a valid vendor within the North Carolina Financial System. This resulted in a delay in DPI being able to execute the contract and provide the initial payment.

Directed Grant Recipient (DGR)	Payment Issue Date											
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Muddy Sneakers	1/4/2024	1/4/2024	1/4/2024	1/4/2024	1/4/2024	1/4/2024	1/22/2024	3/1/2024	3/25/2024	4/8/2024	5/6/2024	6/4/2024
Clarence Henderson Education Foundation	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	3/25/2024	4/8/2024	5/6/2024	6/3/2024
SparkNC	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	12/11/2023	1/22/2024	3/1/2024	3/25/2024	4/8/2024	5/6/2024	6/3/2024

- Notes:**
1. The first payment for each DGR includes payments retroactive to July 1, 2023.
  2. Muddy Sneakers received both the December 2023 and January 2024 payments in January 2024.
  3. Muddy Sneakers and SparkNC received multiple payments in March 2024 because February 2024 payments were designated with a net 30 payment timeframe when keyed in the North Carolina Financial System. This setting was revised for subsequent payments.

**Table 2: 2023 Appropriations Act Directed Grant Recipients Receiving Monthly Payments (continued)**

**State Fiscal Year 2025:**

Directed Grant Recipient (DGR)	Date of Initial Contact Between DPI and DGR	Date DPI Sent Contract to DGR	Date DPI Received Contract from DGR	Contract Execution Date
Davidson County Schools <sup>(3)</sup>	1/9/2025	5/28/2025	5/28/2025	5/30/2025
Muddy Sneakers	8/14/2024	9/4/2024	9/4/2024	9/5/2024
NC Education Corps	8/14/2024	9/26/2024	9/26/2024	9/27/2024
New Hanover County Schools <sup>(4)</sup>	1/9/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A
SparkNC	8/14/2024	9/9/2024	9/10/2024	9/11/2024

- (3) DPI originally awarded AI School Safety Pilot Program funds to Davidson County Schools through an allotment which provided access to the funds in April 2024. In January 2025, DPI initiated contact with Davidson County Schools to communicate that the funds were to be awarded as a directed grant. Unexpended funds were reverted after reconciling and correcting accounting records and awarded as a directed grant in May 2025.
- (4) DPI originally awarded AI School Safety Pilot Program funds to New Hanover County Schools through an allotment which provided access to the funds in April 2024. In January 2025, DPI initiated contact with New Hanover County Schools to communicate that the funds were to be awarded as a directed grant. Unexpended funds were reverted after reconciling and correcting accounting records; however, DPI did not initiate a contract because the New Hanover County Schools Board of Education voted not to proceed with the grant in a meeting on March 25, 2025.

Directed Grant Recipient (DGR)	Payment Issue Date											
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Davidson County Schools												6/12/2025
Muddy Sneakers	9/17/2024	9/17/2024	9/17/2024	10/4/2024	11/5/2024	12/4/2024	1/6/2025	2/6/2025	3/4/2025	4/3/2025	5/5/2025	6/4/2025
NC Education Corps	10/7/2024	10/7/2024	10/7/2024	10/7/2024	11/5/2024	12/5/2024	1/7/2025	2/7/2025	3/5/2025	4/4/2025	5/5/2025	6/4/2025
SparkNC	9/18/2024	9/18/2024	9/18/2024	10/7/2024	11/5/2024	12/5/2024	1/7/2025	2/7/2025	3/5/2025	4/4/2025	5/5/2025	6/4/2025

**Note:** The first payment for each DGR includes payments retroactive to July 1, 2024.