

# ABSTRACT

## SPECIAL FUND PROPOSAL

### Section I. BASIC INFORMATION

**Proposed Project Title:** Open Choice

**Grant Source and Agency:** Connecticut State Department of Education

**Total Amount Requested:** \$414,109

**Due Date of Application:**  
March 2021

**System Contact:** Michele Bonanno

**Telephone #:** 475-220-1391

**Description of Project:** Provide a brief description below. Use Section VI to outline specific objectives and strategies relating to goals described in the application.

The CT State Department of Education's Open Choice program, which is managed by ACES, is a program designed to reduce racial, ethnic, and economic isolation and to increase academic achievement. The program offers students in surrounding towns the opportunity to attend NHPS non-Interdistrict magnet schools.

<b>GRANT PERIOD:</b>	
From: 07/01/2022	
To: 06/30/2023	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation	
<b>Previous Bd. of Ed. Approval:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational	
<b>Bd. of Ed. Information</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	
<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entitlement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	

**PROPOSAL DEVELOPERS:**  
Michele Bonanno

**TARGET: Schools/Unit:** Bishop Woods, Brennan-Rogers, Celentano, Roberto Clemente, Conte-West Hills, East Rock, F.A.M.E, James Hillhouse, John S. Martinez, Elm City Montessori, Barack H. Obama, Wilbur Cross

**No. of Students:** 179      **Grade Level(s):** PK-12

**Eligibility Criteria:** ACES Open Choice Lottery

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ABSTRACT TIMETABLE	REVIEW
<b>Return to:</b> _____	
<b>Received:</b> _____	<b>Grants Manager</b> <u>Pat DeMaio</u>
<b>Board of Education FINANCE &amp; OPERATIONS Meeting Date</b> <u>4/3/23</u>	<b>Finance Manager</b> <u>[Signature]</u>
<b>Board of Education Meeting Date:</b> <u>4/10/23</u>	<b>Human Resource Manager</b> <u>[Signature]</u>
<b>Due Date to Grantor:</b> _____	

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**SECTION II: FISCAL INFORMATION**

**PERSONNEL**

# FT	#PT		COST
		Administrators	\$
		Teachers	\$
		Management	\$
		Paraprofessionals	\$
		Clerks	\$
		Others	\$
		Stipend	\$
		Longevity	
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**NON-PERSONNEL**

	COST
Supplies & Materials	\$
Student Transportation	\$
Staff Travel	\$
Internal Evaluation	\$
External Evaluation	\$
Independent Contractors	\$
Equipment	\$
Other	\$414,109
Indirect Costs, if allowed	\$
<b>TOTAL NON-PERSONEL</b>	<b>\$414,109</b>

**FIXED COSTS:**

Health Benefits	\$
Pension (Paras & Mgmt.)	\$
FICA/Medicare	\$
Workmen's Compensation	\$
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL &amp; FIXED COSTS</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Notes:**

- 1) Total Personnel and Non Personnel columns must equal grant total.
- 2) The Abstract budget must be aligned with the Grant Application budget/ED114.
- 3) All applications should budget for staff development (stipends) and evaluation wherever appropriate.

**SECTION IIA: BUDGET EXPLANATION**

The following categories must be explained:

**All Personnel:** explain positions; **Salary:** if the grant pays a percent of salary and fixed costs, please describe below, breaking down **percentages and amounts to be paid by grant and by NHPS**. **Other;** and **All Non- Personnel items**. If additional space is needed, continue to next page.

**The CT State Department of Education awards \$3,000 per student enrolled via the Open Choice Program. The total number of students enrolled for SY 22-23 is 132 for a total of \$396,000 with an additional \$18,109 for schools with students enrollment of 10 or greater (see attached worksheet for student count by school).**

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**SECTION III: SYSTEM OBLIGATIONS**

Project support from other programs:  None  Yes Explain:

Linkage with other programs:  None  Yes Explain:

Local Fiscal costs, (include renovation):  None  Yes Explain:

Future local personnel obligations:  None  Yes Explain:

**PROJECT OR GRANT REQUIREMENTS**

- Local Maintenance       Replication       Parent Involvement
- In-Service Training       Advisory Committee       Linkage w/other Programs
- Non-Public School Involved       Dissemination

**ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS OR CONCERNS**

SUBMITTING ADMINISTRATOR: Michele Bonanno 3/27/23  
Signature Date

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**SECTION IV: PROPOSED PERSONNEL**

List, **individually**, each position proposed by this grant application. **If no personnel**, please indicate **N/A** in the chart below.

N/A

F/T	P/T	Classification	Position Description	Duration of Proposed Service	Proposed Employee	Current NHPS Employee Yes/No	If Yes Current Employee Number
N/A							

**V. PROPOSED CONTRACTS**

List **individually**, each contract that will be prepared by this proposed project. **If contractors will not be utilized**, please indicate **N/A** in the chart below.

Proposed Independent Contractor	Brief Description of Service	Proposed Pay Rate	Proposed Total
N/A			

**VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
**Please Answer All Questions -- Use Additional Pages if Necessary**

**1. Please state specific goals for this grant or the grant period.**

The goal of the Open Choice Program is to encourage out-of-district students to attend New Haven schools that are not Interdistrict Magnet schools. This aligns perfectly to our district goals related to "School Choice" giving parents another option for their child's education while expanding the racial, ethnic and economic diversity of the receiving schools' total enrollment.

**a. If this is a continuation grant, please detail past year goal performance and accomplishments. Use additional space if needed:**

The families who choose to have their children in one of the Open Choice schools are given the opportunity to succeed in a rigorous academic environment designed to meet high State and National standard.

**2. How does this grant address School Reform goals?**

The goals of Open Choice are to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation and to increase academic achievement. This goal aligns with the District's goal of providing high quality education for All students.

**3. Please explain why this proposal is significant and important in relation to improving student and/or staff performance, as well as any additional pertinent information that is specific and relevant: (Include resume of person(s) providing service for contracts \$10,000 and over)**

The Open Choice program is important as it supports the district's continuing commitment to raise academic standards and close the achievement gap between groups of students. Ultimately, preparing students to live and work in a diverse community and compete in a global economy.

**REQUIRED:**

**A COPY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE ABSTRACT.**

**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SY 2022-23**  
**Open Choice Student Enrollment Count**

School	Total	Grant Amount \$3,000 pp	*Additional Entitlement \$198.98	Grand Total
Bishop Woods	7	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ 21,000
Brennan-Rogers	9	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 27,000
Celentano*	23	\$ 69,000	\$ 4,577	\$ 73,577
Roberto Clemente	4	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000
Conte-West Hills*	22	\$ 66,000	\$ 4,378	\$ 70,378
East Rock*	10	\$ 30,000	\$ 1,990	\$ 31,990
Elm City Montessori*	12	\$ 36,000	\$ 2,388	\$ 38,388
F.A.M.E	2	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
James Hillhouse	7	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ 21,000
John S. Martinez	7	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ 21,000
Barack H. Obama*	24	\$ 72,000	\$ 4,776	\$ 76,776
Wilbur Cross	5	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>\$ 396,000</b>	<b>\$ 18,109</b>	<b>\$ 414,109</b>
As of 10/1/2022				

\*Additional Entitlement: CSDE awarded additional funds to Districts for schools with OC student enrollment of 10 or greater. NHPS received additional funds for 51 students enrolled at Celentano, Conte-West Hills, East Rock, Elm City Montessori and Barack Obama. Additional per pupil = \$198.98