

Catalyst for Change Grant Final Report Form

Due electronically by June 1, 2021

Contact Information:								
Name: Katie Robinson								
School: Shell Elementary								
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Basic Project Information:	_							
Project Title:	Shell F	Reading Initiative						
Grade level(s) addressed:	K-5							
What priority area(s) did your praddress?	Career/Technical Edu Increasing Graduation X Literacy STEM Education Teaching Quality/Imp Classroom Instruction	n Rates	_x_ Low-Performing Students(Those students in subgroups for whom persistent achievement gaps exist, OR those students previously scoring below level 3 on statewide assessments)					
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Have substantial changes been rethe original plan/goal of the proso, please describe them here. (include changes due to COVID-1	ject? If This can	Foundation and further	suppleme	February from the Education ented our high interest library by ur IRLA list through Scholastic. changes.				

Project Summary (Summarize your grant project and what was accomplished in 1,000 words or less.)

We used the funds from our Catalyst for Change grant to purchase high interest books specifically aligned to the reading levels outlined in the American Reading Company's Independent Reading Leveling Assessment (IRLA). These books were distributed to our teachers according to the reading levels in their classrooms. The teachers used the books to fuel a half an hour of independent reading time every day. All students were able to read books at their individual reading level, which took some of the frustration our lower readers experience out of their reading time. Our administrative team provided charts to track independent reading steps (15 min a step) during class time. We provided rewards at 10, 50, 100, and 150 steps. Our teachers reported an increase in reading engagement, a decrease in problem behaviors, and were very happy with the program.

Our goal was to increase reading stamina and instill a love of reading in our students. We hoped the increase in reading stamina would lead to an increase in reading assessment scores. We established a goal of increasing the percentage of students scoring a 3 or above on our district progress monitoring software (istation) by 10% when compared to the same student cohort's scores the year before. For example, we looked at the first grade scores from this year and compared them with the kindergarten scores from last year. This process allows us to gather data for 5 grade levels. We achieved our goal in one grade level. Two other grade levels also showed gains, but did not reach our original goal. All the grade levels that demonstrated gains were primary grades (K-3). This age range is incredibly important when looking at building lifelong readers, so we are very excited about our data. We feel the program was very successful, and we will be continuing it next year. Our success wouldn't have been possible without the books we bought with the help of our Catalyst for Change grant!

Project Outcomes, Outputs & results

Outcome Measures

For EACH district goal area your project addressed, describe the following:

What were the OUTCOMES (change/improvement in knowledge, behavior, skills, scores, etc.) of your project and how were they measured? (If you are using state standardized testing scores to measure outcomes, and these scores will not be available until after the June 30, 2021 report deadline, please indicate here and provide a date the scores will be available and sent to the Education Foundation.)

Three of our five student cohorts increased the percentage of students who scored a level 3 or above on the ISIP. Last year's Kindergarteners went from a 25% passing rate to a 30% passing rate as First Graders. Last year's First Graders went from a 22% passing rate to a 43% passing rate as Second Graders. Last year's Second Graders went from a 35% passing rate to a 37% passing rate as Third Graders. Last year's Third and Fourth graders showed a decrease in the amount of students at a 3 or above. Our goals was to increase at each level by 10 percentage points. We only met that goal in one grade level cohort.

We also had a goal to increase the Achievement level on the ELA FSA for our African American students from 28% to 48%. We will report these final scores by July 1st. At the moment, our progress monitoring data shows at least 32% of our African American students will be proficient in ELA.

What were the OUTPUTS (products of your activities, such as number/value of supplies distributed, number of grants awarded, number of participants, number of trainings offered, newsletter and other marketing items sent out etc.) of your project and how were they measured?

We chose to use the questions suggested in our Grant Feedback document as an additional output. Below are the questions and a summary of the answers provided by our teachers:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how positive has the effect of our school wide independent reading time been on your students? **Teachers responded with an average of 4.5 out of 5.**

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being significant change and 1 being no improvement, have you seen improvement in your students' reading ability and level of confidence when reading? **Teachers responded with an average of 4.2 out of 5.**

Are your students more engaged in reading activities in your classroom now than at the beginning of the school year? 93% of respondents said yes.

Have you had fewer disruptive behavior incidents in your classroom as the reading program has progressed? **80% of respondents said yes.**

Do you have any specific feedback related to the books purchased and distributed for use in our independent reading time? **There were only four comments - they are listed below.**

- Great to have an allocated time in the schedule for what really works for kids!
- Students have really enjoyed the different varieties of books.
- Thank you.
- I wish there were more concrete ways to show evidence of actual engagement with the books they are reading. When we used AR, students could test to show comprehension. However, having them share with shoulder partners or write book reviews isn't nearly as rigorous.

Please Share a story that illustrates how your program made a concrete and sustainable difference in the life of your beneficiaries

One of our teachers started the program by allowing her students to pick a book at a level they thought was right for them. She then assessed them all individually and moved them into the reading level that the IRLA assessment recommended. She reported a drastic change in engagement and confidence in several students. The fact that she had high interest level books available at all the reading levels in her classroom meant that students were all engaged, and none of them felt they were reading books that were below their maturity level, even if they were struggling readers.

Project Budget

Budget Category	Catalyst for Change Amount	Other Grant Amounts	Total Amount	Description of Expenditure (What activity did this support in the grant? i.e. classroom project, training, computer project, etc.)
Salaries & Benefits				

Professional Contracted Workers			
(i.e. stipend workers, trainers,			
work for fee etc.)			
Travel (out-of-state travel MUST			
be pre-approved)			
Program Supplies	4,760.00 in	4,760.00 in	Book sets from American
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	funds	additional	K-2.
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Computer Software			
Computer Hardware			
Other Equipment (not			
computers)*			
Printing** (Expenditures in these			
categories must be directly			
related to program			
implementation)			
Tuition/Training/Conferences/Ad			
mission			
Room Rental Fees			
Food, awards, etc. (ONLY paid for with Private Match funds)			
Internet & Telephone Service**			
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Postage**			
Total:	7,160.00	7,160.00	

^{**}Only if these categories are directly related to program implementation

You are required to submit all receipts associated with expenditures included in the Catalyst for Change Grant Amount Column.

Thank You Letters & Photos

Once your project is complete we would like you to write a few thank you letters to The Education Foundation board of directors, Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and/or Florida House of Representatives and Senate as they make this opportunity possible through the School District Matching Grant Program. If your students wrote letters you can send those in as well. The letters should talk about the project, its results and what it meant to you to be able to provide your students with the opportunity, and lastly the number of teachers and students impacted. Letters can be mailed to The Education Foundation of Alachua County, 2802

NE 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32641 or trucked mailed to The Education Foundation @ the Horizon Center Attn: Tia Paul.

Photos of you project can be attached to the email with your completed final report if you have not already submitted them. Please label them in the following way "_School Name & Project Name" and please include a caption for each photo.

Agreements

- _x_ I certify that all the above information is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.
- _x_ I certify that I have submitted the proper financial documentation showing the expenditures made pertaining to the Catalyst for Change Grant amount that was awarded by The Education Foundation of Alachua County.

Due electronically by Tuesday June 1, 2021 to:

Tia Paul (Brock)
Education Foundation of Alachua County
Director of Programs

brocktt@gm.sbac.edu (352) 955-7250 ext. 6416



Chester Shell Elementary School

Alachua County School District

Special Collections

11/02/2020

Proposal Number: 134338

Submitted To: Gainesville, FL 32601

Phone: (352) 955-7527 Fax:(352) 955-7873



Program Proposal Summary
Materials: \$ 4,760.00
Grand Total: 4,760.00
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Title: ————————————————————————————————————

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	Qty	Price	Total
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Best Books Collections			
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Best Books for Girls- Int	H	\$480.00	\$480.00
Hook Books			
Hook Book Collection Grade 1 (50 Book)	1	\$400.00	\$400.00
Hook Book Collection Grade 2 (100 Book)	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
Hook Book Collection Grade 3 (100 Book)	ă	\$750.00	\$750.00
Hook Book Collection Grade 4 (100 Book)	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
Hook Book Collection Grade 5 (100 Book)	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
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