



LINCOLN HEALTH FOUNDATION

Improving Health Care and Outcomes for Residents of Lincoln Parish

Grant Summary

Initiative:	Healthier Outcomes & Access to Health Care
Project Name:	Health Enterprise to Assist Lincoln's Students (HEALS X)
Funding Period:	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
Date of Funding:	July 24, 2018
Project Coordinator:	Sonja Cardwell, RN
Project Administration:	Lincoln Parish School Board
Total Funding Approved:	\$ 310,916.98

Program Summary

Lincoln Parish Schools' HEALS is a health initiative designed to meet basic safety needs of indigent students in Lincoln Parish. Because of the high poverty rate in Lincoln Parish, many students and their families have health issues which are not addressed by government programs. These health issues include dental problems, difficulties accessing health care facilities and providers, as well as the need for access to school nurses.

The Lincoln Parish Schools' HEALS X initiative provides continuation of the HEALS objectives from prior years, which have produced the greatest success and address the largest needs. The HEALS X grant objectives are funding a mental health counselor, school nurses, providing nursing stations and supplies, including hygiene materials, lice kits, and uniforms. This grant will also help fund dental screenings, vouchers for local dentists, medical physician visits, and prescription medications.

Two new objectives that have been added to this year's grant are the administration of over-the-counter medications at local schools, with involvement from Dr. Jackie

White, directing the activities of the Lincoln Parish school nurses. Also new this year, is the implementation of tele-med services at Simsboro High School, also under the direction of Dr. Jackie White and The Health Hut.