

The Hill Center

Build statewide effectiveness, diversity and scale Hill Center initiatives to provide educational support to struggling students

The Hill Center provides educational support for struggling learners and provides teacher development using Hill's Reading Achievement Program(HillRAP). Currently 18 NC school districts are using HillRAP in their classrooms. Additionally an app has been created, Hill Learning System(HLS) and is being utilized in the classroom via technology using ipads.

This funding request will support three key initiatives for the Hill Center:

Hill Center is working to build their diversity and inclusion and is requesting funding for 2 full scholarships for under-represented minority students for 4 years, and partial scholarships for up to 2 families the first 2 years and partial scholarships for up to 12 families for the last 2 years. Total student scholarships and financial aid support requested is \$300,000 over 4 years.

Request to expand the East Durham Learning Collaborative by supporting the implementation of Eastway Elementary School, and two additional Durham Public Schools into the collaborative. Funds will support training educators, providing tutoring for students, purchasing ipads, research and evaluation, software development, project management and support. \$550,000 is requested for this expansion.

Funding is requested for teacher scholarships for professional development working with teachers and districts from across the state in high need school districts. Providing 1 and 2 day workshops and online course options the scholarships will assist to reduce start-up costs to implement the Hill Learning System in districts across the state. The teacher scholarship funding requested is \$250,000 over 4 years.