

Hit the Education Jackpot for Building a New School

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The Wilson County journey to a **\$15 million** grant.



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Lottery funds have supported
school construction **since the start.**

N.C. Education Lottery supports three capital funds:

Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) (1987)

- ★ Lottery support began in 2007
- ★ \$100 Million / Year
- ★ ADM-Based Allotment

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) (2017)

- ★ Joint Application Process
- ★ Critical Facility Needs
- ★ Local Matching Funds

Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) (2021)

- ★ \$30 Million / Year 1 (\$300,000 to each county)
- ★ \$50 Million / Year 2+ (\$500,000 to each county)
- ★ Equal Allotment to 100 Counties
- ★ Repair, Renovation, Expansion of Classroom Facilities

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning/capital-funding>

State lawmakers are negotiating proposed changes to grant awards for new schools. That might mean **millions more** in funding available to schools across the state.



**Schools of Innovation & Technology
Cherokee County**

School Construction costs are on the rise

- state grants could go from **\$50 million** to **\$60 million** -

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| ★ \$30 million for Elementary Schools | ➡ | \$40 million |
| ★ \$40 million for Middle Schools | ➡ | \$50 million |
| ★ \$50 million for High Schools | ➡ | \$60 million |

How the **Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund** works

Need-Based Public School Capital Fund

- ★ Provides grants for critical facility needs
- ★ Requires joint applications from county and school board.
- ★ Awarded based on rankings of economic factors and facility needs

Types of projects:

- ★ Construction of new school buildings, repair and renovation of existing school buildings.
- ★ Lease agreement options allowed
- ★ Planning, design & construction
- ★ Not for land purchases
- ★ Not for LEED certification



New Jones County School Campus

How the State **reviews** your application



New library at Ahoskie Elementary School

Application Evaluation/Prioritization Criteria (per Session Law 2021-180)

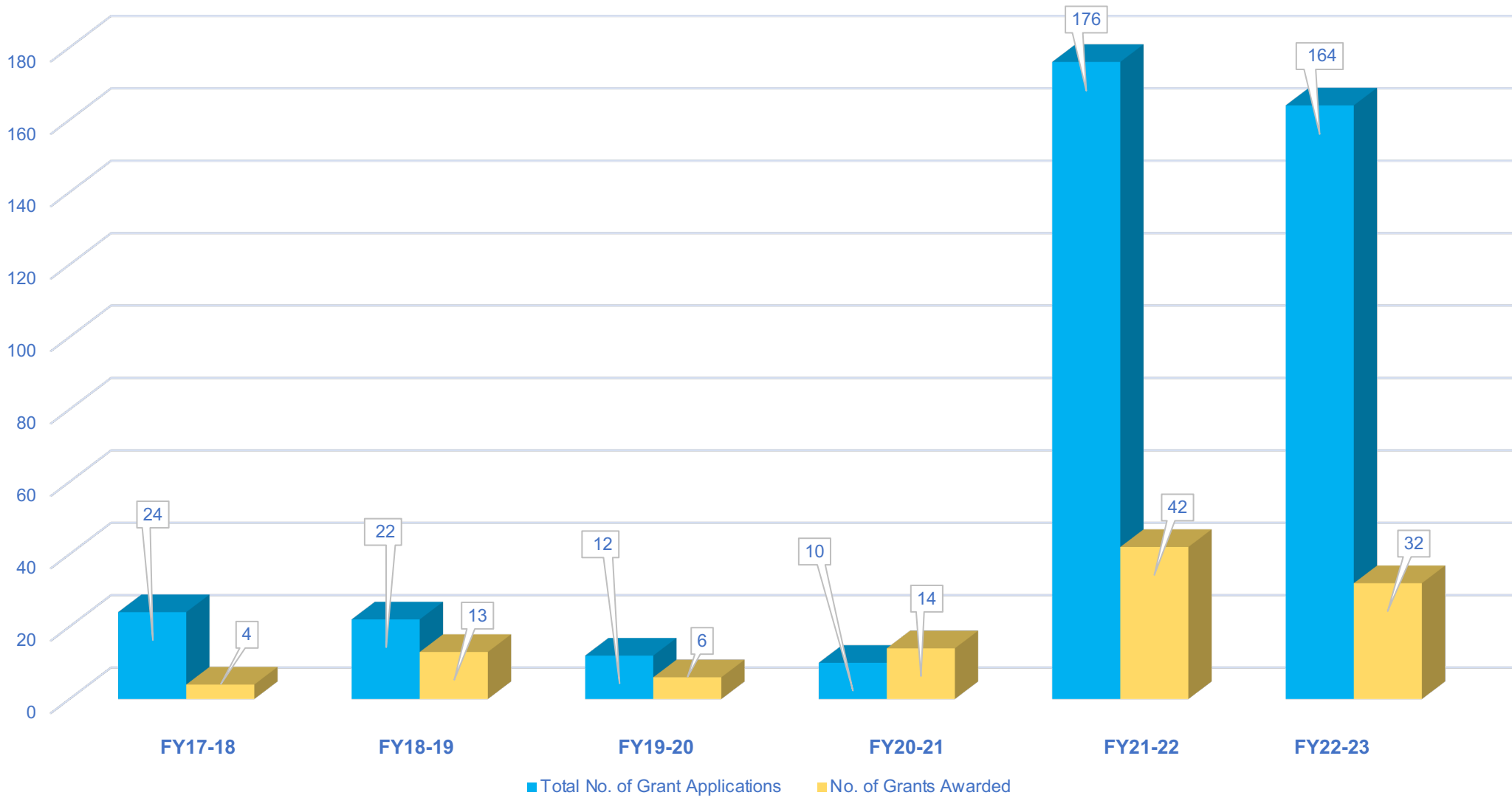
- ★ Counties designated as Tier 1 areas.
- ★ Counties with greater need and less ability to generate tax revenue.
- ★ Counties with a high debt-to-tax revenue ratio.
- ★ Projects that address critical deficiencies.
- ★ Projects with new construction or complete renovation.
- ★ Projects that consolidate two or more schools into one facility.
- ★ Counties that have not received a grant in three previous years.

How big is the school construction boom?

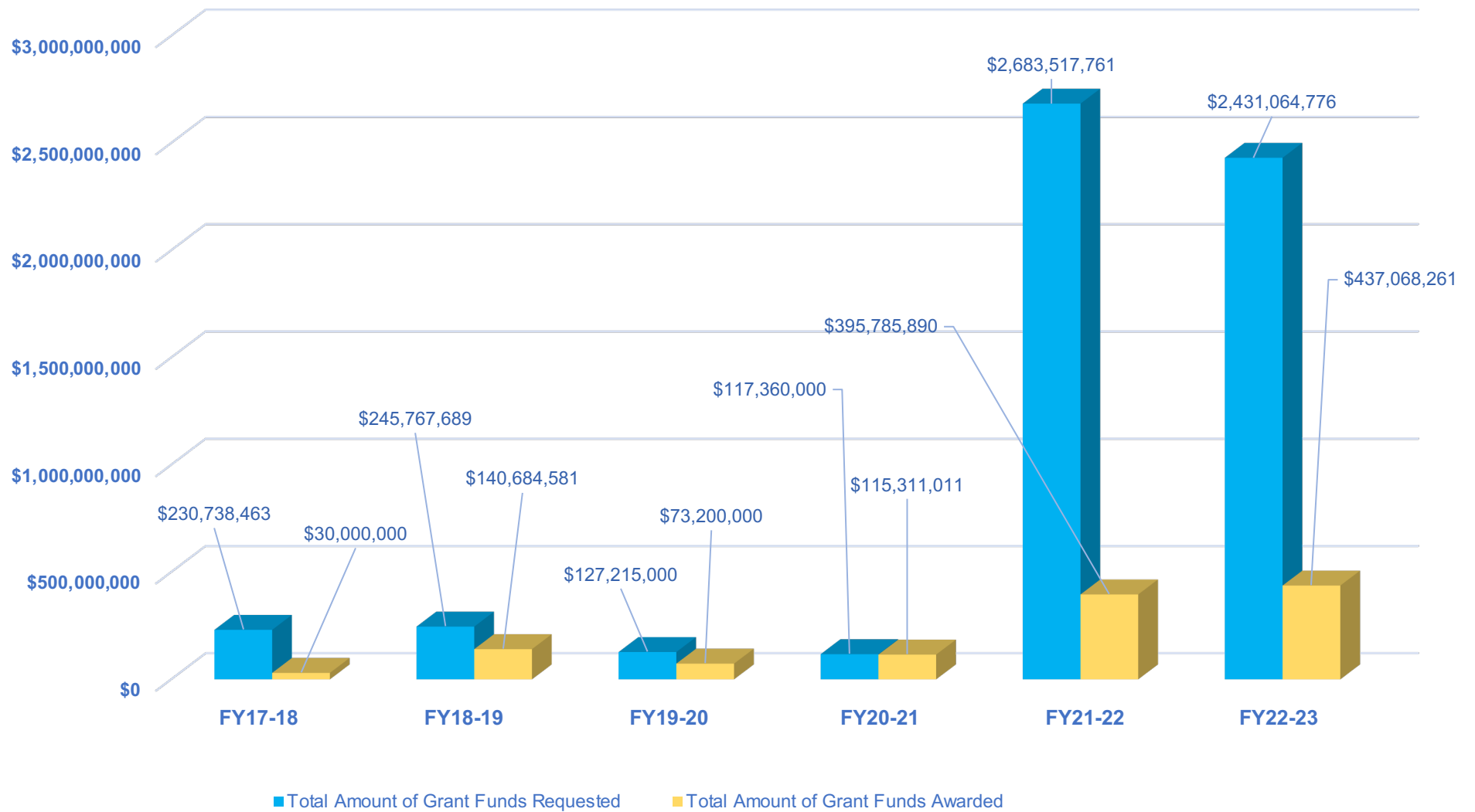
\$1.2 BILLION

distributed for school capital projects since 2017

Needs-Based Grants: Number Requested vs. Number Awarded



Needs-Based Grants: Amount Requested vs. Amount Awarded





New Granite Falls Middle School Campus facade

Tentative FY24 grant schedule

Oct. 18 – Application Deadline

Nov. 15 – Awards Announced

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Are you using your
Repair & Renovation fund?

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New Ahoskie Elementary School Campus facade

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Questions