

Proposal for Durham County partnership with Kate's Korner and Durham Housing Authority

Closing the opportunity gap, one child at a time.

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The Need

Kate's Korner is currently partnered with Durham Public Schools, Maureen Joy Charter School, Carter Community Charter School and Voyager Academy, to provide Distance Learning Support. The recruitment followed the Durham County recruitment criteria of students who are experiencing homelessness, receive free or reduced lunches, referrals of CPS or other Social Service agencies, residents of a Durham Housing Community neighborhood, and whose parents are essential workers. Kate's Korner has enrolled 80 students and has a waiting list of 27 children.

When Durham Public Schools made the final vote to stay on Plan C remote learning for the duration of the school year, an additional need was identified by DPS board members and Durham Housing Authority. The DHA team surveyed community parents to assess the need for Distance Learning Support. They identified 85 additional children who live in the Club Blvd., McDougald Terrace, and Hoover Rd. DHA communities that would benefit from having on-campus support for their children. In turn DHA and DPS asked Kate's Korner to be a service provider to meet these needs for the duration of the school year.

The Service

Kate's Korner will provide

1. A safe space for students to complete distance learning and to catch up on missing assignments
2. Breakfast, Lunch and 2 snack meals
3. Culturally competent curriculum for wellness Wednesdays and Fridays
4. Parent advocacy support

Covid-19 Safe Environment

1. 10-12 students per classroom area (6ft apart) with a 1:12 teacher ratio
2. Daily health screenings at the entrance of buildings
3. Provision and governance of mask
4. Hand Washing and Sanitizing throughout the day (hyper-focused during transitions and prior to meals)

Access

1. Wi-Fi access to all students with bandwidth to support every student online
2. Back-Up devices for student use when their devices are inoperable
3. Headphones will be provided for each student
4. Workbooks and other items will be picked up by Kate's Korner if parents aren't able to get to the schools

Funding

Kate's Korner is asking the County to support an additional 85 students who reside in Durham Housing Authority Communities at the costs of \$175 per student per week. This cost is consistent with the cost identified by many providers who run youth programs. This cost includes trained and reliable staff, social emotional supports, support programming, materials and supplies, cleaning, site operations, PPE, and food.

The cost excludes overhead cost, as DHA will not charge Kate's Korner rent for the program space. The cost reflects 7 weeks of the third quarter with a start date of February 8, 2021 and ending March 26, 2021. In addition, we are asking consideration for an additional 9 weeks support for the fourth quarter. This is only in the case that Durham Public School Foundation votes not to cover the cost of the additional DHA sites for the fourth quarter. The total for both quarters would be \$238,000.

DHA Location	Number of Children to Serve	Weekly Cost per Student	7 weeks of Support	9 weeks of Support	Total
Hoover Rd	25	\$175.00	\$30,625.00	\$39,375.00	
Oxford Manor	25	\$175.00	\$30,625.00	\$39,375.00	
McDougald Terrace	35	\$175.00	\$42,875.00	\$55,125.00	
Total	85		\$104,125.00	\$133,875.00	\$238,000.00

****ReCity Network is the Fiscal Agent Partner for Kate's Korner and can accept funding on our behalf.**

Kate's Korner is committed to providing what is needed to eliminate the opportunity gap in education and provide services with free access to as many students as possible based on the funding provided. The goal is to begin operating in the communities on February 8, 2021, but we would need the funding support of the County to ensure services.

I appreciate your consideration of this proposal and your willingness to put children first. I further appreciate it being considered amidst the incredible array of needs you all are addressing for the Durham community through this crisis.

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