

# **NOSOTROS Education Center Announces \$59 Million in McNair and UBMS Grants Awarded to Clients**

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(DALLAS) -- NOSOTROS Education Center (NEC) assisted 33 clients in writing successful federally funded grant proposals during the U.S. Department of Education's 2022 Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and the Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) competitions, the company announced today. NEC clients secured \$59 million to serve underrepresented students nationwide in pursuing their higher education goals.

The McNair program prepares eligible underrepresented college students for doctoral study. Results for the 2022 McNair grant competition include the following:

- NEC developed or reviewed 19 McNair proposals; 18 were funded or on the funding band, resulting in a success rate of 94.7%.
- Of the 19 proposals submitted, 9 were new grants; 8 new grants were funded. All 10 continuation grants were funded.
- NEC clients were awarded \$24.1 million in federal funding over 5 years.
- Funded clients are higher education institutions in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.

The Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) program prepares high school students to excel in STEM and graduate from college. Results for the 2022 UBMS competition include the following:

- NEC developed or reviewed 29 UBMS proposals; 23 were funded (plus six were on the funding band), resulting in a success rate of 90%.
- Of the 29 proposals submitted, 11 were new grants; 5 were funded and received perfect scores. All 18 continuation grants were funded.
- NEC clients were awarded \$34.8 million in federal funding over 5 years.
- The funded clients are agencies and institutions of higher education located in California, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Elizabeth Retamozo, NEC founder and Executive Director, celebrated the success of her clients and her team after these two grant competitions. Retamozo said, "The McNair and UBMS competitions were both highly competitive. The need is there, but there is not enough money to go around. I'm happy for our clients and proud of our team."

In June of this year, NEC announced a 100% success rate assisting clients with 88 successful Upward Bound proposal submissions totaling \$149 million in federal funding.

Since 2006, NEC has had a successful track record (92%) of securing over \$774 million via new and continuation federal grant proposals. NEC also provides technical assistance nationwide to

institutions and agencies in project implementation and technical assistance, professional development seminars, compliance assessment, and external evaluations.

**About the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program:** ([www2.ed.gov](http://www2.ed.gov)) The grant was established in 1989 and named in honor of Ronald E. McNair, an African American who grew up in the segregated South and had to overcome many obstacles to become an accomplished physicist and astronaut. Unfortunately, he was killed in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster in 1986.

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to higher education institutions to prepare eligible participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds and have demonstrated strong academic potential. Institutions work closely with participants as they complete their undergraduate requirements. Institutions encourage participants to enroll in graduate programs and then track their progress to successfully completing advanced degrees. The goal is to increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society.

**About the Upward Bound Math and Science Program:** ([www2.ed.gov](http://www2.ed.gov)) The Upward Bound Math and Science program is designed to strengthen participating students' math and science skills. The program aims to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science and, ultimately, careers in math and science.

Program services include summer programs with intensive math and science training; year-round counseling and advisement; exposure to university faculty members who do research in mathematics and the sciences; computer training; and participant-conducted scientific research under the guidance of faculty members or graduate students who are serving as mentors; education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students; and programs and activities previously mentioned that are specially designed for students who are limited English proficient, students from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education, students with disabilities, students who are homeless children and youths, students who are in foster care or are aging out of foster care system, or other disconnected students.

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