



SUBMISSION FORM

All submission forms must include the following information. Separate submission forms must be turned in for each eligible program. **Deadline: July 1, 2024.** Please include this submission form with the electronic entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your entry within 3 days of submission, please contact [Gage Harter](#).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: County of Henrico
Program Title: Reenvisioning Hallways
Program Category: Community & Economic Development

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Abstract of the Program

The former Highland Spring High School building has been renamed The Oak Avenue Complex and now serves as the home of several Henrico County Public Schools programs. Henrico County Public Schools' Division of Family and Community Engagement repurposes a third of the building to create a community school. Part of the program's vision is to provide resources to the community to support students and families. Using a former high school building presented some limitations for the new vision, and the Division of Family and Community Engagement contacted HCPS' Summer Building Trades Program to seek help redesigning hallway space.

Problem/Challenge/Situation Faced by Locality

Students enrolled in the school division's Summer Building Trades Program experience real-world opportunities based on community needs. This project required students to design a space previously occupied by lockers. The Division of Family and Community Engagement considered the possibility of a seating area or storage to help reuse the space and update the hallway's look.

Description of the Program

HCPS' Summer Building Trades Program is a unique opportunity for high school students to learn about construction trades, including carpentry, masonry, air conditioning and refrigeration, low-voltage networking and electricity. For six weeks in the summer, students attend from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. During their time in the program, they earn their OSHA-10 certification and a half-credit toward their diploma.

The Cost of the Program

The HCPS House-Building Vocational Foundation provided the materials for this project. Materials included wood, fasteners, electrical supplies and paint.

The Results/Success of the Program

This program provided students with an opportunity to renovate an existing area of a school, work with a client to meet their new needs, and design and build a unique bookcase. Students also created charging stations for devices within the bookcases, where they practiced electricity skills during the project as well. Collaboration was also instrumental during this project, and students learned how to address challenges that arise with a renovation project, where they would need to troubleshoot unexpected challenges during the process.

Worthiness of Award

The program was a wonderful opportunity for ACE Center at Highland Springs students to give back to our school division and provide a service that will address community needs. Students could use what they learned in lab settings to create a natural solution for a real client. By seeing a project through from start to finish, students also built their confidence in completing projects.

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Supplemental Material

