# FY2024 Strategic Partnership Grants

## Buncombe County

## Application - FY2024 Strategic Partnership Grant

As part of the FY2024 Strategic Partnership Grants program, Buncombe County requests proposals for community-based projects working toward outcomes in alignment with Strategic Plan focus areas.

Please refer to the Grant Guidelines published on the Strategic Partnership Grants website at buncombecounty.org/grants for complete information about the grant program, including: Purpose; Funding; Eligibility; Timeline; Grant writing workshop; Review process; Awards; and more.

### Applications are due by 5:00 on February 10, 2023.

Scoring will be based on the following criteria:

- Need for the Project project meets essential community need & fits with the County's strategic plan focus areas and/or goals
- 2. Project Plan Project includes clear, reasonable actions that are likely to meet the need
- 3. Proposed Results Project includes quantifiable results and plan for measuring success
- 4. <u>Equity</u> Organization has a demonstrated commitment to equity and reflected it in the proposed project
- 5. <u>Organizational capacity</u> Is structured to complete the project as described & budget is clear, efficient, appropriate and matched to community need and project plan
- Scoring will be on a scale of 1 to 10 with a maximum total score of 50.
- Each criteria is weighted equally and worth 20% of the total score.

### **Grant Guidelines\***

Have you read and understand the information presented in the FY2024 Grant Guidelines Strategic Partnership Grants?

Click here for the Grant Guidelines.

### Choices

Yes

No

## Funding Request\*

How much funding is this project requesting for FY2024?

Character Limit: 20

## **Project Name\***

Character Limit: 100

#### Focus Area\*

Select the focus area & category that most closely applies to this project: (choose one)

<u>Educated & Capable Community</u>- A county where all people thrive and demonstrate resilience throughout their lives

- Adult education
- K-12 education

<u>Environmental Stewardship</u>- High-quality air, water, farmland and renewable energy for future generations

- Air quality
- Energy conservation
- Soil & water quality

Resident Well-Being- A county where residents are safe, healthy, and engaged in their community

- Basic needs
- Food
- Health
- Legal
- Mental health
- Safety
- Wellness

<u>Vibrant Economy</u> - A robust and sustainable economy that builds on homegrown industries/talent and provides economic mobility for all

- Financial wellbeing
- Small business
- Workforce

**Note:** Some categories are not represented here because Buncombe County has other funding sources that specialize in those areas (e.g. affordable housing, aging services, arts, early childhood education, juvenile crime prevention, land conservation, recreation, and

#### transportation).

### Please select your Focus Area from this list:

#### Choices

Adult Education (Educated & Capable Community)

Air Quality (Environmental Stewardship)

Basic Needs (Resident Well-Being)

Energy Conservation (Environmental Stewardship)

Financial Well-Being (Vibrant Economy)

Food (Resident Well-Being)

Health (Resident Well-Being)

K-12 Education (Educated & Capable Community)

Legal (Resident Well-Being)

Mental Health (Resident Well-Being)

Safety (Resident Well-Being)

Small Business (Vibrant Economy)

Soil & Water Quality (Environmental Stewardship)

Wellness (Resident Well-Being)

Workforce (Vibrant Economy)

### Need for the Project\*

What is the community need and purpose this project is established to address? Use data or qualitative factors to show the need. Describe how this project fits with the County's strategic plan focus areas and/or goals. www.BuncombeCounty.org/2025

Character Limit: 1500

## **Primary Location\***

What is the address for the primary location where services will be delivered?

Character Limit: 1500

## Geography Served\*

Where do the people live who are served by this this project? (Refer to data about who is actually served rather than just what locations are eligible to be served, if available.

Character Limit: 1500

## Population Served\*

Describe the population that will be impacted by this project.

Character Limit: 1500

## Project Plan\*

Explain the project and how it will work and who it will serve. Include any models or evidence-based practices that will be included and any collaborative partners critical to success. What specific activities and milestones are included in the project plan?

Character Limit: 1500

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#### Results\*

What results do you hope to achieve with this project, and how will you measure success? Be specific about how much work will be completed and/or how many people will be served.

If this is a request for renewal funding, also describe your actual project results achieved for the current year, as of December 31 according to your quarterly report.

Character Limit: 1500

## Equity\*

How does your organization define equity? Describe your organization's equity strategy and activities. Explain how equity is reflected in the proposed project.

Equity is one of Buncombe County's values expressed in the strategic plan. Inequities exist across all areas, whether looking at geography, race, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, and many other traits. Racial equity is a priority because of pronounced racial disparities at a community level. Buncombe County defines equity as the state of being just, impartial and fair. We define racial equity as when race can no longer be used to predict life outcomes, and outcomes for all groups are improved.

Character Limit: 1500

### Organizational Capacity\*

Tell us about your organization, including mission and values. Describe the organizational structure, and include any success stories and/or examples of your past initiatives that demonstrate your ability to carry out the project plan.

Character Limit: 1500

## **Budget Narrative\***

Explain how grant funds will be used, including a summary of what expenses will be covered by County funds.

Character Limit: 1500

## **Budget\***

Download a copy of the budget form <u>HERE</u>. Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

It is important to fully complete the budget form, including: all sources of proposed revenue for the project (committed & pending); all planned expenses for the project (paid for with grant funds & other funds); and 3-year overall organization budget (non-itemized total). Explanatory notes are encouraged.

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## Sustainability

If this is an ongoing project, describe the organization's capacity to raise funds to continue this project beyond the 3 year limit for Strategic Partnership Grants.

Character Limit: 1500

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

### Nonprofit Status\*

Upload proof of nonprofit status, such as IRS Determination Letter or documentation from the North Carolina Secretary of State. If this documentation is not available, briefly state the reason.

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### **Board of Directors\***

Upload a current list of your organization's Board of Directors. If your organization does not have a board of directors, briefly state the reason.

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### Other

Is there anything else that you want the committee to know?

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