EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE
Grant Process Review
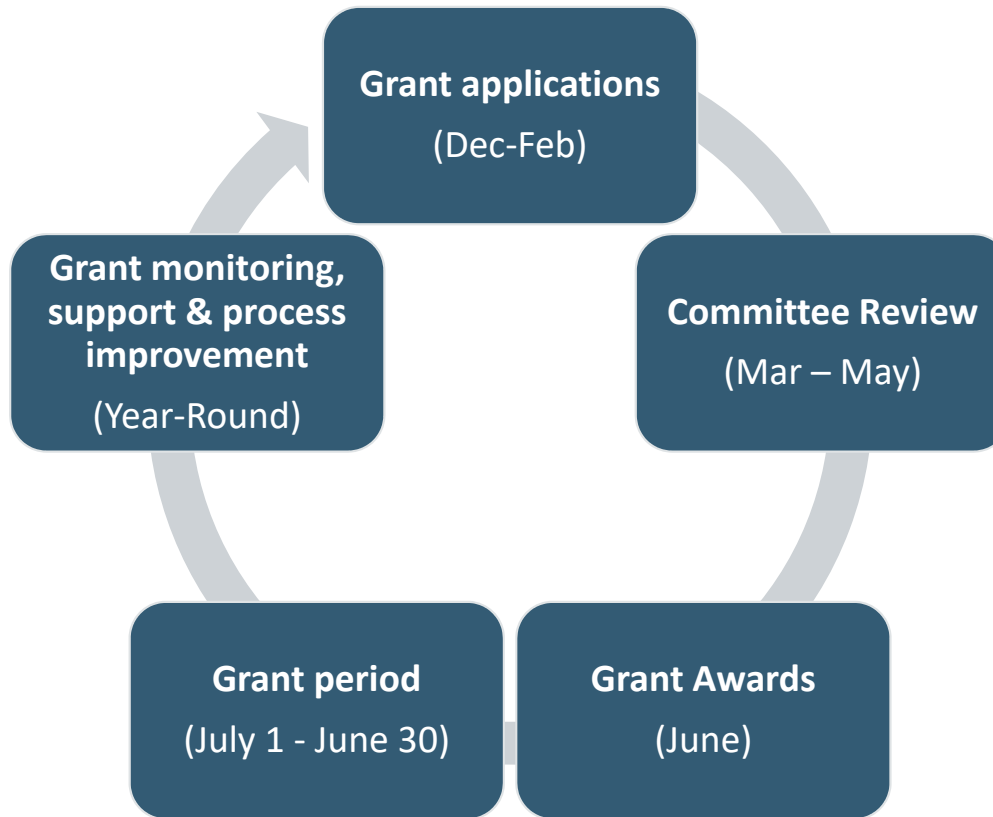
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Grant Cycle

- Grant applications (Dec-Feb)
- Committee Review (Mar – May)
- Grant Awards (June)
- Grant period (July 1 - June 30)
- Grant monitoring, support & process improvement (Year-Round)

Funding Strategies

Support early care & education for children birth through kindergarten with an emphasis on preschool and pre-kindergarten:

- Increase **slots** for enrollment

- Increase **quality**

- Develop/diversify early childhood **workforce**

- Support **families**

- Enhance effectiveness of overall **system** of early care and education

Priority

Funding is earmarked to support early care and education for children birth through kindergarten. This includes the following categories:

- infants/toddlers – ages six (6) weeks to three (3) years old

- preschoolers – ages three (3) to five (5) years old

- pre-kindergarteners (pre-k) – 4 year old rising kindergarteners (4 years old by August 31st)

Emphasis in the fund is given to preschool and pre-kindergarten. This is not associated with "NC Pre-K," which is a program of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education.

FY2023 Timeline

December 13, 2021	January 11, 2022	February 11, 2022	February 14 – April 26, 2022	April 30, 2022	June 21, 2022
Grant application opened	Grant writing workshop	Grant applications due	Grant review by committee	Grant recommendations due to budget office	Grant awards finalized with county budget adoption

Grant Writing Support

- Grant announcement broadcast through provider networks and shared to the general public

- Grant guidelines published online

- 16 participants attended grant writing workshop

- Session recorded and distributed

- 8 applicant consultations with County staff

FY2023 Grant Applications & Awards

$ Requested	# Projects	# Organizations
$6,173,833*	28	21

including requests to renew multi-year funding commitments

$ Granted	# Projects	# Organizations
$3,820,348	22	17

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FY2023 GRANTEES

- Asheville Jewish Community Center
- A-B Tech
- Bent Creek Preschool
- Buncombe County Schools
- Buncombe Partnership for Children
- Colaborativa la Milpa
- Community Action Opportunities
- Eliada Homes
- Evolve Early Learning

- FIRST
- Irene Wortham Center
- On Track Financial Education & Counseling
- Read to Succeed
- Southwestern Child Development
- Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council
- The Christine Avery Learning Center
- YWCA

FY2023 Example Funding

- Behavior specialists
- Classroom furniture
- Curriculum & assessments
- Extended care
- Family supports
- Literacy supplies
- Outdoor learning environments
- Matched savings program
- Mental health support

- Nutrition
- Parent workshops & engagement
- Scholarship slots
- Teacher pay
- Teacher training
- Technology enhancements
- Workforce development
- Administration (e.g. accounting, insurance)

Funding Contracts

- Once grants are awarded, County staff work with grantees to establish contracts, including:
    - Scope of work & grant activities
    - Budgets
    - Performance measures
    - Annual goals
- Reports are submitted quarterly & published to www.buncombecounty.org/grants

Discussion

-What worked well this year?

-What are some areas where the work could be enhanced?

-What ideas do you have for grant process improvement?