

Buncombe County Early Childhood Education Committee
Grant Recommendation Process – February 2024

Each committee member will score each project application independently.

Committee members will have the opportunity to submit questions for grantees, and final scores are due after applicants have submitted written responses to these follow-up questions.

In the online grant portal, there is a question for committee members to answer during their review: “Do you recommend this project for funding?” which will capture the number of committee members recommending funding. Last year, the committee decided to use the “percent recommended” as a secondary criteria for scenarios if needed once a first pass had been completed.

Based on the overall score, staff will create multiple possible funding scenarios for the committee to review during the April meeting. This is the same process as last year.

As a reminder, the scenario the committee selected last year was:

- Overall score of 86.9% or above, allocate 100% of request.
- Overall score of 81-86.8%, allocate 95% of request.

After applying this funding scenario, the allocations were over the budgeted amount by \$203. The committee members discussed some projects on an individual basis and made adjustments to the scenario. This resulted in reducing one project’s allocation by \$203.

This resulted in 12 organizations funded at 100% of request and 7 organizations funded at 95% of request.