FY2021 Early Childhood Education Grant Application

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Buncombe County requests proposals for community-based projects to enhance outcomes for young children and their families in our community. Grants made through the Early Childhood Education and Development Fund will be focused on access to quality early childhood care and education.

Please refer to the Grant Guidelines published on the Early Childhood 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 p.m. on February 14, 2020.

BASIC INFORMATION – Before completing the application, please tell us a little about the request.

   Project Name

   Goal Served
   Select the goal that most closely applies to this project:
   1. Creating new classrooms to serve more children in early care and education settings
   2. Supporting capacity and/or quality for existing programs
   3. Implementing workforce development strategies to recruit and retain qualified teachers
   4. Providing support services for children and families enrolled in early care and education programs
   5. Enhancing the effectiveness of overall system of early care and education

   Funding Request
   How much funding is this project requesting for FY2021?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS – Responses to these questions will be scored by the grant committee. Each question is worth 10% of the final score.

1. **Organization**
   Character Limit: 2,000
   Give a brief history, including date of founding, focus, services, and record of success.

2. **Need for the Project**
   Character Limit: 2,000
   What is the main issue this project is established to address? What data or qualitative factors/stories are available to show that need?

3. **Project**
   Character Limit: 2,000
   Explain the project and how it will work. Include the overall purpose and any models or evidence-based practices that will be included. What specific activities and milestones are included in the project plan?

4. **People Served**

    Character Limit: 2,000
    Who will be served by this project? Include demographics for children and families served, workforce, and/or any other relevant groups.

5. **Results**

    Character Limit: 2,000
    What results do you hope to achieve with this project? Be specific about how much impact the project will have and how many people will be served.

    For projects requesting funding for slots:
    *   Total new slots created
    *   Total slots maintained
    *   # of Subsidy slots created
    *   # of Subsidy slots maintained
    *   # of teachers/staff positions created
    *   # of teachers/staff positions maintained

6. **Evaluation**

    Character Limit: 2,000
    How will you know you have succeeded? Explain the project evaluation process, including specific measures that will be tracked.

7. **Equity**

    Character Limit: 2,000
    Describe your approach to racial and socio-economic equity, both inside and outside the organization. What are some specific examples of practices that are in place or to be put in place with this project?

8. **Collaboration**

    Character Limit: 2,000
    List any formal and/or supportive partners. Describe their roles in the project. How will they make it stronger?

9. **Budget**

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    Download a copy of the budget form HERE. Complete the form, and upload it using the button above.

    Explain how grant funds will be used, specifically what type of expenses will be covered by County funds. Describe other sources of revenue, including type of funding, source, restrictions and status.

10. **Sustainability**

Character Limit: 2,000

How will the project continue to succeed after the funding of the grant? Explain your plan for making this an ongoing effort.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION – This information will not impact grant scoring but will be helpful to the committee.

Partial Funding
Character Limit: 2,000
If the project were to be offered a grant for partial funding, what factors would need to be considered?

Multi-Year Funding
Character Limit: 2,000
If you would like this project to be considered for multi-year funding (up to 3 years), what amounts would you request for years 2 and 3? What milestones would this funding allow you to accomplish? Explain why more years are needed to accomplish goals.

Resource Support
Character Limit: 2,000
How can Buncombe County support your organization with this project and in strengthening your work (related to equity, scale, or impact)?

Scale-up
Character Limit: 2,000
What is your vision for how the strategies from this project could contribute to a significant scale-up the overall system to collectively address the child care crisis?

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