

FY2025 Strategic Partnership Grants

Buncombe County

Application - FY2025 Strategic Partnership Grant

As part of the FY2025 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; Grants Fair; Review process; Awards; and more.

Applications are due by 5:00 on February 9, 2024.

Scoring will be based on the following criteria:

1. 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. Capacity - Organization is structured to carry out the project as described
 5. Equity - Organization has a demonstrated commitment to equity and reflected it in the proposed project
 6. Budget - Includes a clear, reasonable and efficient budget matched to proposed project.
- Scoring will be on a scale of 1 to 5 with a maximum total score of 30.
 - Each criterion is weighted equally and worth 20% of the total score.

Grant Guidelines*

Have you read and understand the information presented in the FY2025 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)

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

- Adult education
- K-12 education

Environmental Stewardship- High-quality air, water, farmland and renewable energy for future generations

- Air quality
- Energy conservation
- Soil Quality
- Weatherization
- Litter & Waste diversion

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

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

Vibrant Economy - 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)
 Litter & Waste diversion (Environmental Stewardship)
 Mental Health (Resident Well-Being)
 Safety (Resident Well-Being)
 Small Business (Vibrant Economy)
 Soil Quality (Environmental Stewardship)
 Weatherization (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*

How do your services meet the resource needs of your area? Please use the Community Index Map to look up your service area(s) in order to assist in your description of resource needs in each location. Include if your project will serve the entire county versus specific locations.

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

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 [HERE](#). Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

It is important to fully complete the budget form in the attached template, 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 and a completed budget form in the template provided is required.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

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.

Character Limit: 1500 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Other

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

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