FY2022 Early Childhood Grants

Buncombe County

INSTRUCTIONS

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 pm on February 12, 2021.

Scoring will be based on the following criteria:

1. Need - project meets essential community need

2. Project Plan - clear, reasonable steps connected to meeting need

3. Proposed Results - impact on selected strategy

4. Capacity - ability of this organization to carry out this plan

5. Equity - approach is informed by diversity, equity and inclusion

6. Budget - clear, reasonable and matched to community need and project plan

7. Overall - project value and fit with Early Childhood Fund

o Scoring will be on a scale of 1 to 5 with a maximum total score of 35

o Each criteria is weighted equally.

FUNDING

Funding Request*

How much funding are you requesting for this project for FY2022?

Character Limit: 20

Budget Narrative*

Explain how grant funds will be used, specifically what type of expenses will be covered by County funds.

Character Limit: 2000

Budget Details*

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

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Partial Funding

If the project were to be offered a grant for partial funding, what are your priorities?

Character Limit: 2000

Multi-Year Funding

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.

Character Limit: 2000

APPLICATION

Project Name*
Character Limit: 100

Strategy*
Please select all that apply

Choices
Increase slots for enrollment
Increase quality
Develop/diversify early childhood workforce
Support families
Enhance effectiveness of overall system of early care and education

Grant Guidelines*

Have you read and understood the information presented in the FY2022 Grant Guidelines for Early Childhood Grants (Grant Guidelines)?

Choices
Yes
No

Organization*
Give a brief history, including date of founding, focus, services, and record of success. What is your organizational structure, and what are the demographics of your staff and board?

Character Limit: 2000

Need for the Project*
What is the main issue this project is established to address? What data or stories are available to show that need?

Character Limit: 2000

Project Plan*
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?

Character Limit: 2000

Results*
What results do you hope to achieve with this project? Be specific about the impact the project will have on the strategy(ies) you selected. Also explain how you will measure the results, including any specific measures that will be tracked.

Character Limit: 2000

Slots
For projects requesting funding for slots, also please include:

- Total new early care and education slots created
- Total slots maintained
- # of Subsidy slots created
- # of Subsidy slots maintained
- # of teachers/staff positions created
- # of teachers/staff positions maintained

Character Limit: 2000

Workforce
For early care and education providers, also please include:

- Total # teachers/# staff employed
- Education levels and credentials of staff

Character Limit: 2000

People Served*

Who will be served by this project? Include how many people and the expected demographic makeup, including race and ethnicity. You may also provide socio-economic, disability/special needs status, community, etc.

Character Limit: 2000

Equity*

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

Character Limit: 2000

Collaboration*

List any formal and/or supportive partners. Describe their roles in the project. How will they make it stronger?

Character Limit: 2000

Sustainability*

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

Character Limit: 2000

OTHER

Other

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

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