

FY2025 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; Grants Fair; Review process; Awards; and more.

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

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
- o Scoring will be on a scale of 1 to 5 with a maximum total score of 30
 - o Each criterion is weighted equally.

FUNDING

Funding Request*

How much funding are you requesting for this project for FY2024?

Character Limit: 20

Budget Narrative*

Explain how grant funds will be used, including detail about the specific expenses to be covered by County funds.

Character Limit: 1500

Budget Details*

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, 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.

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Partial Funding

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

Character Limit: 1500

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 than one year is needed to accomplish your goals.

Character Limit: 1500

APPLICATION

Project Name*

Character Limit: 100

Strategy*

Please select all that apply

Choices

- Develop early childhood workforce
- Maintain/enhance existing slots
- Increase slots for enrollment
- Increase quality
- Support families
- Enhance effectiveness of overall system of early care and education

Grant Guidelines*

Have you read and understood the information presented in the FY2024 Grant Guidelines for Early Childhood Grants (Grant Guidelines)?

Choices

- Yes
- No

Organization*

Give a brief history of your organization, including date of founding, focus, services, and record of success.

Character Limit: 1500

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: 1500

Project Plan*

Explain the project and how it will work. Include information about any models used that are supported by evidence or research. 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? Explain how you will measure the results, including any specific measures you will track. If this is a request for renewal funding, also describe your actual project results achieved with previous award(s).

Character Limit: 1500

Slots

For projects requesting funding for slots, also please include:

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

Character Limit: 1500

Workforce

For early care and education providers, also please include:

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

Character Limit: 1500

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: 1500

Equity*

How does your organization define equity? Describe your organization's equity strategy and how it 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

Collaboration*

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

Character Limit: 1500

Sustainability*

Describe your plan for sustaining your program. Is there additional information the committee should know about the sustainability of your program in the future?

Character Limit: 1500

OTHER

Other

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

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