



Buncombe County Early Childhood Committee

May 7, 2019



Agenda



- Check in on grant software access
- Review of grant scoring methodology
- Discussion of funding priorities
- Review of timeline and funding process
- Establish plan for next meeting



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Ensure that every child in Buncombe County has an equal opportunity to thrive during their first 2,000 days including access to quality early childhood education.

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- Board of Commissioners
Strategic Priority



This word cloud features a variety of terms related to early childhood education, social equity, and community support. The most prominent words include "school", "childhood", "quality", "care", "affordable", "early", "disparity", "access", "system", "achievement", "prepared", "sustainable", "succeed", "people", "housing", "teachers", "available", "kids", "workforce", "work", "learn", "childcare", "nurtured", "trauma-informed", "community", "resources", "centers", "children", "safe", "disparities", "students", "parents", "strong", "languages", "issues", "disparities", "workforce", "services", "work", "learning", "childhood", "quality", "care", "affordable", "early", "disparity", "access", "system", "achievement", "prepared", "sustainable", "succeed", "people", "housing", "teachers", "available", "kids", "workforce", "work", "learn", "childcare", "nurtured", "trauma-informed", "community", "resources", "centers", "children", "safe", "disparities", "students", "parents", "strong", "languages", "issues". Other visible terms include "community", "resources", "centers", "children", "kindergarten", "disparity", "parents", "strong", "languages", "issues", "people", "housing", "wipe", "great", "programs", "away", "Childhood", "Affordable", "graduated", "help", "play", "equal", "educational", "staff", "compensation", "advice", "current", "readiness", "thriving", "accessibility", "public", "near", "professionals", "life", "Provides", "enter", "benefits", "Pre-k", "importance", "pre-k", "kids", "Strong", "issues", "languages", "disparities", "workforce", "services", "work", "learning", "childhood", "quality", "care", "affordable", "early", "disparity", "access", "system", "achievement", "prepared", "sustainable", "succeed", "people", "housing", "teachers", "available", "kids", "workforce", "work", "learn", "childcare", "nurtured", "trauma-informed", "community", "resources", "centers", "children", "safe", "disparities", "students", "parents", "strong", "languages", "issues".

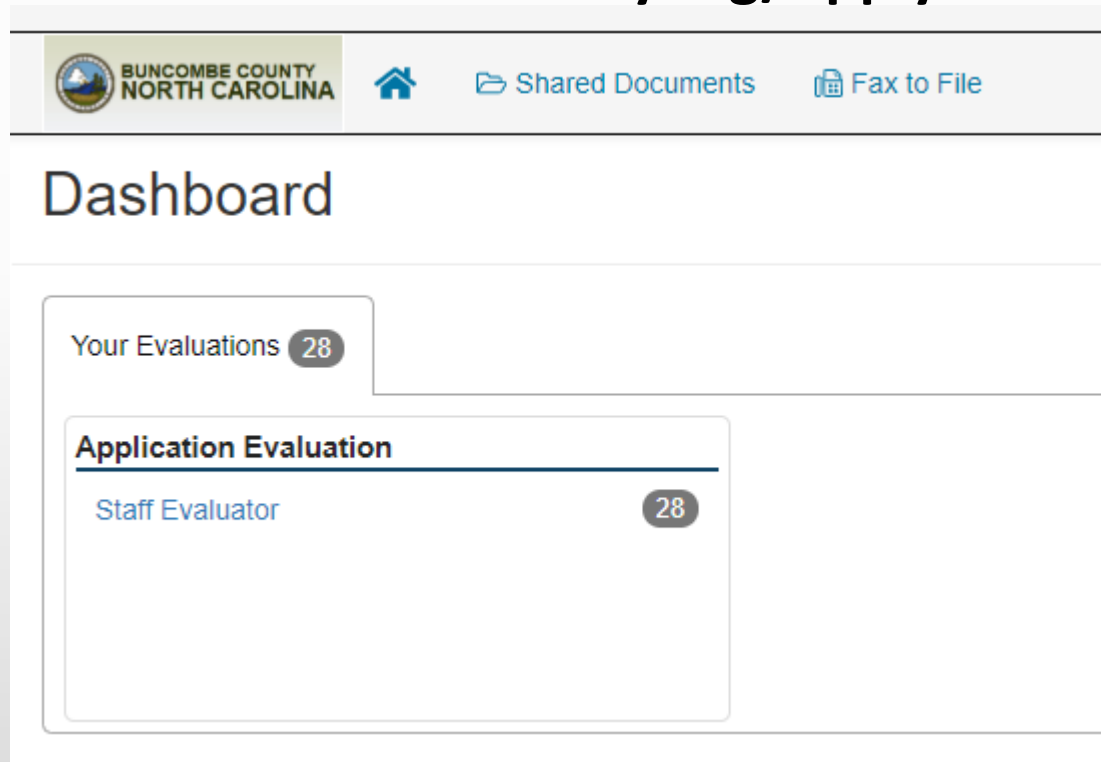
Approval of Minutes

From April 23, 2019



Check in on Grant Software Access

www.BuncombeCounty.org/Apply



The screenshot shows the dashboard for the Buncombe County Grant Software Access. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Buncombe County North Carolina logo, a home icon, and links for "Shared Documents" and "Fax to File". Below the navigation bar, the word "Dashboard" is displayed. The main content area features a tab labeled "Your Evaluations" with a count of 28. Underneath this tab, there is a section titled "Application Evaluation" with a sub-section "Staff Evaluator" and a count of 28.



Review of Grant Scoring Methodology

Rate 10 categories on a scale of 1 – 10 for a total possible score of 100:

1. Key Steps
2. Need
3. Approach
4. Organization
5. Collaboration
6. Equity
7. Purpose
8. Evaluation
9. Budget
10. Overall



Discussion of Funding Priorities

Funding will be allocated for the following purposes:

- Creating new classrooms to serve more children in early care and education settings;
- Implementing workforce development strategies to recruit and retain qualified teachers;
- Supporting strategies for scaling up effective programs; and
- Providing support services for children and families enrolled in early care and education programs.



Timeline and Funding Process

- **May 7, 2019:** Committee meeting – begin scoring
- **May 28, 2019:** Committee member grant evaluations due
- **June 4, 2019:** Committee meeting – discuss funding recommendations
- **June 6, 2019:** Placeholder for possible extra meeting
- **June 7, 2019:** Deadline for June 18 Board of Commissioners packet
- **June 18, 2019:** County Budget adoption = Target date for initial grant approvals
- **July 1, 2019:** FY2020 funding period begins
- **July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020:** Contracts, support, monitoring & evaluation



Next Meeting

June 4, 2019

2:30 – 4:00

200 College Street

Ground Floor Conference Room

Focus:

Funding Recommendations



Public Comment

