

**To: Early Childhood Committee**  
**From: Strategic Partnerships Staff**  
**Date: April 9, 2024**  
**Regarding: FY2025 Funding Scenario Options**

This memo is in follow-up to the committee’s April 2, 2024 meeting. As a part of that agenda, the committee discussed the compiled review scores for the 29 applications submitted for FY2025 funding. The committee discussed several possible funding scenarios (see workbook Scenario 1 – Scenario 3.1) yet did not land with majority or consensus support for any of the scenarios considered. The committee did vote on one item, which was to create a rule for this funding year to set aside any projects scoring below 80%.

The committee asked staff to create additional scenario options for consideration that prioritize the themes discussed as priorities for this year’s funding:

- Crisis level funding environment with federal stabilization grants sunsetting and costs rising
- Continued workforce shortages
- Balancing funding workforce development with funding for slots
- The need for sustaining support to create stability within the system & mitigate risk of losing slots
- The difficulty of funding expansion projects in this environment
- Impact of previous grantee performance on future funding recommendations

All of the following scenarios (see workbook Scenario A – Scenario C) also fully allocate the \$45,640 current fund balance in addition to the \$3,974,691 for a total of \$4,020,331 recommended.

	<b>Rules Applied</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b><u>A</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat funding (FY2024 awarded amount) for all <b>renewal projects scoring over 80%</b></li> <li>• Exception: If an organization requests less for FY2025 than their FY2024 award, allocate their FY2025 requested amount</li> <li>• Allocate remainder to the NC Prek Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 projects funded</li> <li>• \$273,963 for NC PreK Project (30% of request)</li> <li>• \$0 for Asheville City Schools Summer</li> <li>• All other projects scoring above 80% receive funding</li> </ul>
<b><u>B</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat funding (FY2024 awarded amount) for all <b>renewal projects scoring over 80% with slots or workforce strategies</b> (based on applicant answers to “strategy” question)</li> <li>• Exception: If an organization requests less for FY2025 than their FY2024 award, allocate their FY2025 requested amount</li> <li>• Allocate remainder to the NC Prek Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 projects funded</li> <li>• \$422,986 for NC PreK Project (46% of request)</li> <li>• \$0 Asheville City Schools Summer</li> <li>• \$0 for the Eliada Homes Behavioral &amp; Security Needs</li> <li>• \$0 for Read to Succeed Literacy</li> </ul>
<b><u>C</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat funding (their FY2024 awarded amount) for all <b>renewal projects scoring over 80% with slots or workforce strategies if at least 75% of the committee recommended funding</b></li> <li>• Exception: If an organization requests less for FY2025 than their FY2024 award, allocate their FY2025 requested amount</li> <li>• Allocate 75% of FY24 funding to Community Action Opportunities’ projects, based on previous performance drawing down funds</li> <li>• Allocate remainder to the NC Prek Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 projects funded</li> <li>• \$709,432 for NC PreK Project (77% of request)</li> <li>• \$0 Asheville City Schools Summer</li> <li>• \$0 for the Eliada Homes Behavioral &amp; Security Needs</li> <li>• \$0 for Read to Succeed Literacy</li> <li>• \$0 for OnTrack SECURE</li> </ul>