

Buncombe County Early Childhood Education Committee
Grant Recommendation Process – February 2023

Each committee member will score each project application independently.

Committee members will have the opportunity to submit questions for grantees, and final scores are due after applicants have submitted written responses to these follow-up questions.

In the online grant portal, there is a question for committee members to answer during their review: “Do you recommend this project for funding?” which will capture the number of committee members recommending funding.

The overall score and % of scorers recommending funding are combined into an overall composite score.

Based on the overall composite scores, staff will create multiple possible funding for the committee to review during the April 4 meeting. This is the same process as last year.

As a reminder, the scenario the committee selected last year was:

- Overall composite score of 90-100%, allocate 100% of request.
- Overall composite score of 80-89%, allocate 80% of request.
- Overall composite score of 75-79%, allocate 60%.
- Overall composite score of 74% or below, no funds allocated.

After applying this funding scenario, the committee members discussed some projects on an individual basis and made adjustments to the scenario. This resulted in reducing one project’s allocation, including one project that was not included in the original scenario, and then dividing the remaining \$6,386 evenly among those recommended for funding at less than 100%.

REMINDER: Fund Total: \$3,896,756 Existing multi-year awards: \$177,000 Amount available for new grants: \$3,719,756	Existing multi-year awards: 1. Buncombe Partnership for Children – Childcare Resources \$153,000 2. Colaborativa La Milpa \$24,000 (FY24 is the final year for both projects)
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