

# BUNCOMBE COUNTY

## 2024-2025 Grant Overview



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Buncombe County is committed to building a healthy, safe, well-educated, and thriving community that is equitable and sustainable.

The following Grant Overview information is a summary of key grant information designed to help your organization determine whether any of Buncombe County's grant programs might be right for you.

If your organization decides to pursue funding through one or more of these grant programs, it's important to visit Buncombe County's grant website at [buncombecounty.org/grants](https://www.buncombecounty.org/grants) for full details.

The website includes complete guidelines for each grant program, including info such as:

- Funding priorities
- Eligibility guidelines
- Link to application form
- Application questions
- Scoring criteria
- Timelines
- Funding contracts
- Support for grantees (e.g. workshops & consultations)
- County staff points of contact

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are critical to our grants processes, and Buncombe County encourages participation from organizations led by and providing service to people of color/BIPOC individuals and other historically marginalized populations.

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### Grant Program

*Affordable Housing Services Program (AHSP)*

### Purpose

To ensure comprehensive opportunities for affordable and safe housing as a foundation for healthy and thriving families and neighborhoods.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	To Be Determined (FY2024 allocation was \$2.3M, Bond balance \$25.9M)
<b>Source</b>	County Funds; County Affordable Housing Bond Funds

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	Maximum amounts vary. See the <a href="#">AHSP Program Description</a> for more details.
<b>Length</b>	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
<b>Restrictions</b>	Funding includes both grants and loans. Applicants must be able to: (1) administer eligible affordable housing projects with funds provided under the AHSP, and (2) deliver proposed projects in accordance with AHSP guidelines and requirements.

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For-profit corporations, partnerships, or sole proprietors</li> <li>Private incorporated nonprofit agencies with IRS 501(c)(3) or similar designation</li> <li>Public nonprofit agencies and government agencies</li> </ul>
<b>Projects</b>	<p>Project eligibility varies based on program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction Loan Program (Loan)</li> <li>Down Payment Assistance Program (Loan)</li> <li>Construction Grant Program (Grant)</li> <li>New Start Program (Grant)</li> <li>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (Grant)</li> <li>Administrative Support Program (Grant)</li> <li>Emergency Repair Program (Grant)</li> </ul>

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Must apply through the online grant software before the application deadline.
<b>Elements</b>	Proposed Project Summary; Populations Served; Past Experience; Conflicts of Interest; Down payment Assistance; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; Emergency Repair Details; New Start Program; Administrative Support Program; Construction Project Details; Attachments

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	January 26th, 2024
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### Grant Program

*Aging Services Program*

### Purpose

To encourage and maintain independence for persons age 60 and above as well as provide protection for older adults.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	FY25 amount TBD (FY24 amount was \$2,240,578)
<b>Source</b>	County, State, and Federal funding

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	There are no restrictions on the amount of funding requested or granted to an organization or project.
<b>Length</b>	1 year
<b>Restrictions</b>	Must serve clients age 60 and over; HCCBG allows for funding to support 20 community-based services. To see the whole list of eligible programs see <a href="#">allowable services</a> (pg. 4), as well as, <a href="#">service standards</a> required with each program.

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	Public or Private Nonprofit Agencies or Organizations; Governmental Organizations; Contracted For-Profit Organizations
<b>Projects</b>	Must serve clients over the age of 60 and above, and their unpaid primary caregivers in need of in-home and community based services

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Apply to grant software, no late applications will be accepted.
<b>Elements</b>	Overview; Program Proposal; Coordination; Performance Measures; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility; Addendum; Attachments

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	February 23, 2024
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### Grant Program

*Clean Water Fund*

### Purpose

The Clean Water Fund provides funding to nonprofit and government organizations working to improve water quality in Buncombe County. This fund supports Buncombe County’s strategic plan vision of “high quality air, water, farmland and renewable energy for future generations.”

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	\$100,000
<b>Source</b>	County Funds

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	1-3 projects with each project ranging from \$30,000 - \$100,000
<b>Length</b>	Projects must close out by June 30, 2025
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must operate in Buncombe County with most of the impact intended for Buncombe County waterways.</li> <li>• Nonprofits must have been in active operation as an incorporated nonprofit for a minimum of two (2) years.</li> <li>• A match from other agencies is required.</li> <li>• Projects that focus on water quality studies and testing are not eligible.</li> </ul>

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	Nonprofit or government organizations (including Council of Governments)
<b>Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds can be used for new construction, repair, restoration, plantings, etc.</li> <li>• Construction drawings and engineering studies are eligible for funding; however, shovel ready projects are preferred.</li> <li>• Projects should describe an existing water quality issue and proven method for addressing the issue from an existing Watershed Management Plan that adequately meets USEPA’s 9-Elements of Watershed planning or implement an alternative to a watershed-based plan in the form of a Summar of Nine Elements compiled from planning documents.</li> </ul>

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Apply through grant software or paper application. No late applications will be accepted.
<b>Elements</b>	Water Quality Impact and Need for Project; Primary Location; Geography Served; Population Served; Project Plan; Results; Leveraging; Partnership & Community buy-in; Other Public Benefits; Equity; Organizational Capacity; Budget Narrative; Budget Form; Sustainability; Current Board of Directors

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	January 29, 2024 by 5:00pm
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# BUNCOMBE COUNTY

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### Grant Program

*Community Recreation Grants*

### Purpose

The purpose of the Buncombe County Recreation Services Grants Program is to provide funding to qualified organizations within Buncombe County interested in partnering with our department to carry out our mission through the promotion of recreational fitness, health and wellness initiatives as well as community-based activities and capital improvements that increase recreational and educational opportunities for the communities served.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	\$100,000
<b>Source</b>	County Funds

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	grants up to \$6,000
<b>Length</b>	1 year
<b>Restrictions</b>	Must operate in Buncombe County, serving primarily Buncombe residents. Grant funds cannot be used to support food and entertainment costs, travel expenses, general office supplies, and/or salaries for any individual or sub-contractor, except for labor costs directly related to an approved capital improvement project.

### Eligibility

<b>Organization</b>	Nonprofit
<b>Projects</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Improve the quality of life within our community through the promotion of recreational initiatives that emphasizes health and wellness, outdoor recreation, environmental education, athletics, and/or cultural experiences.</li> <li>b. Capital improvement projects that increase recreational and educational opportunities for the communities served.</li> <li>c. Operate in Buncombe County serving primarily Buncombe residents</li> </ol>

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Apply to grant software, no late applications will be accepted. All applications must be complete and include all requested components.
<b>Elements</b>	<p>Preferred applications will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster an atmosphere of inclusivity by extending recreation opportunities to underserved or underrepresented populations such as BIPOC and rural communities.</li> <li>• Promote goals highlighted within the Buncombe County Strategic Plan.</li> <li>• Promote recreational opportunities that that assist the department with achieving its mission and emphasizes health &amp; wellness, outdoor recreation, environmental education, athletics, and/or cultural experiences.</li> </ul>

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	March 29, 2024
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# BUNCOMBE COUNTY

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### Grant Program

*Early Childhood Education and Development Fund*

### Purpose

To 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.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	Up to \$4,064,330 (including new & carryforward funds)
<b>Source</b>	County funds

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	There are no restrictions on the amount of funding requested or granted to an organization or project.
<b>Length</b>	1-year grant; Multi-year requests considered, up to 3 years.
<b>Restrictions</b>	Organizations must operate in Buncombe County with service to Buncombe County.

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	All organization types are eligible to apply.
<b>Projects</b>	<p>Funding will be allocated for projects working toward the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the early childhood workforce</li> <li>• Maintain/enhance existing slots</li> <li>• Increase slots for enrollment</li> <li>• Increase quality</li> <li>• Support Families</li> <li>• Enhance the effectiveness of the overall system of early care and education</li> </ul> <p>Requests for capital projects will be restricted to the public-school systems.</p>

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Apply to grant software, no late applications will be accepted.
<b>Elements</b>	Funding Request Amount; Budget Narrative and Budget Form; Partial Funding; Multi-Year Funding; Project Name; Strategy; Organization; Need for the Project; Project Plan; Results; Slots; Workforce; People Served; Equity; Collaboration; Sustainability; Other

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	February 9, 2024
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### Grant Program

*Isaac Coleman Economic Community Investment*

**\*This grant program is not accepting applications for FY25.**

### Purpose

The goal of this investment is to rebuild the health, safety, and self-sufficiency in our communities. These grants are targeted investments in our communities that are currently working to champion equitable opportunity.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	\$500,000
<b>Source</b>	County funds

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	Applicants may request up to \$150,000. Previous awards have ranged from \$43,000 to \$150,000.
<b>Length</b>	3-year grants
<b>Restrictions</b>	Organizations must operate in Buncombe County with service to Buncombe County.

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	Nonprofit organization (or may partner with fiscal agent)
<b>Projects</b>	<p>Funded projects should seek to accomplish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Equity:</b> 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.; Employ strategies for eliminating racial inequities.</li> <li>○ <b>Equitable Opportunity:</b> Increase economic growth in communities; Increase educational improvement in communities</li> <li>○ <b>Social Capital:</b> Building trust among community members and supporting the ability of communities to work together for a common goal; By increasing the self-organization of community members toward a shared goal; By increasing the capacity of community leaders; To us cultural identity to provide a sense of place for communities, bringing them together around cultural pride and ownership</li> </ul>

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Apply to grant software, no late applications will be accepted.
<b>Elements</b>	Funding Request; Lead Organization; Project Plan; Equity; Partnerships; Results; Evaluation; Budget; Sustainability; Other

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	N/A FY2025 is year 2 of current 3 year cohort.
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### Grant Program

*Juvenile Crime Prevention Grants*

### Purpose

To develop community-based alternatives to youth development centers and to provide community-based programming, treatment, counseling or rehabilitation services for youth involved in, or at risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	FY2025: \$73,357 FY2026: \$644,477
<b>Source</b>	State funds: NC Dept. of Public Safety, Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	There are no restrictions on the amount of funding requested or granted
<b>Length</b>	1-2 years. (The JCPC can recommend programs for 1 or 2 year funding awards, dependent on county approval and programs meeting all requirements).
<b>Restrictions</b>	Programs must serve Buncombe County youth. Funding must be used to meet the needs of youth involved in the juvenile justice system first; if there are additional funds they may be used to address prevention needs. <b>The use of these funds require a 30% match.</b>

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	Only local public agencies, 501c3 non-profits, and local housing authorities will be considered for funding. <b>New applicants are required to have an orientation before applying;</b> contact <a href="mailto:Hannah.Legerton@buncombecounty.org">Hannah.Legerton@buncombecounty.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Lorraine.Williams@ncdps.gov">Lorraine.Williams@ncdps.gov</a> .
<b>Projects</b>	Funding priorities are based on an annual review of identified needs and possible gaps in the services. The specific program types considered for funding will be announced with the publication of the RFP and will align with NCDPS guidance on <a href="#">effective programming</a> . Applicants are sought who demonstrate program services that are: compatible with research and shown to be effective with court-involved youth; outcome-based; have an evaluation component; and include awareness of and sensitivity to Racial and Ethnic Disparities that exist in the County.

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Organizations are required to complete an online application through <a href="#">NC ALLIES</a>
<b>Elements</b>	Application information and self-help videos are linked here and here. Private non-profits are also required to submit: 1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement, 3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status.

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	TBD (applications usually open in January and are open for at least 30 days)
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### Grant Program

*Open Space Bond: Passive Recreation Lands*

### Purpose

The Passive Recreation Lands component of the Open Space Bond will fund projects that provide publicly-accessible land, outdoor space, waterbodies, and corridors where passive recreational activities – such as hiking, birding, bicycling, and wildlife viewing - place minimal stress on a site’s resources in a designated area.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	The Bond makes available a total of \$30 million. Passive Recreation Lands projects will receive a portion of that \$30 million.
<b>Source</b>	County Funds (Open Space Bond)

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	There is no cap on the amount that can be awarded to each project.
<b>Length</b>	All funds must be allocated by 2030.
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project must be located within Buncombe County</li> <li>• Projects must be accessible to the public</li> <li>• Projects must include a plan for long-term management and maintenance</li> <li>• The following costs are disallowable for the Passive Recreation Lands Bond:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning, engineering, and design fees</li> <li>○ Capital improvements for indoor or other active recreation (swimming pools, rec centers, gyms, basketball courts, soccer fields, etc.)</li> <li>○ Long-term operating costs, including staffing</li> <li>○ Administrative fees, insurance, and outstanding financial obligations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be an agency, commission, or instrumentality of the County or municipality within Buncombe County, nonprofit charitable organizations, or educational institution. Other entities may be approved by the County Commission.</li> </ul>
<b>Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All projects must make available passive recreation opportunities to the public.</li> <li>• Funds can be used for acquisition of land and/or establishment of conservation easements/permanent deed restrictions on property.</li> <li>• Funds can be used for putting improvements on land that are compatible with natural resource protection.</li> </ul>

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Apply online through <a href="http://buncombecounty.org/apply">buncombecounty.org/apply</a> . Paper applications are available at 200 College Street, Asheville NC. No late applications accepted.
<b>Elements</b>	Project overview; project scope and schedule; project summary; acquisition/improvements narrative; alignment with evaluation criteria; applicant experience; budget

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	March 31, 2024 by 5:00pm
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### Grant Program

*Strategic Partnership Grants*

### Purpose

To assist nonprofit organizations working toward outcomes in alignment with Buncombe County's strategic plan.

### Funding

<b>Total</b>	\$900,000 - \$1,000,000
<b>Source</b>	County funds

### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	Less than 30% of an organization's annual budget. Applicants are limited to request \$80,000 or less
<b>Length</b>	1-year grant. No more than 3 years per project
<b>Restrictions</b>	Organizations must operate in Buncombe County with service to Buncombe County.  Projects may not apply for funding from more than one county grant program. Application must be submitted to grant program most closely fitting the proposed project.

### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	Nonprofit organization in active operation for a minimum of two years (or may partner with fiscal agent)
<b>Projects</b>	Must align with focus areas of Buncombe County's Strategic Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educated and capable community</li> <li>• Environmental and energy stewardship</li> <li>• Resident well-being</li> <li>• Vibrant economy</li> </ul>

### Application

<b>Process</b>	Must submit an application through the online grant software before the application deadline.
<b>Elements</b>	Funding Request Amount; Project Name; Focus Area & Category; Need For The Project; Primary Location; Geography Served; Population Served; Project Plan; Results; Equity; Organizational Capacity; Budget Narrative and Budget Form; Sustainability

### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	February 9, 2024
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### Grant Program

<i>Tipping Point Grants</i>
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#### Purpose

To help amplify community efforts. These grants will either fuel what is already happening or allow you to develop your own local projects that create pathways to greater resiliency in your community.
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#### Funding

<b>Total</b>	\$100,000
<b>Source</b>	County funds

#### Awards

<b>Amount</b>	\$5,000 per project
<b>Length</b>	1 year
<b>Restrictions</b>	All funds must be spent or returned to the county by June 30, 2024

#### Eligibility

<b>Organizations</b>	Nonprofit (or partner with a fiscal agent)
<b>Projects</b>	Projects must connect to “Ensuring Positive Place,” “Connecting People,” and/or “Improving Equitable Opportunity.”

#### Application

<b>Process</b>	Must be submitted before the application deadline through the online grant software.
<b>Elements</b>	Project Description; Vision; Goals; Partners; Budget; Sustainability

#### Timeline

<b>Due Date</b>	February 9, 2024
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