

Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

Update for Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

June 1, 2021



Purpose

- To make Strategic Partnership Grant investment recommendations to the Board of Commissioners
- Strategic Partnership Grant funding is granted to nonprofit organizations working toward outcomes in alignment with Board goals



Members

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3
Kimberly Robinson	Annie Carpenter	Kate Burger
Paul Tax	Douglas Clarke	Chuck Rosenblum
Liz Ward	Kevin McAbee	Rebecca Strimer

Officers

Doug Clark, Chair

Kate Burger, Vice-Chair

Kevin McAbee, Secretary

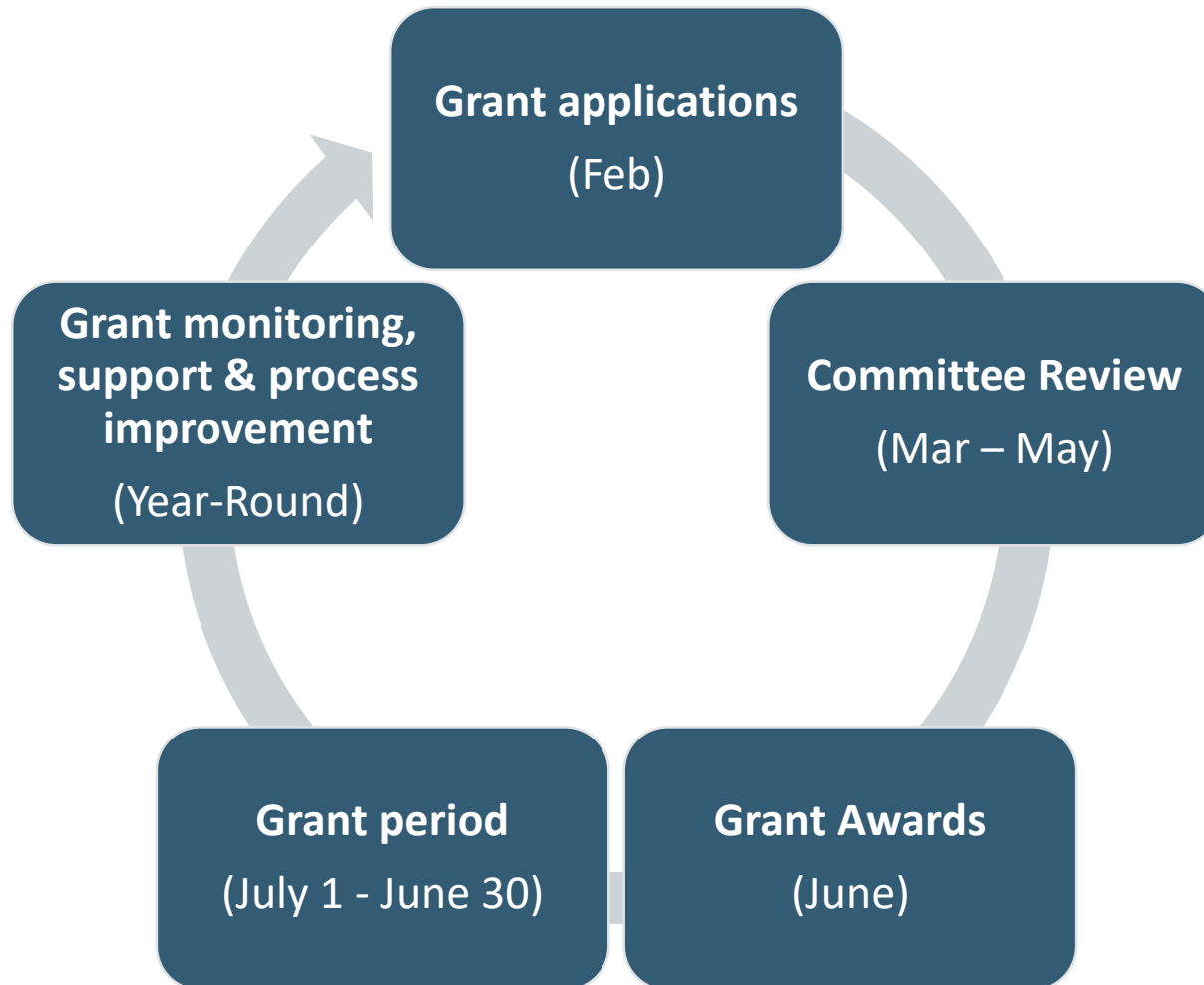


Background

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| Nov 2019 | Commissioner vote to form committee |
| Jan 2020 | First slate of members appointed |
| April 2020 | Recommended first round of grants through new process |
| July 2020 | Beginning of first funding year (FY2021) |



Grant Cycle



Current Year Activities

Sept 2020	Grantee Cohort call: COVID impact
Oct/Nov 2020	30 Grantee Site Visits
Nov 2020	Equity in Grant Making, Revised Application & Scoring Criteria
Feb – Mar 2021	Reviewed/Scored FY2022 applications
Apr 2021	Finalized FY2022 funding recommendations



Grant Eligibility

- Nonprofits in active operation for a minimum of 2 years
- Projects that meet a public purpose and align with County Strategic Plan (Education, Environment, Well-Being, Economy)
- Funding limited to no more than 3 years for a single project
- Funding limited to less than 30% of organization's annual operating budget



\$3,138,265 Requested

\$889,305 Budget

Educated & Capable Community	Environmental & Energy Stewardship	Resident Well-Being	Vibrant Economy
<p><u>Requested:</u> 18 projects \$717,632</p>	<p><u>Requested:</u> 4 projects \$140,000</p>	<p><u>Requested:</u> 22 projects \$862,530</p>	<p><u>Requested:</u> 7 projects \$1,418,103*</p> <p>*includes \$1M capital request</p>



\$889,305 Budget

Educated & Capable Community	Environmental & Energy Stewardship	Resident Well-Being	Vibrant Economy
<p><u>Recommended:</u> 11 projects \$257,397 36% of request</p>	<p><u>Recommended:</u> 3 projects \$69,200 49% of request</p>	<p><u>Recommended:</u> 16 projects \$399,708 46% of request</p>	<p><u>Recommended:</u> 6 projects \$163,000 43% of request excluding ~\$1M capital request</p>



Next Steps

- Staff will establish funding contracts beginning July 1
- Committee will monitor performance/impact
- Committee will review process and begin planning for next year



Highlights

Nonprofits	Committee	Infrastructure
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strength and resilience of nonprofits – especially during COVID• Diversity of projects supported• Thorough & responsive to committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee’s inclusive, collaborative teamwork• Deliberate/intentional decision making process• Improvements increase equity in grant process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support from staff• Online application/review software• Transparent open meetings



Thank you



FY2022 Funding Recommendations

EDUCATED & CAPABLE COMMUNITY

- Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS)
- Bountiful Cities
- Children First/Communities in Schools
- Eliada Homes
- Horizons at Carolina Day
- Literacy Together
- MusicWorks Asheville
- OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling
- Project Lighten Up
- Read to Succeed
- University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation



FY2022 Funding Recommendations ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY STEWARDSHIP

- Asheville GreenWorks
- Hands Enriching Life Positively (HELP)
- RiverLink



FY2022 Funding Recommendations

RESIDENT WELL-BEING

- Asheville Area Arts Council
- Asheville Humane Society
- Babies Need Bottoms
- Buncombe County Schools Family Resource Center
- Haywood Street Congregation
- Jordan Peer Recovery, Inc.
- Mount Zion Community Development
- Our VOICE
- Pisgah Legal Services
- Sandy Mush Community Center
- The Mediation Center
- Under One Sky Village Foundation
- Western Carolina Medical Society Foundation
- Wortham Center for the Performing Arts
- YWCA of Asheville (2 projects)



FY2022 Funding Recommendations

VIBRANT ECONOMY

- Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
- Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry
- Asheville Grown Business Alliance
- Carolina Small Business Development Fund
- Mountain BizWorks
- YMI Cultural Center

