

Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

Update for Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

August 16, 2022

Presenters: Annie Carpenter, Doug Clarke, Kim Robinson



Background

- Committee's purpose is 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
- Formed in 2020 (now in 3rd funding year)



Members

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Kimberly Robinson	Annie Carpenter	Kate Burger
Paul Tax	Douglas Clarke	Chuck Rosenblum
Liz Ward	Kevin McAbee	Ray Hemachandra

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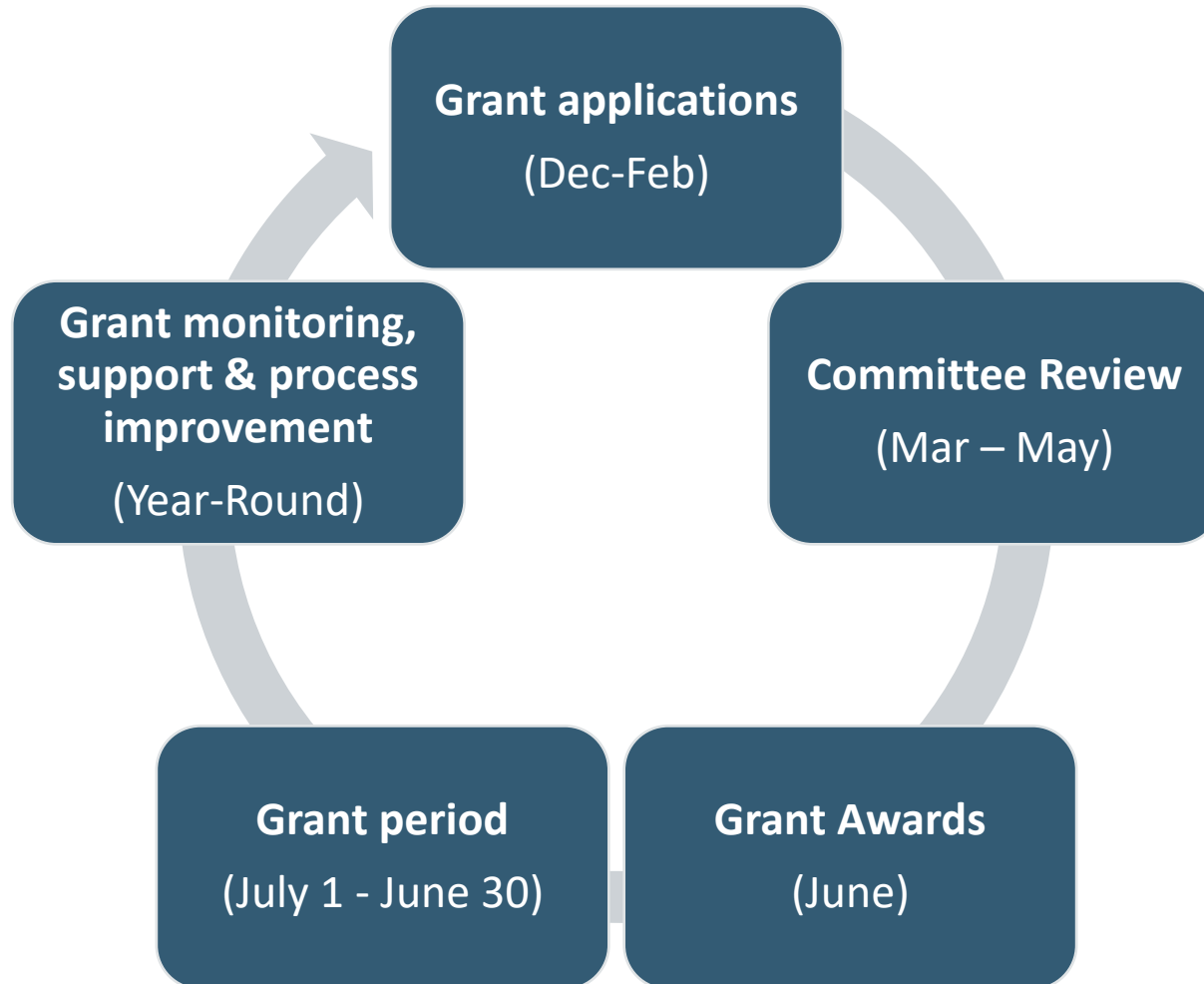
Doug Clark, Chair

Kate Burger, Vice-Chair

Kevin McAbee, Secretary



Grant Cycle



Activities in the Past Year

July 2021	Grantee Cohort call: orientation
August 2021	Created Equity ad-hoc group to review application and process
Sept-Nov 2021	Conducted site visits with all grantees
Feb – Mar 2022	Reviewed/Scored FY2023 applications
Apr 2022	Finalized FY2023 funding recommendations
June 2022	Process improvement discussion



Current 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



FY2023 Grant Requests

- \$2,594,002 requested
- 66 project applications from 63 nonprofit organizations
- 30 projects were renewal applications; 36 were new projects
- Scored based on:
 - Need for the Project
 - Project Plan
 - Proposed Results
 - Equity
 - Organizational Capacity



FY2023 Grant Awards

Education	Environment	Well-Being	Economy
<u>Requested:</u> 17 projects \$618,066	<u>Requested:</u> 6 projects \$237,700	<u>Requested:</u> 35 projects \$1,276,759	<u>Requested:</u> 8 projects \$461,477
<u>Awarded:</u> 8 projects \$207,753 <i>34% of requested</i>	<u>Awarded:</u> 3 projects \$87,700 <i>37% of requested</i>	<u>Awarded:</u> 20 projects \$417,592 <i>33% of requested</i>	<u>Award:</u> 6 projects \$186,955 <i>41% of requested</i>

\$900,000 Total Awarded



FY2023 Grants By Category

Educated & Capable Community **\$207,753**

Adult Education	\$26,000
Youth Education	\$181,753

Environmental Stewardship **\$87,700**

Environment	\$87,700
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Vibrant Economy **\$186,955**

Financial Wellbeing	\$69,955
Small Business	\$117,000

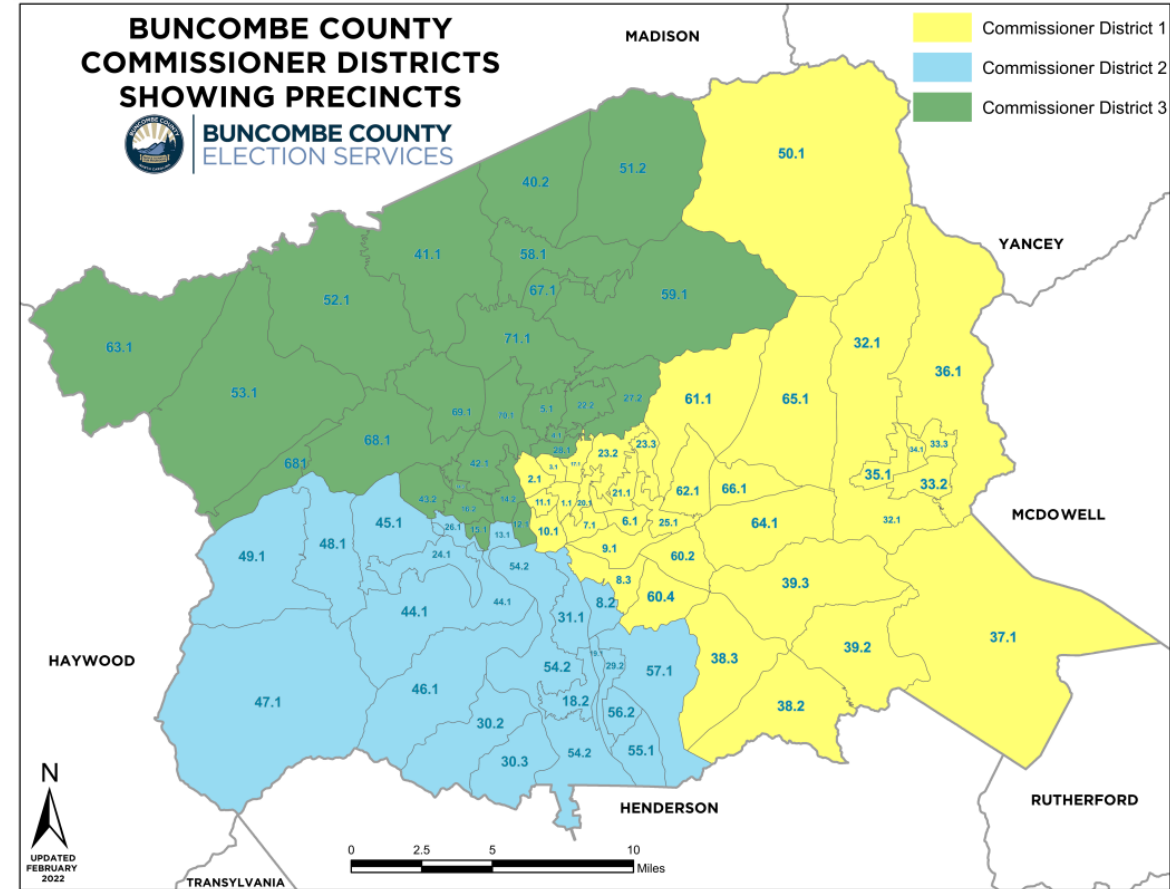
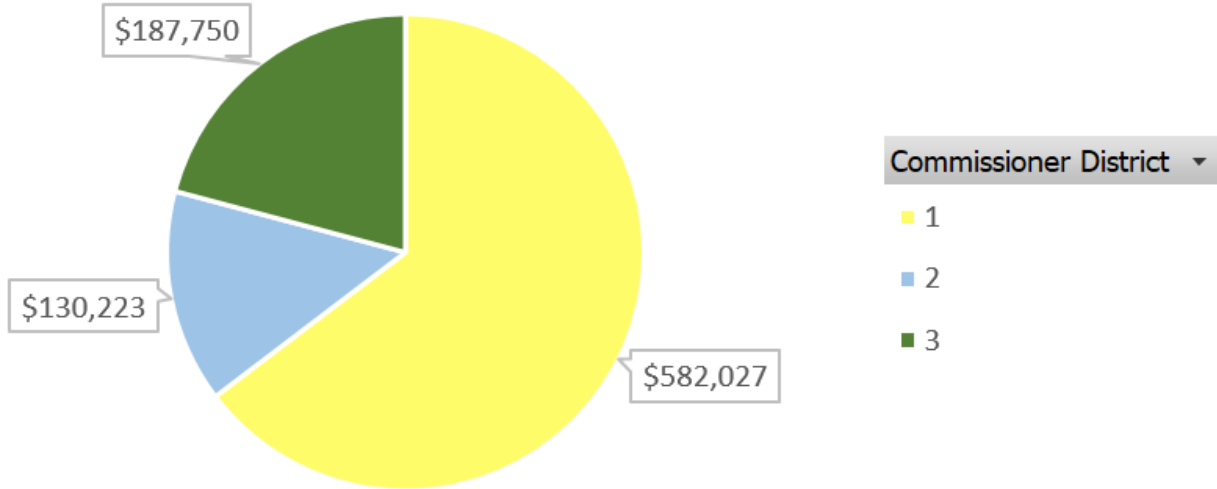
Resident Well-Being **\$417,592**

Basic Needs	\$55,500
Domestic/Sexual Violence	\$32,500
Food	\$9,776
Health & Wellness	\$129,616
Homelessness	\$52,000
Legal Services	\$80,000
LGBTQ	\$13,500
Mental Health	\$11,700
Violence Prevention	\$20,500
Pets	\$12,500



FY2023 Grants By Commissioner District

Amount Per Commissioner District



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



Next Steps

- Staff is working with grantees on funding agreements
- Performance reports published online quarterly
- Committee site visits to funded projects
- Planning for next grant cycle (process improvement)



Process Improvement Discussions

- Possible “soft cap” on request amounts
- Expand the results section on the application to more clearly capture impact for renewal applications
- Better assess geographic impact within the county (location, service area)
- Weighted scoring to prioritize project budgets & project plan



Thank You!



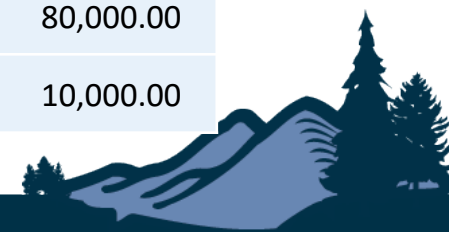
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Organization Name	Project Name	Amount
Appalachian Mountain Community Health Centers	Buncombe Health & Wellness Equity & Expansion	\$ 15,602.00
Asheville GreenWorks	A Greener Buncombe and a Sustainable Future for All	\$ 40,000.00
Asheville Humane Society	Pets & Their People Thriving Together	\$ 12,500.00
Asheville Writers in the Schools and Community	Youth Arts Education Initiative	\$ 12,500.00
Babies Need Bottoms	Expanding Diaper Assistance: Supporting Resilience through Basic Needs	\$ 13,000.00
Blue Ridge Pride Center Inc.	Blue Ridge Pride Center, Inc, Program Management	\$ 13,500.00
Bountiful Cities	Southside Farmers Market	\$ 9,776.00
Bounty & Soul	Farmers Alliance: Supporting Farm Viability and Farmland Preservation	\$ 35,200.00
Buncombe County Schools Foundation	The Face Hope	\$ 19,500.00
Caring for Children Eckerd Connects	Respite Scholarship Program	\$ 12,500.00
Carolina Day School	Horizons at Carolina Day Equity - Centered Summer Enrichment Program	\$ 13,703.00
Carolina Small Business Development Fund	Western Women's Business Center	\$ 17,500.00
CityWorks, USA	Black Wall Street AVL	\$ 47,500.00



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Eliada Homes, Inc	Eliada Students Training for Advancement	\$ 32,500.00
Haywood Street Congregation	Haywood Street Respite	\$ 32,500.00
Institute for Preventive Healthcare and Advocacy	HELP2Day	\$ 19,500.00
Literacy Together (formerly Literacy Council of Buncombe County)	Pathways to Opportunity	\$ 26,000.00
MAHEC	MAHEC Ob/Gyn Equipment	\$ 12,920.00
Mount Zion Community Development, Inc.	Project NAF	\$ 32,500.00
Mountain BizWorks	Expanding Entrepreneurship and Jobs in Communities of Color	\$ 52,000.00
OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling	Free Tax Preparation: VITA	\$ 11,700.00
OpenDoors of Asheville	To & Through College Access and Completion	\$ 35,750.00
Our VOICE	Survivors to Thrivers - Counseling for Sexual Violence & Human Trafficking Victims	\$ 20,000.00
Pisgah Legal Services	Legal Services for Children and Families in Buncombe County	\$ 80,000.00
Colaborativa La Milpa	CIMA - Consulta Tu Compa	\$ 10,000.00



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Organization Name	Project Name	Amount
Project Lighten Up	Project Lighten Up Summer Learning Academy	\$ 25,000.00
Read to Succeed	Community-Powered K-3 Literacy Support	\$ 35,600.00
Resources For Resilience	Reconnect for Resilience with the Family Justice Center	\$ 12,500.00
RiverLink	Emerging Scientists, Vulnerable Communities: Growing Next Generation River Stewards	\$ 12,500.00
The Mediation Center	Family Visitation Program	\$ 8,000.00
Under One Sky Village Foundation	Bridging Trauma with Mentors for Youth in Foster Care	\$ 11,700.00
University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc	UNC Asheville Pre-College Programs	\$ 9,200.00
Western Carolina Medical Society Foundation	Creating Well - Being through Diabetes Management	\$ 25,094.00
YMI Cultural Center	Homeownership Services Through the Successful Transitional Program	\$ 34,255.00
YTL Training Program	YTL Summer and Advocacy Support	\$ 50,000.00
YWCA of Asheville and Western North Carolina	Getting Ahead	\$ 24,000.00
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