

Get \$5K for Your Nonprofit: 2019 Tipping Point Grant Applications Open

Buncombe County is excited to announce applications are open for nonprofits looking for a cash infusion. For the fourth year, Tipping Point Grants are seeking proposals from nonprofit organizations working to help support County Commissioners' [six strategic priorities](#):

- [Affordable housing](#)
- [Clean, renewable energy](#)
- [Diverse community workforce](#)
- [Early childhood education](#)
- [Justice resource support](#)
- [Opioid awareness](#)

Tipping Point Grants are allocated for \$5,000 per project. This funding source is aimed at bolstering and individual innovative ideas and existing nonprofits that are vital to the health of our community. Nonprofits that have received Tipping Point Grants in the past are eligible to reapply.

What are Tipping Point Grants? 2019 process, eligibility:

These are small grants aimed at catalyzing existing efforts in our community by strengthening current programs or facilitating creation of new projects to supplement your existing mission. Tipping Point Grants will be awarded for \$5,000 per project. This year, there is a shift in focus from open-ended projects to focusing on initiatives that supplement efforts of the Commissioners' [six strategic priorities](#).

The intention of the program is to not only provide a financial infusion, but bolster existing community connections and communication platforms. This happens as the County increases nonprofit visibility through media awareness and as you meet other like-minded organizations through work sessions and other networking opportunities. Ultimately, we are looking to develop leaders while increasing your connections and ability to communicate your work with the community. Those efforts will also help lead to eliminating barriers such as isolation and hopelessness.

Application requirements are as follows:

- All projects will be a part of a Buncombe County-based nonprofit with 501c3 or a similar charitable IRS tax exempt designation. All individual innovators must be in partnership with a nonprofit agency.
- Projects must meet a public purpose and fall within County authority to fund, per NC General Statutes.
- Meet application deadline on August 30, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. and attending one of the grant writing workshops are encouraged but not mandatory.

Ready to apply for a Tipping Point Grant?

Official Tipping Point Grant applications are required. You may apply online [here](#), or you can pick up a hard copy applications at 199 College St. right next door to the registers office. Please contact the office to make sure someone is there to provide you with an application. The deadline for submitting a grant is on Friday, August 30, 2019 by 5:00 pm.

Optional grant writing workshops will be hosted by Buncombe County on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 3:00-5:00 pm, Thursday, August 15th and Friday, August 16th at 5:00 pm -7:30 pm.

These are free sessions and open to anyone. Applicants will be able to get support on proposal writing and will be able to leave the workshop with an application ready to go and/or submitted. If you have any questions, contact Rasheeda McDaniels at 828-250-4102.

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