Grant Cycle

- **Grant applications** (Dec-Feb)
- **Committee Review** (Mar – May)
- **Grant period** (July 1 - June 30)
- **Grant Awards** (June)
- **Grant monitoring, support & process improvement** (Year-Round)
Funding Strategies

Support early care & education for children birth through kindergarten with an emphasis on preschool and pre-kindergarten:

• Increase **slots** for enrollment
• Increase **quality**
• Develop/diversify early childhood **workforce**
• Support **families**
• Enhance effectiveness of overall **system** of early care and education
Priority

Funding is earmarked to support early care and education for children birth through kindergarten. This includes the following categories:

- infants/toddlers – ages six (6) weeks to three (3) years old
- preschoolers – ages three (3) to five (5) years old
- pre-kindergarteners (pre-k) – 4 year old rising kindergarteners (4 years old by August 31st)

Emphasis in the fund is given to preschool and pre-kindergarten. This is not associated with “NC Pre-K,” which is a program of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education.
## FY2023 Timeline

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<td>December 13, 2021</td>
<td>Grant application opened</td>
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<td>January 11, 2022</td>
<td>Grant writing workshop</td>
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<td>February 14 – April 26, 2022</td>
<td>Grant review by committee</td>
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<td>April 30, 2022</td>
<td>Grant recommendations due to budget office</td>
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<td>June 21, 2022</td>
<td>Grant awards finalized with county budget adoption</td>
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Grant Writing Support

• Grant announcement broadcast through provider networks and shared to the general public
• Grant guidelines published online
• 16 participants attended grant writing workshop
• Session recorded and distributed
• 8 applicant consultations with County staff
## FY2023 Grant Applications & Awards

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*including requests to renew multi-year funding commitments

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FY2023 GRANTEES

• Asheville Jewish Community Center
• A-B Tech
• Bent Creek Preschool
• Buncombe County Schools
• Buncombe Partnership for Children
• Colaborativa la Milpa
• Community Action Opportunities
• Eliada Homes
• Evolve Early Learning

• FIRST
• Irene Wortham Center
• On Track Financial Education & Counseling
• Read to Succeed
• Southwestern Child Development
• Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council
• The Christine Avery Learning Center
• YWCA
FY2023 Example Funding

- Behavior specialists
- Classroom furniture
- Curriculum & assessments
- Extended care
- Family supports
- Literacy supplies
- Outdoor learning environments
- Matched savings program
- Mental health support

- Nutrition
- Parent workshops & engagement
- Scholarship slots
- Teacher pay
- Teacher training
- Technology enhancements
- Workforce development
- Administration (e.g. accounting, insurance)
Funding Contracts

• Once grants are awarded, County staff work with grantees to establish contracts, including:
  • Scope of work & grant activities
  • Budgets
  • Performance measures
  • Annual goals

• Reports are submitted quarterly & published to www.buncombecounty.org/grants
Discussion

- What worked well this year?
- What are some areas where the work could be enhanced?
- What ideas do you have for grant process improvement?