

# FY2021 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Babies Need Bottoms</b>		
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Supporting Resilience through Basic Needs: Investing in Vulnerable Families with Diapering Supplies</b>		
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021)	

## Narrative summary of grant related activities

<b>Overall project updates:</b>	During Q4 we continued to see diaper needs rise monthly. While we've already exceeded our project goal for adding new distribution partners, we continue to receive new requests for partnership in Buncombe County, and as inventory allows, we are developing relationships and distributing diapers to additional partners. Our Strategic Partnership Grant is focused on providing diapers to vulnerable mothers, particularly those experiencing poverty, fleeing domestic violence, and in recovery from substance abuse, to support well-being and resilience. We began outcomes collection in Q3, 99% of respondents have said receiving diapers has reduced their stress as a parent/caregiver. One respondent shared "I don't know how I would get by without Babies Need Bottoms."
<b>COVID-19 impacts:</b>	The economic impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt by those struggling to make ends meet, and monitoring monthly trends in diaper need is one indicator that we can use to assess the impact of the pandemic. We hit an all-time high for diapers distributed in June 2021 -- with a total of 28,960 diapers distributed (as of 6/23). Compared to June 2020, when we distributed 15,487 diapers - it is clear that the need for diaper assistance programs is significant in our region. We are hopeful that increased access to the vaccines, more working returning ot jobs, and the economic stimulus from the Federal Government will start to make a difference for these families.
<b>Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:</b>	Babies Need Bottoms' Co- Executive Director, Meagan Lyon Leimena, MSW, MPH presented about diaper need and its' disproportionate psychological and practical impacts on low income women of color to the WNC Perinatal Emotional Health Network (WNC-PEHN), comprised largely of mental health clinicians working with pregnant and parenting women. Additionally, by hosting a Western Carolina University Masters level social work student as an intern, we have spent Q4 teaching about diaper need and how to educate others in professional and personal spheres, and how to advocate for local and national changes related to poverty alleviation and social justice through the lens of diaper need.
<b>Activities related to increasing operational excellence:</b>	In Q4, Board Members established a new Board Professional Development Committee to organize learning and engagement opportunities for board leadership to better understand the complex issues surrounding poverty, public policy and the role of social service agencies in supporting children and families to improve individual lives and our community as a whole.

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## Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of distribution partners	14	20		2		22
# of diapers provided with funds from this grant	50,900	4,436	13,660	10,482	24,316	52,894
# of diapers collected through collection boxes and drives	50,900	6,860	14,533	19,788	10,517	51,698

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## Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$7,665	\$ 1,325.20	\$ 2,665.98	\$ 2,203.44	\$ 1,468.96	\$ 1.42
Training						
Supplies/Materials	\$8,502	\$ 591.39	\$ 2,326.92	\$ 1,836.87	\$ 3,969.49	\$ (222.67)
Meetings						
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$ 109.99	\$ 118.76			\$ (28.75)
Printing/Marketing						
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$250					\$ 250.00
Client Support						
Contracts						
Professional Services						
Insurance and Bonds	\$270	\$ 228.66	\$ 41.34			\$ -
Building Maintenance						
<b>Total</b>	\$ 16,887	\$ 2,255.24	\$ 5,153.00	\$ 4,040.31	\$ 5,438.45	\$ -

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