

# FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Babies Need Bottoms	
<b>Project Name:</b>	Meeting Babies' Hygiene Needs with Wipes, Rash Cream and Baby Wash	
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	x	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<p>In WNC, the need for diaper assistance programs to provide diapers, as well as rash cream, baby wipes and baby wash, has continued to rise over the past few years. As the cost of goods and costs of living have risen, more and more families are in need of help meeting basic needs. Babies Need Bottoms heard repeatedly from partners how valued the addition of these hygiene items were to families who sought diaper assistance, and are grateful to Buncombe County for this grant, which has enabled us to increase the number of basic diapering supplies, beyond diapers, that we are able to provide to families. With the end of Covid-era relief programs, families faced a decline in supplemental assistance for food, and we've heard from many of our partners that they have seen a direct increase in requests as a result. One story we'd like to share involves a family with a baby who has incredibly sensitive skin, and is experiencing painful diaper rash despite the family changing the diaper frequently. As a result of this grant, we have been able to supply pediatrician recommended diaper rash treatment and prevention creams, as well as additional baby wipes, and through other grant funding, special diapers that the family has found to be more sensitive for their baby's unique health needs. BNB leadership worked with the partner agency to help the family develop a plan to access these additional supports for as long as they are needed. This is just one example of how this grant funding is making a difference in the lives of the babies and caregivers in Buncombe County.</p>
<b>Quarter 2</b>	<p>Families in Buncombe County continue to struggle with high costs of living, global economic challenges and region-specific conditions that make it difficult to meet their basic needs. Through the provision of hygiene essentials (baby wash, wipes, rash cream) in addition to our diapers, we have been able to meet several important needs at one time. This reduces stress for parents, improves health and hygiene for children, and means families can stretch precious dollars in their family budget for other needs. These hygiene essentials mean families can keep their children clean and dry after diaper changes and in the course of every day, messy life with a young child. This helps families in their caregiving (e.g. bathtime, diaper changes as a time of connection and care instead of stress) and promotes dignity for children and parents, knowing they can get clean when they need to. Our partners have shared this is especially meaningful for families who not stably housed. For some families, a package of wipes might be the only way they can keep their child clean. Rash cream serves the dual purpose of helping to prevent diaper rash and to help treat it. This is a first line defense that helps families manage diaper related skin irritation on their own, hopefully preventing the progression to further irritation or infection, and the need to seek medical care. This critical support means families in Buncombe County have more of their basic needs met and can be more financially and emotionally functional, with more dignity, in these specific and meaningful ways.</p>

Quarter 3	
-----------	--

# FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Babies Need Bottoms	
<b>Project Name:</b>	Meeting Babies' Hygiene Needs with Wipes, Rash Cream and Baby Wash	
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)	0	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	x	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	0	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	0	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

## Progress toward annual goals

		Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of baby wipes purchased and distributed	1200	577	350			927
# of rash cream purchased and distributed	288	128	30			158
# of units of baby wash purchased and distributed	120	69	99			168

### Comments:

Through additional in-kind and financial donations, the total Distributed Items in Buncombe County: 3,275 packs of baby wipes, 220 tubes of rash cream, 191 bottles of baby wash. Additionally, during the grant period 150,000 diapers have gone to Buncombe County families through this partnership network. While this grant does not fund the diaper distribution, we're proud to report that these basic essentials are reaching so many families.

# FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Babies Need Bottoms		
<b>Project Name:</b>	Meeting Babies' Hygiene Needs with Wipes, Rash Cream and Baby Wash		
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)	
	x	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)	
	0	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)	
	0	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)	

## 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	\$ 8,400	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100			\$ 4,200
Training	\$ 100	\$ -				\$ 100
Supplies/Materials	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,544	\$ 451.71			\$ 5,505
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 50	\$ -				\$ 50
Professional Services	\$ 650	\$ 763				\$ (113)
Insurance and Bonds	\$ 300	\$ -				\$ 300
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 900			\$ 1,100
Total	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,406.35	\$ 3,451.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,142

**Comments:**

--