

FY2025 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Babies Need Bottoms	
Project Name:	Beyond Diapers: Meeting Babies' Hygiene Needs with Wipes, Rash Cream and Baby Wash	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)
	x	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

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

Quarter 1	<p>The purpose of this project is to continue and expand access to hygiene essentials to promote health for more Buncombe County infants and young children, while also supporting health and wellness of young families and caregivers by helping to ensure more people have their basic needs met. One partner shared the impact of this support for families by saying, "Being able to have things like diapers, wipes and other things to take care of their babies needs give them a sense of joy & hope." During Q1 of this grant, we distributed over 91,000 basic essentials to families to meet health and hygiene needs for their young children. This grant ensures that we are able to provide baby wipes, rash cream and baby wash in addition to diapers.</p>
Quarter 2	<p>It's hard to believe it has been over three months since our mountain communities in Western North Carolina were unexpectedly struck by Hurricane Helene, leaving devastation in its wake. The extent of the destruction has been crushing, and we are all still coming to terms with the challenges ahead as we rebuild our lives. The loss of lives, homes, and the trauma caused by this extreme weather event continues to affect our region, and we are so appreciative of the ways Buncombe County has supported our community through this disaster and into the future. Babies Need Bottoms has been on the frontlines in Buncombe County - taking supplies to water distributions, expanding our partners and serving as many families as we can during this extreme situation nimbly and in response to evolving needs. We know even families who are well-resourced faced extreme difficulty finding baby wipes, formula and diapers immediately following the storm, and we are so proud of the role we have been able to play to help all families who were in need, obtain the basic supplies to keep their babies clean, dry, fed, warm and healthy. Our partners within the county have recently shared: "Survivors with children are always coming through the FJC, shelter, and our office at the courthouse and we have been so grateful to meet the physical needs of their families when we can. Babies Need Bottoms is a Buncombe County Hero!" and "A recent single mother told us she "did not know what [she] would do" without access to our diaper pantry."</p>

Quarter 3	
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Progress toward annual goals

Only include new, unduplicated data for each quarter

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of baby wipes purchased and distributed with grant funds	1440	38				38
# of rash creams purchased and distributed with grant funds	156	140				140
# of units of baby wash purchased and distributed with grant funds	120	72				72
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Comments:

The numbers above reflect the amount purchased with grant funds. Due to in-kind donations, we were able to distribute many more to our Buncombe County partners, as follows during Q2: 3,905 packs of baby wipes, 702 rash cream, and 322 baby wash. Additionally, we distributed 226,398 diapers to families during this grant period, as well as 1,477 units of baby formula, baby food, soap, pacifiers, blankets, clothing, socks, winter coats, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant and infant medicines.

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Any budget changes of more than 10% to any line item must be approved by County staff in writing in advance.

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,170.00			\$ 4,230.00
Training	\$ 100.00					\$ 100.00
Supplies/Materials	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 491.66	\$ 490.06			\$ 6,518.28
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00			\$ -
Professional Services (Legal, Accounting, etc.)	\$ 650.00	\$ 516.33	\$ 50.00			\$ 83.67
Insurance & Bonds	\$ 300.00					\$ 300.00
Building Maintenance (Rent, Utilities, Repairs, etc.)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,250.00
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Total	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,757.99	\$ 3,760.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,481.95

Comments:

During the Hurricane Helene response, we received a significant amount of in-kind donations of rash cream, baby wash, and baby wipes so that we did not need to purchase as many this past quarter. As of Jan. 13 - we are planning to resume orders for 2025, since we've been distributing those donations over the past couple of months and are ready to re-stock. We have faced increased warehouse and staffing costs during this time, and our spending reflects that.