



Buncombe County Tipping Point Grants: Partnering with Communities for Better Outcomes

Tipping Point Review Team Application

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The review team will analyze and select new Tipping Point grant applications to support grassroots programs or ideas to strengthen our communities through these small, innovative grants.

Reviewers are selected based on the responses submitted for the listed five questions and statements. Reviewers must have a connection to Buncombe County either live, work, worship, or play here.

Criteria to be a member on the Tipping Point Review Team

- Be able to analyze grant applications effectively against specific criteria to support “Ensuring Positive Places,” “Connecting People,” and /or “Improving Equitable Opportunity.”
- Be able to clearly express your comments and knowledge of each application.
- Be interested in contributing to the advancement of knowledge of community initiatives and Buncombe County expectations.
- Answer all five questions and provide your contact information.

Time Commitment

- This is a volunteer position. Time commitments vary depending on the grants under review and the number assigned. The team will meet on April 6th and April 9th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Dinner will be provided. One additional voting session may occur if needed the week of April 13-17.

Peer Reviewer Requirements

Prospective peer reviewers must be:

- Willing and able to provide written and oral comments based on their knowledge of the specific criteria.
- You don't have to be an expert in the subject area to be reviewer.
- Must be able to attend all 3 review team meetings.

They must also:

- Be able to listen attentively to the input of other reviewers.
- Engage in discussion.
- Acknowledge differences.
- Work with other reviewers and respect their comments, especially when resolving discrepancies in scoring.
- Submit full disclosure of any conflicts of interest in writing. Conflicts of interest will be discussed before voting on any award decisions. Conflicts of interest include close professional or personal relationships with grant applicants.

In addition, potential peer reviewers must have the highest level of personal standards to:

- Maintain confidentiality.
- Avoid any conflict of interest.
- Ethically review all applications.

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Please answer the following questions and statements:

Name:

Email address:

Telephone number:

1. Why would you like to serve on the Tipping Point Review Team?
2. How will your identity (i.e. age, race/ethnicity, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, disability), and unique perspective help us select the most innovative ideas/projects?
3. From your perspective, what are the needs of our community?
4. Describe your connection to Buncombe County (live, work, or play).
5. Why is it important to support community-based initiatives?

Submit your responses by email by, Thursday, February 13, 2020. The announcement of the review team will be on Friday, February 14, 2020. If you are selected, you will be contacted by telephone and email.

2020 Tipping Point Grants Process

I. Timeline

January 27, 2020	Review Team application opens
February 5, 2020	Grant Announcement
February 10, 2020	Tipping Point Grant application opens
February 13, 2020	Review Team application closed
February 14, 2020	Review Team members announcement
February 18, 2020, 5:30-7:00	Grant writing workshop
February 19, 2020, 1-2:30	Grant writing workshop
February 24, 2020, 5:30-7:00	Grant writing workshop
March 13, 2020	Tipping Point Grant Applications Due by 5:00 pm
March 19 - April 6, 2020	Tipping Point Grant review team process
April 6 and 9, 2020	Finalist selection process
April 24, 2020	Funding recommendations due to County budget office
May 5, 2020	Committee grant recommendations shared with Board of Commissioners as part of pre-meeting

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May 19, 2020	Committee grant recommendations published with County Manger’s budget message
June 2, 2020	Public hearing on budget as part of Board of Commissioners regular meeting
June 16, 2020	Grant awards finalized with County budget adoption during Board of Commissioners regular meeting
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	Funding year

Community Engagement Team will make recommendations for 9 Tipping Point Grant Review Team members and the County Manager will make the final review team members selection.

*Optional grant writing workshops for Tipping Point Grant applicants will be hosted by Buncombe County on February 18, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 19 from 1-2:30p.m., and February 24, 5:30-7:00 pm at 200 College St. 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.