



Early Childhood Education & Literacy Grant Opportunity

With funding from the MacAdam Early Childhood and Literacy Fund, Blue Grass Community Foundation seeks to increase equitable access to quality pre-K education, early childhood care programs, and/or literacy programs for students in Central Kentucky. BGCF has the goal of narrowing the achievement gap by supporting those organizations/programs specifically serving low-income students, students of color, English Language Learners (ELL), and students with special needs.

Qualified charitable organizations serving Central Kentucky are eligible to submit grant proposals that focus on early childhood teaching and learning; professional development for early childhood educators; parent engagement; and literacy-specific programs for learners of all ages, including adults. Proposals for project support and general operating support will be considered. **Grant awards will range from \$2,500 to \$10,000**, with the option of renewal for one additional year.

Eligibility:

- Applicant organization is located in or providing services to residents of Central Kentucky (counties limited to **Anderson, Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Harrison, Jessamine, Madison, Montgomery, Scott and/or Woodford Counties**).
- Applicant organization is classified as a nonprofit charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code; has a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) designation; or is a publicly supported organization such as a school district, municipality, or government agency.
- Applicant organization must have a **Candid/GuideStar Seal of Transparency** at the **Gold Level** or higher. Every nonprofit registered with the IRS has free access to its profile in the nonprofit database, [GuideStar](#). The level of its seal indicates the amount of key information that the nonprofit includes in its profile. To learn more about the different levels of transparency and to update your organization's profile, [click here](#). For questions regarding Candid/GuideStar, please contact Candid directly at support@candid.org. Please note that if an organization is a school or a government agency, it is not eligible to have a Candid/GuideStar profile, and this requirement is waived.
- Applicant organization does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, citizenship status, creed, religion, religious affiliation, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status or any other protected status under applicable law.
- An organization with religious affiliation will be considered for funding only if the project for which it seeks support attempts to address the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs.
- Applicant organization does not have any overdue final reports for any previous grants funded by the Community Foundation.

How to Apply:

Visit Blue Grass Community Foundation's website: <https://www.bgcf.org/grant-opportunities/> and click **APPLY FOR A GRANT** to access the application on the BGCF Grant Application Online Portal.

Deadline to apply: June 21, 2024

Notification: August 2024

Grant Period: August 2024 – July 31, 2025 (with option for renewal of one additional year)

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