

A photograph of the Durham City skyline at night, featuring several tall buildings with illuminated windows and facades. The image is partially covered by a semi-transparent green box containing text. On the right side of the image, there are three overlapping triangles pointing left: a white outline, a white outline, and a solid green triangle.

# Durham County

ARPA COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM  
PERFORMANCE UPDATES

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, 2021, allocated \$1.9 trillion to support nationwide COVID-19 recovery efforts, including \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF, or SLFRF). This funding aimed to offset local revenue losses caused by the pandemic and address community needs, such as public health, economic recovery, infrastructure, and support for businesses and individuals. The funds provided flexibility for governments to respond to immediate and long-term challenges, enhance public health, support essential workers, and promote economic recovery and growth.

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## DURHAM COUNTY’S SLFRF ALLOCATION AND ARPA FRAMEWORK

Through the SLFRF program, the Federal government allocated Durham County \$62,445,275 to be used to support the County’s pandemic recovery efforts. To guide the deployment of these funds, the Durham County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) developed a framework for SLFRF funding allocations that aligned with the BOCC’s strategic priorities and emphasized prioritizing projects that promote evidence-based, transformative solutions to identified issues. As of December 2024, over 49 projects have been funded utilizing this framework, demonstrating the board’s strategic approach to addressing the needs of Durham County residents.



# American Rescue Plan Act Funding Framework Overview

After receiving \$62,445,275 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) funding, Durham County developed a strategic framework to ensure that the County would take a targeted approach to allocating these resources, prioritizing relief for families, workers, and essential sectors impacted by COVID-19, while simultaneously aiming to foster long-term economic recovery.

To carry out the County's ARPA framework, several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were issued to solicit grants and contracts with various community organizations and other partners to expand the reach of the County's efforts to address the negative economic and health impacts of the pandemic on citizens and businesses in Durham County, with focus areas that included improving food security, bolstering small business recovery, strengthening workforce development pipelines, and supporting nonprofit community partners in efforts to increase access to affordable and high-quality child care, improving child, youth and family mental health, providing youth enrichment activities, supporting maternal health, and supporting crime intervention activities. Another significant portion of the funding was earmarked to support infrastructure improvements in water, sewer, and broadband services, all of which are essential for public health and economic growth.

The County has prioritized the use of ARPA funding to aid households, small businesses, nonprofits, and essential workers facing pandemic-related challenges. By offsetting revenue losses, maintaining services, and strengthening public health systems, the County has enhanced its emergency preparedness and worked to ensure a sustainable recovery. The County's ARPA investments have expanded healthcare services, supported nonprofit initiatives, and improved residents' quality of life through infrastructure projects. Throughout its framework for allocating ARPA funds, the County continually prioritized equity to ensure that historically underserved communities would benefit from the deployment of these unprecedented resources.

The County will obligate all ARPA funds by December 31, 2024, securing service contracts, grant agreements, and funded positions by this deadline. Afterward, the County will ensure effective oversight and implementation of the various ARPA-funded initiatives, with a final expenditure deadline of December 31, 2026. The structured and equitable approach Durham County has utilized in its deployment of the County's ARPA resource will allow Durham County to meet immediate needs while building a stronger, more sustainable economic future for all its residents.



# American Rescue Plan Act Funding Categories



## Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



## Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



## Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



## Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



## Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access



## Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



# Durham County \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Grants RFP Categories



### *RFP 1*

Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Child Care



### *RFP 2*

Expanding Access to Affordable Child Care



### *RFP 3*

Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health- Children Ages 0-12



### *RFP 4*

Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health- Youth Ages 13-24

The Board approved the allocation a transformative \$10.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support the County's ARPA Community Grants program to boost community recovery through 49 individual nonprofit initiatives. Chosen from a pool of 69 applicants, these projects address urgent needs in public health, economic recovery, and social equity. These grants were funded from both the Revenue Replacement category of ARPA funding and by using interest income from the County's ARPA allocation to maximize administrative flexibility for the selected nonprofits.



# Durham County \_\_\_\_\_ Community Grants RFP Categories



## *RFP 5*

Youth Initiatives and Enrichment Opportunities



## *RFP 6*

Capacity Building for Culturally Affirming Maternal Health Support



## *RFP 7*

Crime Interventions Initiatives





# ARPA Community Grants

## Program Updates

### CAPACITY BUILDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILD CARE



Childcare programs are crucial for early childhood development, laying the groundwork for lifelong learning and success. When children have access to quality care and education during their formative years, they are more likely to excel academically, develop strong social skills, and achieve better long-term outcomes, including higher educational attainment and stable careers. Additionally, access to affordable, reliable childcare enables parents to pursue and maintain employment, contributing directly to economic productivity. This is especially critical for low-income families, where the cost of childcare can create significant financial barriers. High-quality childcare not only supports families but also fosters broader community development, making it a strategic investment in the community's future.

In support of these goals, the Durham County Commissioners approved over \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to enhance capacity building and provide technical assistance for childcare providers. Built2Last Innovations Lab, Inc. and Child Care Services Association are the nonprofits that have been selected for this initiative. They are partnering with Durham County to offer support to licensed childcare facilities and informal providers seeking licensure. These efforts focus on strengthening business practices, assisting childcare sites in recovering from pandemic-related financial losses, offering financial assistance for materials and staff, and providing training to help informal providers establish licensed family childcare homes.

This funding has played a pivotal role in supporting family childcare homes, centers providing infant and toddler care, and facilities serving children whose families work nontraditional hours.

## RFP: Category 1 Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Child Care Funding Dashboard

Total allocation for this category is  
**\$1,050,000.00**



ARPA- Revenue Replacement  
\$1,050,000.00

### Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:

Number of Grants:  2

### Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:

Number of Grants:  2

### Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:

Number of Grants:  0

Number of Small Child Care Providers that  
Received Services Funded by DCO  
Community Grant Funding:  
**44**



### Nonprofit Organizations

Funding Source: **Revenue Replacement**

Built2Last Innovations Lab, Inc. - \$ 250,000

Child Care Services Association- \$ 800,000

**Total Allocation: \$1,050,000**

Fund Utilization :  43.2%

**Total: \$454,199.31**





# BUILT2LAST INNOVATIONS LAB, INC

www.Built2LastInnovationslab.org



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Built2Last provided both in-person and virtual workshops on various topics, including grant writing, digital literacy, building quality childcare businesses, and nutrition and wellness. A contract was secured with NCCU's Dean of Business to host the trainings in partnership with the College's Division of Behavior and Human Sciences, offering certification opportunities for childcare providers. Built2Last expanded its recruitment network by collaborating with Durham Technical Community College, World Relief-Triangle, Communities in Partnership, and the North Carolina Congress of Latino Organizations, aiming to reach a more diverse group of participants.



## Business Equity Solutions for Durham's Worker Shortage:

This project launched an entrepreneurial training and workforce development program that significantly helped licensed childcare facilities and informal childcare providers. The initiative focuses on empowering providers seeking licensure to enhance and strengthen their business practices, enabling them to better navigate the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through comprehensive training sessions, participants learned essential skills in areas such as financial management, marketing strategies, and regulatory compliance. The program not only aimed to equip providers with the tools necessary for sustainable operations but also fostered a sense of community, encouraging collaboration and mutual support. These providers became better positioned to recover financially, stabilize their businesses, and thrive in a competitive landscape while continuing to deliver high-quality care to the families they serve.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$250,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 06/07/23-06/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- On average, 30% of program participants will experience an increase in the number of children in their care, along with a rise in staff to meet the growing demands of the childcare community, resulting in overall financial growth.
- From October 2023 to July 2024, Built2Last Innovations Lab, Inc.'s Business Development Accelerator Training Program successfully secured 29 childcare entrepreneurs to serve as mentors for participants.
- Participants in the FY 2023-2024 Built2Last Innovations Lab, Inc. Business Development Accelerator Training Program represented 8.3% of Durham's traditional, nontraditional, and home-based childcare facilities.
- 59% of the staff in the Business Development Accelerator Training Program will be child development experts with Ph.D. or master's level qualifications.





# CHILD CARE SERVICES ASSOCIATION

[www.childcareservices.org](http://www.childcareservices.org)



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Building the Business Side of Child Care (BSCC) is designed to stabilize and enhance existing childcare programs' business plans and activities. By improving business and marketing skills for vulnerable programs, BSCC seeks to increase financial stability and enrollment. The initiative provides short-term support for existing businesses recovering from financial losses and long-term assistance for informal providers looking to launch new small businesses. Currently, the BSCC project supports 21 Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs) in Durham County, serving 105 children. It offers on-site coaching and professional development for centers completing the Business Side of Child Care course. All participating FCCHs serving subsidized children receive monthly supplement payments based on the number of subsidized children and their star rating.

## BUILDING THE BUSINESS SIDE OF CHILD CARE (BBSC):

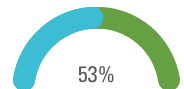
This project builds childcare capacity through business training, coaching, peer mentorship, and grants to family childcare homes, small centers serving children receiving subsidies, and informal care providers seeking licensure. This initiative also stabilizes and improves childcare programs while expanding high-quality care in Durham. BSCC strengthens business and marketing skills, aids financial recovery, and helps informal providers pursue licensure to start new businesses.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$800,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 05/25/23-05/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- On average, 21 participating Family Friend and Neighbor care providers received training in evidence-based practices, business plan development, and licensure pursuit.
- 15% of participating Family Childcare Homes reported an increase in knowledge and skills gained through training and technical assistance.
- 88% of participating Family Childcare Homes successfully met the goals outlined in their quality improvement plans.



# ARPA Community Grants Program Updates

## EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE



With the rising cost of living, childcare has become a significant barrier for many families, particularly single parents, who are often forced to reduce work hours or exit the workforce entirely. Providing financial assistance for childcare expenses to low-income families is not just an economic necessity; it's a key factor in supporting workforce participation and community well-being. The Durham County Board of County Commissioners recognized the importance of investing in initiatives that enhance access to affordable childcare. Financial support in this area enables parents to remain employed, boost their household income, and contribute to the local economy. More importantly, it helps reduce financial stress and strengthens family stability, creating positive long-term outcomes for both parents and children. As policymakers grapple with economic inequality, investing in childcare assistance emerges as a crucial solution, benefiting not just individual families, but the broader community by fostering a more resilient and inclusive workforce.

The Durham County Board of County Commissioners approved an investment of over \$2,000,000 to expand access to affordable childcare in Durham. Two local agencies, Child Care Services Association and Families Moving Forward, have partnered with Durham County to provide financial assistance and scholarship funding for children aged 0-5. This partnership is designed to support families in various situations, including those seeking infant and toddler care, parents looking for work, and families whose income is too high to qualify for subsidies but too low to afford market-rate care. By collaborating to address these gaps, the agencies and Durham County are working to alleviate the burden of childcare expenses, ensuring more families can access high-quality care during crucial early developmental years.

## RFP: Category 2 Expanding Access to Affordable Child Care

Total allocation for this category is  
**\$2,050,000.00**



ARPA- Revenue Replacement  
\$2,050,000.00

### Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:

Number of Grants:  2

### Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:

Number of Grants:  2

### Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:

Number of Grants:  0

**Number of Children and Families that Participated in Services Funded by Durham County Grant Funding:**

**309**



### Nonprofit Funding Source

Funding Source: **Revenue Replacement**

Child Care Services Association-	\$2,000,000
Families Moving Forward-	\$ 50,000

**Total Allocation: \$2,050,000**

Fund Utilization :  50.9%

**Total: \$1,044,032.16**







# CHILD CARE SERVICES ASSOCIATION

www.childcareservices.org



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

The Build Babies Durham, Access to Quality Care for Infants and Toddlers Project works to expand access to affordable childcare by providing financial assistance through childcare scholarship payments for income-eligible families who are working, in school, looking for work, unable to work or have a child with a developmental need. With the flexibility to set and continually adjust locally determined priorities, eligibility guidelines, and program requirements, Build Babies Durham supports families who are ineligible or unable to be served by Durham DSS, addressing the unmet needs of different and/or additional low-to moderate income children who may otherwise not have access to quality childcare.

## OVERVIEW:

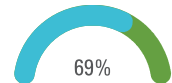
As financial pressures rise, many families struggle to afford quality childcare. Childcare providers face challenges in meeting families' needs, hiring staff, maintaining enrollment, and staying financially afloat. The Build Babies Durham project aims to address these issues. The goal is to continue expanding access to high-quality early education for children aged 0 to 5 while also reforming subsidy waitlist policies.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$2,000,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 05/15/23-05/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The goal was to ensure that the average star-rating of childcare placements for children receiving scholarships will be 4.5 stars. The goal was surpassed as the average rating in FY23-24 was 4.7.
- A total of 429 children in Durham were enrolled in 5-star rated childcare programs.
- 66% of parents benefiting from scholarships reported that the assistance enabled them to access higher-quality childcare than they would have without it.





## OVERVIEW:

This project aims to provide temporary childcare funding for homeless families, enabling them to secure employment and reduce their shelter stay. It covers childcare, initial daycare registration, and transportation fees for families moving into local shelters. While Durham's Child Care Subsidy prioritizes homeless families, eligibility requires employment or enrollment in a degree program. Temporary funding helps bridge this gap, ensuring families can seek jobs and move forward more quickly.



## TEMPORARY CHILDCARE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

This program has helped multiple families navigate childcare access challenges. Recent successes include one family obtaining permanent childcare, while another family gained a childcare subsidy after completing a workforce workshop, leading to stable employment.

As families utilize drop-in care for job interviews, many transition to permanent childcare solutions with assistance from childcare vouchers. One family recently enrolled in permanent childcare, allowing the parent to secure steady employment.

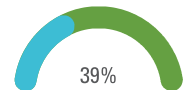
These achievements highlight the vital role of childcare access in helping families escape homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency, making a meaningful impact in the community.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$50,000**

Funding  
Utilization



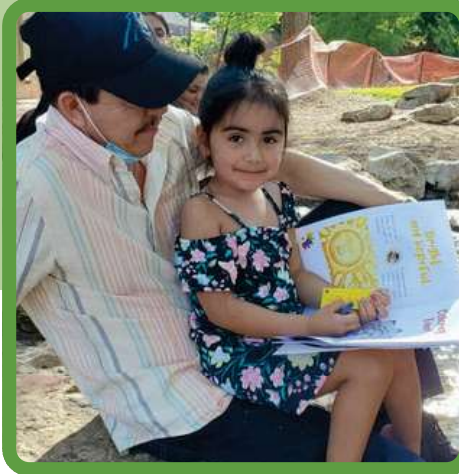
**Contract Term:** 05/25/23-05/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Families Moving Forward provided services to 19 children experiencing homelessness, supported by Durham County funding.
- 11 households received childcare subsidies.
- 17 children were placed in temporary childcare centers while awaiting permanent placements.
- 10 children were placed in permanent childcare centers.
- 6 households saw an increase in total earned income, measured at the start of their referral and after a set period.

# ARPA Community Grants Program Updates

## IMPROVING CHILD AND FAMILY SOCIAL - EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH - CHILDREN AGES 0 - 12



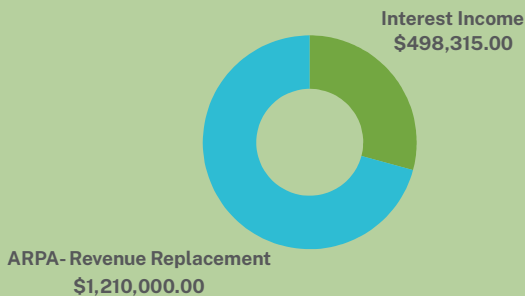
The Board of County Commissioners approved funding for nonprofit organizations dedicated to creating and expanding safe, culturally-affirming, and trauma-informed supports for children ages 0-12 and their families. This funding is crucial in promoting social, emotional, and mental health, enhancing positive childhood experiences, and strengthening protective factors to prevent adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Originally, the BOCC allocated \$1,683,315 in ARPA funding to bolster the emotional and mental health of children in Durham County. To provide these nonprofits with greater programmatic flexibility, the funding source was realigned.

The organizations that were awarded funding in this RFP category included the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Durham Public Schools Foundation, Durham's Partnership for Children, Exchange Family Center, Reach Out and Read - North Carolina, Refugee Community Partnership, The Young Men's Christian Association of the Triangle Area, Inc., Triangle Area Parenting Support, and Voices Together. Additionally, Village of Wisdom was transitioned to local funding, while the other entities received ARPA Revenue Replacement or Interest Income funding. Please see the Locally Funded Community Grant Updates for program highlights regarding Village of Wisdom, as their impact was not included in this category.



## RFP: Category 3 Improving Child and Family Social- Emotional and Mental Health- Children Ages 0-12

Total allocation for this category is  
**\$1,708,315**



### Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:



### Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:



### Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:



Number of Families that Benefited from Services, Events, Programs, or Projects Funded by DCO Community Grant Funding:

TBD



### Nonprofit Organizations

#### Funding Source: Revenue Replacement

Children's Home Society of NC-	\$250,000
Durham Public Schools Foundation-	\$350,000
Exchange Family Center-	\$250,000
Reach Out and Read NC -	\$110,000
Refugee Community Partnership-	\$250,000

**Total Allocation: \$1,210,000**

Fund Utilization : 37.9%  
**Total: \$459,145.45**

#### Funding Source: Interest Income

Durham's Partnership for Children-	\$120,315
Triangle Area Parenting Support-	\$ 80,000
Voices Together-	\$ 48,000
YMCA- Triangle Area-	\$250,000

**Total Allocation: \$498,315**

Fund Utilization : 31.7%  
**Total: \$157,948.66**

\*Durham Public Schools received a combined total of \$350,000, with \$250,000 awarded for RFP 3 and \$100,000 for RFP 4; please see RFP 3 for funding and project overviews for both projects.





# CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NC

www.chsnc.org



## OVERVIEW:

Child First is an evidence-based home visiting program designed to improve mental health outcomes for children (0-5) and their caregivers. This two-generation psychotherapeutic intervention strengthens the parent-child relationship, protecting the child's developing brain from chronic stress and healing the traumatic effects on both child and caregiver. It promotes emotional health, cognitive growth, and resilience. Through care coordination, families are connected to community services, leading to stabilization, reduced stress, and better access to resources. This home-based program enhances emotional well-being, supports learning success, and helps prevent child abuse and neglect.

## Child First-Durham County:

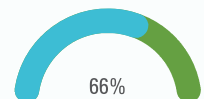
The Child First program is dedicated to helping children and families who need extra support, especially those receiving Medicaid. After the first six to nine months of getting started, the program can continue with Medicaid funding. By focusing on mental health, Child First provides important help to families facing challenges, giving children and parents a better chance for a brighter, healthier future.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$250,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 06/25/23-06/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Due to other funding sources, ARPA funds will be used for this project through 2025.





# DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

[www.bulldcityschools.org](http://www.bulldcityschools.org)



## OVERVIEW:

The WHOLE School Movement establishes a Mental Health Ambassadors Program and delivers a Community Mental Health Education & Skill-Building Series. These initiatives reach Durham Public Schools (DPS) students, their families, and DPS elementary educators and staff, focusing on enhancing mental health awareness, education, and support within the school community.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

The Durham Public Schools Foundation (DPSF) invests in mental health support for students and adults, recognizing increased challenges during the pandemic, including rising suicidal ideation and anxiety. Students face 4 to 6-week wait times for therapy, and staff requests for mental health support are at a record high.

To address these issues, the Mental Health Ambassadors Program is launched as a peer-to-peer model for educators, students, and caregivers, focusing on reducing mental health crises by combating stigma and connecting peers to resources. In elementary schools, the program starts with Educator Ambassadors and Parent/Caregiver Mental Health Champions to engage younger students.

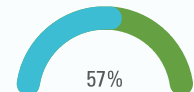
This organization received awards for RFPs 3 and 4. This update provides a summary of both projects.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$350,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 07/1/23-7/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Durham Public Schools Foundation (DPSF) reported serving 2,621 unduplicated individuals through the Durham County ARPA Grant.
- DPSF has made a significant impact by serving 4,205 individuals.





# DURHAM'S PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

<https://www.dpfc.net>

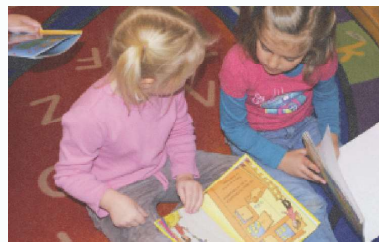


## OVERVIEW:

The Durham Collaborative for Ending Family Homelessness (DCEFH) consists of four non-profits in Durham, NC, working together to support homeless families with children. In addition to standard shelter services, DCEFH provides trauma-informed care to address the stress of homelessness. Through training from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) and the Trauma-Informed Organizational Assessment, DCEFH updates its policies to ensure physical and emotional safety while promoting cultural responsiveness.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Durham's Partnership for Children supports trauma-informed training and an organizational self-assessment to improve family services and client experience. This systemic approach to trauma-informed care and improved community self-monitoring to identify and address trauma-related behaviors. This project recognizes that improving behavioral health services for all household members is critical in enhancing the well-being of families experiencing homelessness in Durham and achieving housing stability. The Collaborative will improve the behavioral health services available to these families by developing trauma-informed, age and developmentally appropriate responses, which address identification, prevention, treatment, and maintenance programs/services for adults, children, and the family.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$120,315**

Funding  
Utilization

0%

Contract Term: 09/1/23-9/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- This project hasn't started offering services to the community.





# EXCHANGE FAMILY CENTER

[www.exchangefamilycenter.org](http://www.exchangefamilycenter.org)



## Project Highlights:

The project launched the Nurturing Fathers group for Spanish-speaking fathers in Durham, enrolling nine fathers and benefiting 18 children. The group concluded on November 28, 2023, with a graduation session at the Museum of Life and Science, where fathers expressed gratitude, and assessments showed increased involvement. A second Nurturing Fathers group began on April 4, 2024, with seven fathers enrolled, impacting 12 children. This group followed a similar format and curriculum, focusing on fathers' roles and their relationships, resulting in five fathers completing the course. The sessions were emotional and engaging, and participants continued to receive individual services into the next fiscal year.

## Overview:

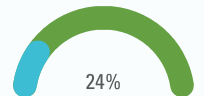
The Exchange Family Center improves the lives of children and adolescents in Durham by strengthening their families, teachers, and communities through evidence-based counseling, coaching, and training. Funding from Durham County has enabled the continuation and expansion of these essential in-home services for children their families by helping retain highly trained service providers.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$250,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 07/15/23-05/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- EFC served 5 families receiving services in the Qualified Census Tract (also identified as socially vulnerable census tracts) with the highest concentration of low-income households.
- EFC served 47 children (up to age 12) of parents receiving social services and family therapy in the Parenting of Adolescents Program, of this number 22 were ages 0-5.
- EFC served 40 parents/caregivers receiving social work services and family therapy in the Parenting of Adolescents Program.





# REACH OUT AND READ- NC

[www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)



## OVERVIEW:

Reach Out and Read integrates early literacy promotion into pediatric healthcare, bridging medical and early childhood systems. Implemented at pediatric primary care clinics, the program reinforces foundational relationships as a standard of care. It employs a three-part research-based model to support healthy brain development in children. During well-child visits, doctors model read-aloud strategies and teach parents about the importance of sharing books, starting at birth. This approach fosters discussions and emphasizes how reading strengthens family connections.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Reach Out and Read has made substantial advancements toward its goals in Durham County, focusing on key objectives such as continued expansion, promoting book diversity, supporting high-quality implementation, and integrating the Social Cascade tool in clinical settings.

The program is set to officially launch new clinical locations, enhancing access to early literacy resources. Provider training has been credentialed and will soon be released to participating sites. Efforts are ongoing with the Book Showcase presentation, designed to assist program managers in exploring new titles that resonate with the families they serve.

Notably, all Reach Out and Read sites in Durham County have achieved and maintained high-quality status throughout the project year, underscoring the program's commitment to excellence in early childhood literacy.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$110,000**

Funding Utilization  42%

**Contract Term:** 08/1/23-08/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reach Out and Read reported 75 established partnerships with parent voice work, forming relationships with parent groups to access the knowledge and experiences of families to inform ROR's strategic decision.







# REFUGEE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

[www.refugeecommunitypartnership.org](http://www.refugeecommunitypartnership.org)



## CONNECTED COMMUNITY: BUILDING CRITICAL LANGUAGE BRIDGES FOR REFUGEE AND MIGRANT RESIDENTS IN DURHAM

RCP enhances access to essential information, resources, and public services for non-English proficient refugee and migrant families. By addressing language barriers, RCP aims to improve public systems that support long-term success in areas such as academic achievement, social connection, civic engagement, employment, and medical care.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

RCP employed five Community Coordinators from migrant and refugee communities in Durham to provide language support and connect individuals with public services. They launched the Afghan Women's Sewing Circle to foster cultural exchange and address access to medical care. RCP partnered with Durham Technical Community College to enroll 18 members in specialized ESL courses and utilized the HIVE network to share vital information on education, housing, and medical support in eight languages.

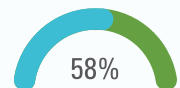
Collaborating with local organizations, RCP enhanced tracking systems and trained 70 healthcare providers in language access. As a result, 22 families gained access to public services, and 21 households secured living wage jobs. The organization shifted its focus from direct financial aid to employment support, emphasizing long-term stability for its members.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$250,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 05/25/23-05/31/25

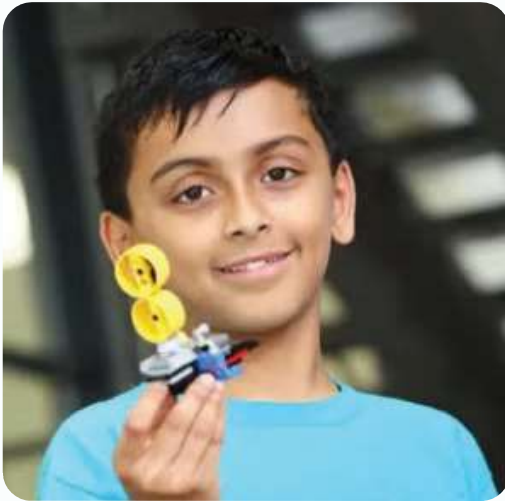
## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 21 households achieved increased income security through job attainment, thanks to RCP's impactful program participation.
- 1,458 participants benefited from personalized language support services, enhancing communication access.
- 46 families received vital intervention services to combat food insecurity, ensuring access to essential nutrition.
- 37 families were supported with eviction prevention and diversion services, helping them maintain stable housing.
- 13 families received critical intervention services addressing domestic violence, prioritizing safety and support.
- 98 families accessed intervention services focused on mental health and medical care, promoting overall well-being.



# THE YMCA OF THE TRIANGLE AREA, INC

www.ymcatriangle.org



## OVERVIEW:

The Durham YMCA provides year-round academic and enrichment support through Y Learning and Camp Excel. Partnering with community groups, Y Learning offers diverse activities, including brain science, fitness, and conflict resolution, while providing academic support that prepares students for end-of-grade tests. Camp Excel, a seven-week summer camp, focuses on preventing summer learning loss with academics, swim lessons, STEM, arts, and team building, ensuring students receive meals and transportation. Together, these programs create a continuous support system for Durham youth.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

The Durham YMCA provides after-school and summer programs that offer academic support and safe, enriching childcare. Trained YMCA youth counselors deliver social-emotional learning to help students navigate the effects of COVID-related isolation and rising levels of depression and anxiety among children and youth. The programs address unfinished learning due to COVID-19, combining academic support with social-emotional development in a fun, safe, and positive environment led by caring Y counselors and teachers. Camp Excel specifically aims to prevent summer learning loss, offering daily academic instruction in a supportive setting tailored to meet the growing mental health needs of youth.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$250,000**

Funding Utilization  75%

**Contract Term:** 06/15/23-06/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The YMCA provided vital support to 1,674 students, with 91% coming from Title I schools.
- Of those served, 1,376 were students of color, demonstrating the YMCA's commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- 168 students successfully completed the program, reflecting the organization's continued efforts to foster academic and personal growth in underserved communities.





## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

TAPSNC utilized a portion of the first-year funding to fill vacancies, overcoming hiring and recruitment barriers while ensuring services remained available. They recruited a local doula in training to co-facilitate the first Prenatal PEPS group, Connecting the Expecting (CtE). The inaugural CtE support group launched on April 10th, alongside two outreach events and continued recruitment for volunteer facilitators and new members. During this period, TAPSNC also focused on program design, creating an evaluation and training plan for facilitators. The first CtE group concluded on May 15th with a final in-person playdate featuring baby-wearing and swaddling practice. A second CtE group started on June 3rd, with additional outreach at the Summer Reading Kickoff at North Regional Durham Library.

## OVERVIEW:

Triangle Area Parenting Support delivers perinatal peer support and psychoeducational groups through the Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS). The project enhances children's long-term social, emotional, and mental health by helping parents build empathy, strengthen relationships, and deepen their understanding of child development during the perinatal period. These efforts reduce postpartum symptoms, alleviate perinatal mood disorders, improve co-parent relationships, and strengthen parent-child bonds. Participants' experiences also influence their broader social circles to prioritize perinatal mental health and social support, fostering a community-wide shift toward universal care.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### \$80,000

Funding Utilization  37%

Contract Term: 07/01/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- TAPSNC offered three Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS) groups in FY 23-24, reaching over seven families.
- Three community awareness events were hosted, attracting 11 new participants who connected with TAPSNC's mission.



# ARPA Community Grants Program Updates

## IMPROVING CHILD AND FAMILY SOCIAL- EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH - YOUTH AGES 13 - 24



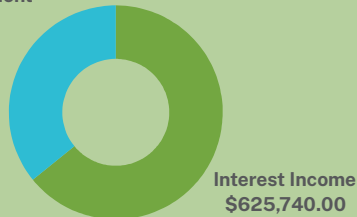
The Board of County Commissioners originally awarded funding to ten local nonprofits to create and/or expand safe, culturally-affirming, and trauma-informed supports that contributed to the social-emotional and mental health of children and young people ages 13-24 and their families. These organizations focused on promoting social, emotional, and mental health and positive childhood experiences, strengthening protective factors to prevent adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and responding to ACEs, including addressing substance abuse issues, supporting domestic violence survivors, and preventing suicide.

The BOCC approved the allocation of \$1,175,740 in ARPA funding. The funding source was realigned to create more flexibility for programming and reporting requirements. The organizations selected for funding under this category included the Durham Crisis Response Center, Durham Public Schools Foundation, El Futuro, Inc., Emily K, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, Student U, The Centre for Homeownership and Economic Development, The LGBTQ Center of Durham, Inc., Triangle East 100 Black Men, and the Youth Mentoring Collaborative. Please find the summary for Student U under RFP Category 5, as they received two awards and their highlights are summarized in that section.

## RFP: Category 4 Improving Child and Family Social- Emotional and Mental Health- Children Ages 13-24

Total allocation for this category is  
**\$975,740**

ARPA- Revenue Replacement  
\$350,000.00



### Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:



### Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:



### Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:



Number of Families that Benefited from Services, Events, Programs, or Projects Funded by DCO Community Grant Funding:

**TBD**



### Nonprofit Organizations

Funding Source: **Revenue Replacement**

El Futuro, Inc -	\$200,000
Youth Mentoring Collaborative-	\$150,000

**Total Allocation: \$350,000**

Fund Utilization :  59.3%

**Total: \$207,848.99**

Funding Source: **Interest Income**

Durham Crisis Response Center-	\$ 125,000
Emily K Center-	\$ 100,000
Planned Parenthood South Atlantic-	\$ 60,000
The Centre for Homeownership and Economic Development Inc.-	\$ 150,000
The LGBTQ Center of Durham, Inc.-	\$ 115,740
Triangle East 100 Black Men-	\$ 75,000

**Total Allocation: \$625,740**

Fund Utilization :  13.8%

**Total: \$86,376.09**





# DURHAM CRISIS RESPONSE CENTER

[www.DCRC.org](http://www.DCRC.org)



## OVERVIEW:

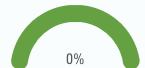
In response to rising sexual and domestic assault rates in Durham County, DCRC, with over 40 years of experience, operates the county's only 24-hour emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. The shelter is crucial, offering a safe haven from abuse and a secure space for recovery and rebuilding. After a COVID-related closure and full renovation, the shelter reopened in 2023, continuing to provide safe housing, essential supplies, legal assistance, and counseling to help victims build violence-free lives. Given the urgent need for these resources, DCRC is prioritizing shelter operations to sustain these essential community services.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$125,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 09/01/23-09/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Durham Crisis Response Center began using ARPA funding in August 2024, future reports will include project highlights.







# EL FUTURO, INC

<https://www.elfuturo-nc.org>



## OVERVIEW:

The program aims to deliver specialized mental health services for Latino adolescents and young adults (LAYA), ages 13-24, and their families to tackle pandemic-related challenges. Given the significant Hispanic/Latino student population, many experience issues such as acculturation stress, poverty, and discrimination. By providing culturally responsive psychoeducation, prevention, and early intervention, the program seeks to enhance treatment and improve overall community health.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

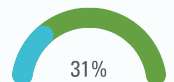
The LAYA Advisory Council focused on enhancing mental health awareness and support within the Latin community through various initiatives. They established subcommittees for social media campaigns and outreach, facilitating member engagement and feedback. A key highlight was the launch of Lazos Fuertes, a monthly webinar series for Latine parents that addressed essential mental health topics, such as self-harm in adolescents and stress factors within the community. The council actively worked to address the cultural stigma surrounding mental health, encouraging open discussions about the importance of seeking help. To celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month, they hosted a visit from the Research Triangle Park High School Mental Health Club, promoting mindfulness and mental health education. Additionally, four Advisory Council members completed Community Resilience Model Training, equipping them with valuable skills to address community needs.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$200,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 06/15/23-06/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 348 individuals served by El Futuro through the Durham County ARPA grant.
- 92% of Latino parents, caregivers, and LAYA (Latino Adolescents and Young Adults) reported improved knowledge of community resources .
- 1,424 LAYA received direct treatment over the two-year period, reflecting an increase over 2021 service levels.



# EMILY K CENTER

www.emilyk.org



## Project Highlights:

Students in the Scholars to College program received support on high school navigation and college admissions from College Readiness Counselors. Seniors focused on college applications, attended financial aid workshops, and participated in a resource fair with 35 universities.

The Game Plan: College team conducted 75 advising sessions, providing application and FAFSA assistance to seniors, with over 85 attendees at a FAFSA Night. Juniors prepared for the ACT and engaged in career planning through Career Exploration Night. The Class of 2024 achieved 155 acceptances to 53 colleges, including UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University, and Harvard University. Additionally, 9th and 10th graders participated in June boot camps and summer check-ins, with all cohorts involved in socioemotional learning throughout the year.

## Overview:

The project enhances two Emily K Center programs, Game Plan: College and Scholars to College, to address educational disparities and pandemic-related learning gaps affecting Durham high school students, especially students of color and those from low-income backgrounds. Through a cohort-based model, Scholars to College pairs students with a College Readiness Counselor, offering SAT/ACT prep, college tours, career exploration, summer enrichment, and support with college and financial aid applications.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### \$100,000

Funding Utilization  41%

Contract Term: 07/01/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 94% of the cost of attendance for Scholars to College graduates is covered by free financial aid (excluding loans).
- The average percentage of scholars meeting ACT readiness benchmarks for FY23-24 is 75%.
- Emily K served an average of 190 students each month through the Durham County ARPA Grant.
- Scholars to College seniors received 155 college acceptances.
- 86% of students reported an increase in knowledge gained through participation in Game Plan: College.





# PLANNED PARENTHOOD SOUTH ATLANTIC

www.PPSAT.org



## OVERVIEW:

The program offers age-appropriate workshops for parents on important topics. These include communication skills, understanding reproductive health, building healthy relationships, learning about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and managing peer pressure. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic (PPSAT) aims to reduce teen pregnancy rates. They also support children of teen parents, who may face challenges. Teaching young people about safe practices is essential for preventing STIs and unintended pregnancies. Additionally, sexual health education promotes long-term physical and mental well-being. PPSAT has a community health educator who provides fun and informative programs through weekly sessions and parent workshops at the beginning of the school semester.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

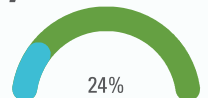
Staff delivered lessons on contraception, STI prevention, and healthy relationships in single-session programs at Student U's Wellness Wednesday for 6th-8th graders. A virtual multi-session program for teens is now available. Additionally, the program collaborated with another PPSA Lead Initiative to conduct a multi-session workshop for Spanish-speaking parents, all of whom reported increased comfort discussing sex and sexuality with their children. The program prioritized multi-session programming while continuing to teach lessons on healthy decision-making and puberty at Student U.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$60,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 09/01/23- 09/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 44 adolescents were served through multi-session programs.
- PPSA reported 360 youth connections made through multi-session peer programs.
- 43 parents participated in parent-specific education programs.
- There were 447 participants in single-session programs.
- PPSA served a total of 774 individuals funded by the Durham County ARPA grant.





## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

CHOEDC co-hosted a successful Family Fun Day, impacting over 130 residents and featuring a performing artist who discussed her experiences with anxiety. Additionally, the Project TRIUMPH team engaged 24 Durham residents at the Triangle Student Leadership Initiative. This initiative aims to improve mental health outcomes for youth (ages 13-24) in underserved communities. Key goals include providing mental health support services and individualized mentoring for adolescents facing behavioral health challenges. Ongoing discussions with the Durham Housing Authority are also in place to assist in recruiting residents for participation.

## OVERVIEW:

Project TRIUMPH aims to enhance mental health outcomes for youth in Durham County through community engagement, direct mental health services, mentorship, increased community capacity, and mobile health technologies to improve health literacy.

Addressing mental health in underserved communities is further complicated by stigma and limited access to quality care. Effective solutions require comprehensive, innovative, and community-based approaches that are evidence-based and consider social determinants of health.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### \$150,000

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 09/01/23-09/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The initiative successfully served 154 families and individuals, demonstrating a significant commitment to enhancing community well-being.
- CHOEDC hosted two impactful educational activities and community events, providing valuable resources and support for families and individuals.



# THE LGBTQ CENTER OF DURHAM

[www.lgbtqcenterofdurham.org](http://www.lgbtqcenterofdurham.org)



## OVERVIEW:

The LGBTQ Center of Durham aims to enhance enrichment activities for LGBTQ youth, particularly focusing on the needs of LGBTQ youth of color. The center plans to expand outreach and programming for its LGBTQ Youth Summer Programming, with a specific emphasis on a week-long summer camp. The goal is to reduce mental health crises among participants and their peers. By successfully executing the program, the center hopes to highlight its efforts and encourage more youth to access its services throughout the year and participate in outreach events. Although space and capacity are limited, fostering community engagement will provide a supportive environment for more youth, ultimately helping to lower the incidence of mental health crises.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

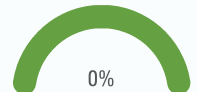
The LGBTQ Center of Durham has announced that their grant funding from Durham County will support summer programming specifically designed for LGBTQ-identifying youth in Durham. Project highlights will be shared during the next reporting cycle.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$115,740**

Funding  
Utilization



0%

**Contract Term:** 07/15/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

The LGBTQ Center will begin using ARPA funding in FY 2024-25.





# TRIANGLE EAST 100 BLACK MEN

[www.100bmte.org](http://www.100bmte.org)



## OVERVIEW:

This program is designed to uplift young Black men by fostering achievement and wellness and addressing challenges that disproportionately affect the Black community. All mentees are eligible for tutoring support, with 100 Black Men providing supplemental funding for academic assistance. Any mentee facing academic challenges qualifies for direct financial support, with 100 Black Men covering up to 50% of tutoring costs. Typically, 10-15 students are identified for targeted tutoring in math and English Language Arts (ELA)

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

The Triangle East 100 Black Men has not yet begun its community grant-funded programming for Fiscal Year 23-24 with ARPA funds. Project highlights will be shared in the next reporting cycle.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$75,000**

Funding  
Utilization



0%

**Contract Term:** 07/01/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Due to other funding sources, ARPA funds will be used for this project through 2025.







# YOUTH MENTORING COLLABORATIVE

[www.youthmentoringcollaborative.org](http://www.youthmentoringcollaborative.org)



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

This initiative sought to evaluate the effectiveness of delegating mental health tasks to mentoring practitioners, identify barriers and facilitators to implementing mental wellness technology, and highlight the benefits of a healing-centered mentoring approach for youth and families.

Recognizing that mentors lacked formal training in psychological and behavioral health, the project worked to establish a Healing-Centered Mentoring™ framework. This framework intended to enhance access to evidence-based mental health services, particularly for BIPOC youth, while alleviating pressure on existing care systems.

## OVERVIEW:

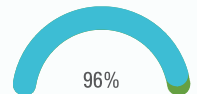
This project provided training, technical assistance, and capacity-building services to 5 to 10 youth-serving agencies with a mentoring component. It addressed each agency's individual needs and improved the implementation of mentoring standards and practices by enhancing the use of evidence-based practices and technology that promoted the mental health and psychosocial well-being of BIPOC youth.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$150,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 05/25/23-05/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- YMC maintained an average of 12 partner agencies that accurately described the Healing-Centered Mentoring (HCM) framework.
- YMC averaged 12 partner agencies capable of implementing evidence-based youth development practices throughout FY 23-24.
- An average of 12 YMC partner agencies advocated for mental health policy goals related to mentoring.
- 12 mentors in Durham County were trained in the HCM framework.

# ARPA Community Grants Program Updates

## YOUTH INITIATIVES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Durham County Commissioners initially approved over \$2,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support youth initiatives and recreational activities. In April 2024, some of these ARPA-funded grants were supplemented by another funding source, Interest Income. These adjustments did not affect the funding amounts allocated to approved projects or the availability of funds for grantees or contractors. Instead, they allowed County staff to enhance operational efficiencies in ARPA grant management.

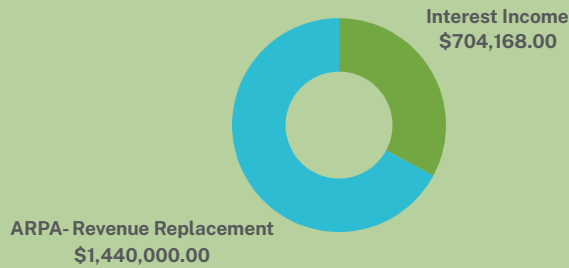
This significant investment increases access to enrichment programs such as afterschool and summer activities, while also working to remove barriers to participation. The funding supports local nonprofits in addressing the social, emotional, and academic needs of underserved students and those with disabilities. Additionally, it enhances existing programs and supports new ones, covering a wide range of educational, artistic, recreational, and sports activities.

The County has partnered with several organizations to bring exciting recreational activities and enrichment programs to the community. The partners include the Eno River Association, Bike Durham, Book Harvest, BUMP the Triangle, the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department, Durham Success Summit, Empower Dance Foundation, Kidznotes, the Museum of Life and Science, North Carolina Arts In Action, St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Student U, SwingPals, and World Relief Durham. These organizations are passionate about supporting Durham's youth by enhancing their academic opportunities and overall well-being. They're dedicated to making sure children, especially those from underserved and marginalized communities, have the chance to learn, grow, and thrive. Through their hard work, they help create a bright future for Durham's youth.

## RFP: Category 5 Youth Initiatives and Enrichment Opportunities

Total allocation for this category is

**\$2,144,168**



### Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:



### Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:



### Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:



**Number of Children and Families that Benefited from Services, Events, Programs, or Projects Funded by DCO Community Grant Funding:**

**TBD**



### Nonprofit Organizations

Funding Source: **Revenue Replacement**

Eno River Association-	\$125,000
Bike Durham-	\$175,000
Book Harvest-	\$150,000
Museum of Life and Science-	\$125,000
NC Arts In Action-	\$165,000
St. Joseph's Historic Society-	\$200,000
Student U-	\$300,000
Swingpals-	\$200,000

**Total Allocation: \$1,440,000.00**

Fund Utilization : 61.4%

**Total: \$884,052.11**

Funding Source: **Interest Income**

Bump the Triangle-	\$150,000
City of Durham, Parks and Recreation	
Department-	\$118,168
Durham Success Summit-	\$ 86,000
Empower Dance Foundation-	\$150,000
Kidznotes-	\$150,000
World Relief Durham-	\$ 50,000

**Total Allocation: \$704,168.00**

Fund Utilization : 34.6%

**Total: \$244,259.79**

\*Student U received a combined total of \$300,000, with \$200,000 awarded for RFP 5 and \$100,000 for RFP 4; please see summary below for funding and project overviews for both projects.





# BIKE DURHAM

www.bikedurham.org



## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The Safe Routes to School Program is dedicated to improving safety and making it easier for students to walk and bike to school. Walking a mile to and from school can be a simple and effective way to stay active. Unfortunately, during the COVID-19 pandemic, many students spent more time on screens and less time being active. Bike Durham is working to encourage students to be more intentional about their exercise and walking routines. However, some areas, especially within Durham Public Schools (DPS), face challenges due to unsafe walking and biking conditions. The Safe Routes to School Program is actively working to address these issues, aiming to create safer and more accessible routes for students to walk and bike to school.

## OVERVIEW:

Bike Durham's Safe Routes to School program promotes healthy living and supports students' social and emotional well-being by encouraging physical activity through walking, bicycling, or rolling to school.

## 2023/2024 in numbers

- 2,200** students taught in **17** DPS elementary schools
- 390** K and Pre-K students taught in **6** DPS elementary schools with the new **STRIDER** program
- 135** bikes and helmets given away to DPS students
- 20** DPS schools participated in Bike, Walk, & Roll to School Day activities between the Spring 2024 and Fall 2023
- 6** Community events in DPS, with bike safety activities and helmets giveaway (3 cancelled due to weather)



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$175,000**

Funding Utilization **65.2%**  
Contract Term: 6/1/23- 6/30/24

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Classes started at Holt Elementary and were offered to a total of 15 Elementary schools throughout the school year.
- Bike Durham supported E.K. Powe Elementary in launching a weekly Bike Train, which started in October. Supported 18 schools with Walk, Bike & Roll to School events on October 4, with 7 schools holding off-campus events.
- Bike Durham introduced a high school program at Hillside High School, providing bike safety training and free bikes. Completed classes at several elementary schools, including Fayetteville Street, where all students participated.
- Bike Durham hosted a major event at Glenn Elementary with 130 students and families.
- Bike Durham conducted 13 Bike to School Day events, with 5 large off-campus celebrations. Planned summer camp activities with Camp FUNtastic at three locations.



# BOOK HARVEST

[www.bookharvest.org](http://www.bookharvest.org)



## OVERVIEW:

Book Harvest's "Keep Learning Alive" project ensures that children and families in Durham have access to the books and tools needed to build their home libraries and achieve their goals. Book Harvest creates and maintains dozens of book hubs in public spaces, which are regularly stocked with free, culturally inclusive children's books for families to take home and keep forever. Book Harvest also provides exciting bilingual story times and works to build a countywide culture of literacy through special events and celebrations. Additionally, they aim to help everyone recover from the challenges of COVID with a renewed enthusiasm for learning.

## KEEP LEARNING ALIVE:

Book Harvest recognizes that not having enough access to books and educational materials can be a huge hurdle for developing literacy. By working to solve this problem, they're helping create lasting positive change and making sure everyone has a fair chance to learn and grow.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$150,000**



**Contract Term:** 6/1/23- 6/30/24

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Book Harvest has provided 474 Storytime literacy kits to children in the community.
- Book Harvest has facilitated 46 Storytimes and programs throughout the Durham community over the past two years.
- Over 78,700 books were provided to Book Hubs.
- More than 3,400 families were served through the story times and programs.



book harvest



# BUMP THE TRIANGLE

[www.bumpthetriangle.org](http://www.bumpthetriangle.org)



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

BUMP's season began with registration and outreach, setting up for the year. Programming kicked off with 15 weekly lessons, expanding to 18, and included participation in the Kaloum Djembe Drum and Dance Conference. Throughout the year, BUMP featured performances at events such as the NCCU Fall Jazz Concert, Bull City Music School Recital, and Bimbe Block Party. The season wrapped up with a BUMP Jam Field Day, Youth Artist Retreats, and a Juneteenth performance.

## ARTS ENRICHMENT & ENSEMBLES:

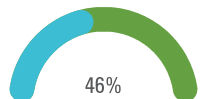
BUMP's programming provides youth with safe spaces to explore music, art, and creativity from diverse African-diasporic cultures, art forms, and artists. They have expanded their youth arts programs and continue to offer needs-based scholarships to enhance the well-being of Durham youth through enriched arts education and experiences.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$150,000**

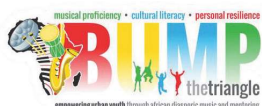
Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 07/15/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 641 individuals participated in lessons.
- 391 individuals participated in ensembles.







# CITY OF DURHAM- PARKS AND RECREATION

<https://www.dprplaymore.org>



## OVERVIEW:

The MyDurham+ program builds on the MyDurham Teen initiative by offering innovative STEAM programming that links teens with their culture and heritage. It features engaging activities such as robotics (coding and drone programming), music production, college exploration, and outdoor recreation. The goal of the MyDurham+ program is to boost teen participation in supervised afterschool activities by offering advanced STEAM education, thereby reducing involvement in negative social behaviors. Additionally, the program aims to increase the number of teens interested in STEAM careers because of their participation.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

The MyDurham+ program organized two overnight trips for teens. One trip was to Windsor, NC, featuring canoeing, wilderness exploration, camping, outdoor cooking, and a nature scavenger hunt at the Cashie River Treehouses, and another to Pisgah National Forest, where they hiked to Mt. Pisgah's summit and learned about hiking in mountainous terrain. They also hosted two 8-week programs: a Dance and Modeling course at two recreation centers, promoting self-love and mental health awareness, which concluded with an HBCU Mixer, and a Music Production and Video Game Coding course, where teens created an album and a video game, culminating in an album release party and video game debut. The album is available on Spotify, SoundCloud, and other platforms.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$118,168**

Funding Utilization  3%

**Contract Term:** 6/1/23- 6/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The MyDurham+ Program filled at least 70% of available registered slots for each reporting period.
- The program has successfully completed contracts with 100% of its partners.
- Participant surveys from the first session indicate that 100% of attendees reported increased interest in STEAM careers.





# DURHAM SUCCESS SUMMIT

www.dssnc.org

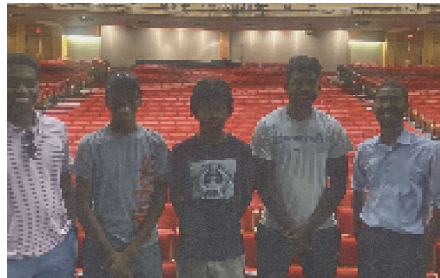


## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Durham Success Summit opened a new center dedicated to empowering Black male youth. They hosted a back-to-school event for 120 local youth, conducted cohort sessions for skill-building, and organized an alumni trip to Washington, DC. They also facilitated a career day at Fidelity, held a Black History Month event with the Carolina Hurricanes and PNC Arena, and conducted a life sciences retreat to broaden career pathways.

## SUCCESS SUMMIT SCHOLARS:

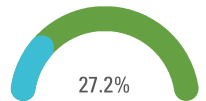
The Durham Success Summit program focuses on addressing the underlying barriers that have historically excluded young Black men from Durham's growing innovative economy. The program provides around 100 hours of career preparation training aimed at equipping participants with the skills and opportunities needed for success.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$86,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 7/1/23- 7/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- A minimum of 70% of program participants are from Title I Schools for (each applicable) month.
- According to information gathered, 100% of participants report a change in professional attitudes and aptitudes.
- An average 7 employer partners participate in quarterly focus groups and optional one-on-one interviews to measure program efficacy at meeting workforce.

**DURHAM**  
SUCCESS SUMMIT



# EMPOWER DANCE FOUNDATION

www.empowerdancestudio.com

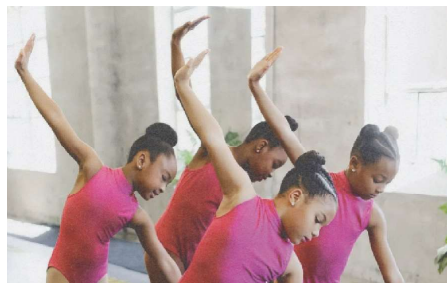


## EMPOWERED 2 EMPOWER! THE POWER OF DANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Empower has created a safe and supportive environment for children in under-resourced communities. In 2024, the Cornwallis-Weaver Street program grew steadily, offering Jazz, Hip Hop, and Contemporary dance classes. In May, they expanded to W.D. Hill Recreation Center, where participation has been consistent. Some of their dancers had the exciting opportunity to attend prestigious summer programs. Through summer enrichment program, dancers kicked off their intensives at renowned institutions like the American Dance Festival, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, Carolina Ballet, Collage Dance Collective, and Dance Theatre of Harlem.

## OVERVIEW:

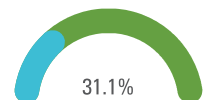
Empower Dance Foundation is dedicated to making a difference by offering a dance program where every young dancer can see themselves in their dreams. Their programs help kids discover how dance can be a source of joy, support, and health, making their lives better in many wonderful ways.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$150,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 07/1/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 97 Children were served this year by the Durham County ARPA Grant
- 57 Families participated in community events
- 100% of youth that have reported increased self-esteem and positive body image after each quarter





# ENO RIVER ASSOCIATION

www.enoriver.org



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Throughout the 2023-24 academic year, ERA education staff provided hands-on learning experiences through classroom visits and field trips, where students explored the Eno River's ecosystems, native species, and conservation efforts. To further engage youth, ERA offered two outdoor summer camps: iWalk the Eno, which involved children aged 8-12 in environmental education, and Eno River Field Station, which engaged youths aged 12-15 in outdoor field studies. Additionally, ERA hosted various public programs, including nature hikes and workshops on climate change, fostering community involvement and discussions on environmental conservation in Durham County.

## OVERVIEW:

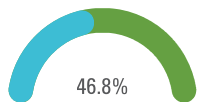
The Eno River Association (ERA) engages youth in high-quality, immersive education and recreation on the Eno River through the partnership with Durham Public Schools, facilitation of ERA family-centered nature-based activities, and the expansion of ERA's summer camp program.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$125,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 6/15/23- 6/30/24

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 159 youth participated in immersive, outdoor, environmental education summer camp programming along the Eno River.
- A total of 3,904 people from the public participated in a variety of public environmental education programs and events facilitated by Eno River Association education staff.
- A total of 2,763 students have received in-school educational programming provided by Eno River Association.
- 558 students participated in a field trip to the Eno River.





# KIDZNOTES

www.kidznotes.org



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

At Kidznotes, orchestras and ensembles go beyond artistic expression to model community life. Playing and singing in harmony teaches teamwork, individual responsibility, and coordination. Kidznotes also involves students, staff, parents, and the community in fostering a culture of striving and building a supportive network for at-risk children, aiming to positively impact their lives.

Kidznotes achieved a 95% average daily attendance rate, significantly higher than Durham County School's 89.78%. This demonstrates Kidznotes' success in promoting regular school attendance.

## OVERVIEW:

Kidznotes catalyzes social change by providing equitable access to comprehensive music education, leadership opportunities, and character-building experiences to children in Durham, NC, through a full scholarship model. Through robust instruction, performance opportunities, and access to quality instruments, it transform the lives of underserved youth in the Durham, NC, area, fostering a community of empowered young musicians.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$150,000**



**Contract Term:** 6/1/23- 6/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- In the first semester, 62% of students reported feeling more confident, which increased to 71% in the second semester.
- Kidznotes students experienced an improved graduation rate.
- An average of 111 students engaged in Kidznotes programming each month, receiving 240 hours of musical training in the 2023-2024 school year.





## OVERVIEW:

The Museum has introduced a daily schedule of programs in Play to Learn and other exhibits, featuring activities like Storytime, songs, movement, tinkering, and animal encounters. Led by an early childhood educator, these sessions are designed to foster critical thinking skills and connect families with valuable resources. Regular early childhood programming takes place on Durham Community Days, offering free admission to all Durham County residents to ensure accessibility. Members of the Museum's Ignite Learning program also access these enriching activities.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

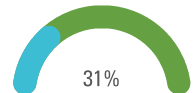
Through the Ignite Learning program, which partners with over 20 service agencies in Durham County, families can access programs with \$5 annual memberships, offering unlimited entry to the Museum's 84 acres of exhibits, daily programs, and monthly events. The Museum now hosts up to five drop-in activities daily, six days a week, catering to a variety of play types, including structured circle times, infant-focused sessions, and open-ended sensory experiences.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### \$125,000

Funding  
Utilization



Contract Term: 6/1/23- 6/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Museum of Life and Science delivered 419 programs in FY23-24.
- Over 6,540 people, including children and caregivers, attended these programs.
- ARPA funding will be used in a greater capacity in 2025.





# NORTH CAROLINA ARTS IN ACTION

[www.ncartinaction.org](http://www.ncartinaction.org)



## OVERVIEW:

The program aims to provide a curriculum-integrated dance experience for children at CC Spaulding, Holt, and Eastway Elementary Schools. By incorporating live music and a proven teaching methodology, it helps students build essential skills like self-esteem, resilience, critical thinking, and collaboration. The initiative supports both the academic and personal growth of the children, empowering them to persevere in school and in life.

## USING DANCE, MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE TO HELP DURHAM COUNTY CHILDREN PERSEVERE IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE:

NC AIA's in-school program provides performing arts education to entire fourth-grade classes during the school day, offering 50-60 minutes of instruction per session, led by trained teaching artists and accompanied by live music. The 16-week program culminates in large-scale performances for the school and community. Designed for high-need schools, the program removes barriers to arts education, offering opportunities that would otherwise be inaccessible due to cost or transportation challenges. Participation in the arts has shown to improve academic outcomes, especially for students facing severe academic gaps and high poverty, a need heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$165,000**

Funding  
Utilization  74%

**Contract Term:** 06/15/23-06/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- There were over 330 students that reported developing life skills such as critical thinking skills, collaboration, discipline, and focus because of their participation in NC AIA.
- On average 357 students received dance instruction integrated with NC Common Core Standards.
- 77% of students reported feeling better about going to school on NC AIA days.
- 59% of parents that reported that their child has an increased interest in school academics.





# ST. JOSEPH'S HISTORIC FOUNDATION, INC.

www.hayti.org



## OVERVIEW:

The Youth Arts Enrichment Program at the Hayti Heritage Center enriches the lives of youth ages 7-17 through a comprehensive curriculum that utilizes the Dunham methodology of "Socialization through the Arts." This approach integrates the arts to promote personal development, social awareness, and cultural understanding among participants.

## YOUTH ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (YAEP):

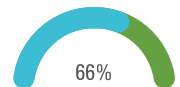
The Youth Arts Enrichment Program at the Hayti Heritage Center surpassed its 25-student limit, providing free supplies and building strong community bonds. The students participated in a Raleigh field trip, a "Black Santa" event, and the "Holiday Hit" showcase. Students also participated in the 29th Annual Hayti Heritage Film Festival, with older students learning filmmaking and younger ones engaging with "Our Friend Martin." The program's presentation at the 2024 Capital City Juneteenth Celebration marked the first youth component at the event. The 3rd Annual Summer Arts Intensive, with 30 students and a guest artist in Dunham Technique, concluded with a successful recital and strong community support.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$200,000**

Funding  
Utilization



66%

**Contract Term:** 6/1/23-6/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- St. Joseph had 26 students participated each month averaging 5 days a week.
- 100% of participants are from Title I schools.
- 100% of program offerings and supplies were provided across all disciplines.
- The program achieved a 100% parent participation rate.
- There was a 100% retention rate of qualified instructional staff.

HAYTI.



# STUDENT U

[www.studentudurham.org](http://www.studentudurham.org)



## OVERVIEW:

Student U received two combined grant awards that supported low-income, first-generation college-bound students in achieving equal outcomes in academic success, post-secondary pathways, financial security, personal well-being, and community engagement. The programs addressed COVID-19 learning loss through intensive academic interventions, counseling, and mental health support. Additionally, Student U opened Learning Centers to provide families with reliable broadband and a conducive learning environment. Student U's understanding of the challenges facing students evolved over time. The organization quickly addressed these inequities to help keep Durham's students on track for graduation.



## STUDENT U MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMMING:

Student U's flagship Summer Academy 2023 hosted around 50 students per grade (rising 6th-10th) with a curriculum designed to prepare them for the upcoming school year, improve academic performance, and emphasize social-emotional development. Rooted in antiracist and culturally relevant practices, the program reflected Student U's values as a multicultural, anti-racist organization. As the school year and year-round programming concluded, progress tracking ensured students advanced on time and graduated. Responsive Student and Family Support Services continued to address the holistic needs of students and families. Staff also prepared for Summer Academy 2024, planning clubs, field trips, and internships to match student interests, while providing additional academic support and helping high school seniors finalize postsecondary plans.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW \$300,000

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 7/1/23- 12/31/24

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Student U reported 100% of students who participated in the programming graduated from high school.
- Student U reported 325 students that matriculated to the next grade level.
- Student U reported that 83% of students that were served pursued post-secondary education or training within their first year after high school.
- 325 students were served through ARPA funding.





# SWINGPALS, INC

www.swingpals.org



## SwingPals 6th Grade School-based Expansion/New SwingPals Topgolf After-school Program:

SwingPals gives students the opportunity to learn emotional self-regulation and mindfulness skills. SwingPals' works to ensure that every Durham public school student can experience SwingPals when they enter middle school. SwingPals exclusively serves DPS students. If you consider the adversity that our students face due to the lack of resources and the systemic and institutional racism they endure, we can begin to comprehend the magnitude of injustice caused and the challenges confronting our students.

This project allows SwingPals to both increase the number of students who are practicing their SwingPals skills and tools in school and deepen the depth of emotional awareness in their year-round after-school program. These students also share their skills with their peers back in school, in the community, and with caregivers at home.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

SwingPals utilized ARPA funding to acquire a 48-seat bus, expand in-school programming within Durham Public Schools (DPS), and enhance their existing after-school programs. They also hosted the annual PGA Jr. League, with approximately 150 students participating, many alongside their families. The year concluded with SwingPals' Annual Dinner and Awards, followed by three weeks of camp programming.



### FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$200,000**



**Contract Term:** 6/5/23- 6/30/25

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Participants averaged 5 days of engagement in various programs.
- 100% of program participants came from Title I schools, highlighting the organization's commitment to underserved communities.
- A total of 1,640 individuals successfully completed the SwingPals program, showcasing the effectiveness of their initiatives.





# WORLD RELIEF DURHAM

[www.worldrelief.org](http://www.worldrelief.org)



## OVERVIEW:

World Relief Durham utilized funding to host the Refugee and Immigrant Summer Enrichment (RISE) camps, providing crucial academic and social support for refugee and immigrant youth. The COVID-19 pandemic had exacerbated the learning gap and summer learning loss, isolating students from essential multilingual services.

The RISE camps aimed to help participants catch up on learning and establish a multilingual support network, equipping them for success in the upcoming school year.

## REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SUMMER ENRICHMENT (RISE):

World Relief Durham utilized funding for their Refugee and Immigrant Summer Enrichment (RISE) camps. These funds supported immigrant students in overcoming summer learning loss and establishing a multilingual support network. The program focused on academic enrichment, language development, and individualized tutoring to build on students' school-year successes.

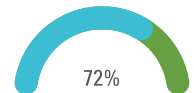
Additionally, it promoted mental and emotional wellbeing by creating a safe community space and offering activities such as yoga, healthy cooking, and bullying prevention workshops. The program ensured accessibility and integration into the broader community, with interpretation services provided as needed.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$50,000**

Funding  
Utilization



72%

**Contract Term:** 6/1/23- 6/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 78% of students involved with World Relief Durham showed improvement in reading and English language skills.
- 50 children participated in the RISE camp, with both participants and families expressing satisfaction with the program.
- 217 students received after-school tutoring support.

# ARPA Community Grants Program Updates

## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CULTURALLY - AFFIRMING MATERNAL HEALTH SUPPORT



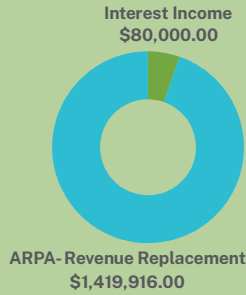
Maternal health supports for birthing people of color have become increasingly essential due to growing disparities in health outcomes. Research shows that birthing people of color experience significantly higher rates of complications and mortality during pregnancy and childbirth. In response to this issue, the Durham County Board of County Commissioners has allocated funding to six local nonprofits under the Request for Proposal Category: Capacity Building for Culturally-Affirming Maternal Health Support. The grantees—Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities- Breast Feed Durham, Center for Child and Family Health, Diaper Bank of North Carolina, MAAME, Inc., Sankofa Birth and Women’s Care (DBA Aya Community Wellness), and United Way of the Greater Triangle—have collectively received \$1,499,916 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. As of April 2024, Breast Feed Durham’s funding was realigned to Interest Income, while the other organizations were transitioned under the ARPA Funding- Revenue Replacement Category.

These initiatives aim to educate birthing people of color on healthy practices, connect them with culturally competent healthcare providers, and provide essential mental health services to address their unique challenges. The funding enhances culturally affirming supports during pregnancy and postpartum, targeting high maternal and infant morbidity and mortality rates in these populations. The funded nonprofits offer universal supports, including family supplies, full-spectrum doula care, lactation support, peer education, and resource navigation, all with the goal of improving health outcomes and fostering a healthier future for families and communities in Durham County.



## RFP: Category 6 Capacity Building for Culturally Affirming Maternal Health Support

Total allocation for this category is  
**\$1,499,916**



### Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:



### Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:



### Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:



Number of Children and Families that Benefited from Services, Events, Programs, or Projects Funded by DCO Community Grant Funding:

**TBD**



### Nonprofit Organizations

#### Funding Source: Revenue Replacement

Center for Child and Family Health-	\$280,000
Diaper Bank of NC-	\$280,000
MAAME, Inc.-	\$280,000
Sankofa Birth and Women's Care (DBA Aya Wellness Center)-	\$280,000
United Way of the Greater Triangle-	\$299,916

**Total Allocation: \$1,419,916**

Fund Utilization : 20.4%

**Total: \$290,040.69**

#### Funding Source: Interest Income

Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities, Breast Feed Durham-	\$ 80,000
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**Total Allocation: \$ 80,000**

Fund Utilization : 41.8%

**Total: \$33,500.00**





## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Aya Birth & Community Wellness addresses the maternal healthcare crisis that disproportionately impacts women and people of color. Aya's Open Access Maternity Clinic recently opened to the public, introducing a new model of maternity care in Durham. Their efforts focused on raising awareness—not only among potential clients but also within community organizations that serve similar populations and could act as referral sources for the clinic. They increased their visibility through various social media channels to attract more clients. As a result, they welcomed several new clients and hired an instructor to lead childbirth education classes. With their first client approaching her delivery date, Aya continues to refine the program and strengthen partnerships with the local hospital and doulas.

## OVERVIEW:

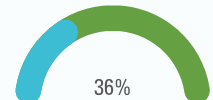
Aya Birth & Community Wellness launched its flagship clinic to address the maternal healthcare crisis that disproportionately affected women and people of color. The clinic implemented a five-pillar service model rooted in reproductive justice, providing culturally appropriate, trauma-informed, and gender-affirming care. It included a birth center for out-of-hospital deliveries, midwifery-led reproductive care from puberty to menopause, gender-affirming hormone therapy, an open access maternity clinic to offer affordable care, and a workforce development program that trained BIPOC birth workers, community health workers, nurses, and midwives. This approach ensured comprehensive and equitable care throughout the reproductive cycle.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$280,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 07/1/23-07/30/25





# BREAST FEED DURHAM

[www.breastfeeddurham.org](http://www.breastfeeddurham.org)



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Breastfeed Durham significantly enhanced community engagement and resource development to support breastfeeding families in Durham County. They coordinated National Breastfeeding Month events, engaged with businesses to promote breastfeeding-friendly policies, and provided resources to local childcare centers. Key initiatives included the launch of the “Ready, Set, Daddy” event, collaboration with the Durham Chamber of Commerce, and outreach to diverse communities through culturally competent materials. Their efforts fostered a supportive environment for breastfeeding, benefiting families and local businesses alike.

## OVERVIEW:

Breastfeed Durham’s Black Breastfeeding Coalition is supporting public health initiatives in the community by advocating for health equity for families who breastfeed. The coalition addresses the evolving health needs of pregnant and breastfeeding families while also tackling challenges faced by households, small businesses, nonprofits, and the public sector, with a particular focus on racial disparities.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$80,000**

Funding Utilization  41.8%

**Contract Term:** 08/1/23-09/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Breastfeed Durham developed or updated 95 culturally competent digital or printed materials.
- The organization translated 14 of these materials into Spanish.
- The organization received 358 views on YouTube learning session videos, including live attendance.
- Breastfeed Durham remodeled 81 lactation spaces.
- Breastfeed Durham installed lactation-friendly signs in various locations.
- The organization provided 97 hours of technical assistance to Duke providers, Durham County Department of Public Health employees, and community members.





## OVERVIEW:

This project will provide free postpartum support to birthing individuals and expand culturally affirming services for pregnancy and postpartum care. Aiming to enhance the health and wellness of parents and infants during the postpartum period, the project will focus on reducing disparities in Black maternal health by increasing access to services for BIPOC communities, particularly those without doula support. Key objectives will include assessing family strengths and needs shortly after birth, identifying families at higher risk for negative outcomes to offer postpartum doula support, and connecting families to necessary community resources.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

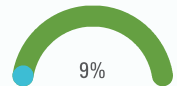
Family Connects Durham and MAAME held an in-person joint staff meeting to launch their partnership. Ongoing efforts are focused on improving reporting accuracy and ensuring referrals are properly documented. Family Connects nurses continue to refer clients to all MAAME services, including the Doula Program. Two families from this quarter are receiving doula services, with additional clients referred to MAAME's mental health program. To encourage follow-through on referrals, Family Connects and MAAME are holding joint quarterly meetings and collaborating on troubleshooting client intake and enrollment processes to enhance service delivery.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### \$280,000

Funding  
Utilization



Contract Term: 07/1/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- 203 individuals benefited from the program.
- 103 children received services.
- 100 parents participated in the program.
- 99% of participants expressed satisfaction with the services provided.
- A total of 123 referrals were made.
- 54 referrals were directed to MAAME's doula services.
- 100 home visits were successfully conducted.



# DIAPER BANK OF NC

[www.ncdiaperbank.org](http://www.ncdiaperbank.org)



## OVERVIEW:

The Diaper Bank of North Carolina (DBNC) aims to eliminate barriers to education, employment, and well-being by providing diapers and wipes to low-income families in the Durham Housing Authority's Public Housing Program. Diaper need jeopardizes financial support and poses significant mental and physical health risks, as parents may resort to unsanitary alternatives, leading to medical issues. This situation contributes to stress, depression, and potential violence within families, with some mothers feeling compelled to stay in abusive relationships for access to hygiene supplies. Additionally, efforts to save on diaper costs may result in early toilet training, which can correlate with child abuse.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

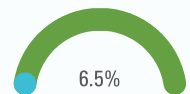
Diaper Bank of NC expanded its outreach by distributing 610 period supplies and 1,670 period products to menstruating individuals, despite not having a signed contract. They hired a Community Navigator to enhance their efforts and are currently serving four public housing communities in Durham, with plans to reach all public housing communities by year-end. In the third quarter of 2024, they distributed 6,675 baby diapers, 1,680 period products, and 30 adult incontinence products. In the fourth quarter, they increased their impact with 28,445 baby diapers, 5,788 period products, and 330 adult incontinence products. These initiatives underscore their commitment to providing essential resources to families in need.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$280,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 09/15/23-09/30/25





# MAAME, INC.

www.maameinc.org



## OVERVIEW:

MAAME, Inc. has launched an Easy Access Maternal Health Resource Center to provide doula support, maternal and infant care education, resource navigation, and mental health services for minoritized birthing individuals. Key objectives include enhancing office accessibility, employing doulas for comprehensive support, offering reduced or free services over two years, hosting community baby showers and monthly mutual aid distributions, delivering annual emergency services, and providing training to certify new community-based doulas.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

MAAME, Inc. opened a new community-based maternal health office in Durham, providing essential support with amenities such as a lactation room and community gathering space. The office welcomed numerous visitors from various families, offering in-person health and wellness services, including postpartum support, doula appointments, and lactation education. The organization enhanced its staff by adding a full-time employee, which improved the coordination of doula services. MAAME, Inc. conducted several encounters with multiple households, and its food distribution program reached many families, with exit interviews assessing the impact of additional food benefits. MAAME, Inc. continues to invest in the local community, fostering maternal health advocacy and support.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$280,000**

Funding Utilization  38%

**Contract Term:** 09/15/23-09/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- MAAME, Inc. hired two full-time employees. In addition, they trained and contracted 16 doulas.
- MAAME served a total of 1,035 families.







# UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER TRIANGLE

[www.unitedwaytriangle.org](http://www.unitedwaytriangle.org)



## OVERVIEW:

This project aims to address maternal health disparities in BIPOC populations and improve social mobility in Durham neighborhoods. It will create and implement a maternal health blueprint to meet the immediate needs of BIPOC birthing individuals while promoting long-term systemic change. The blueprint will empower pregnant individuals to advocate for themselves and access equitable health services, ultimately improving maternal health outcomes in the community.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$299,916**

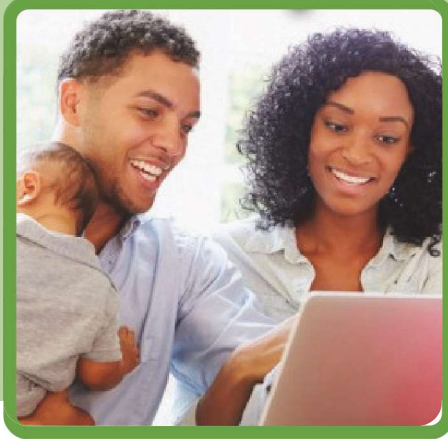
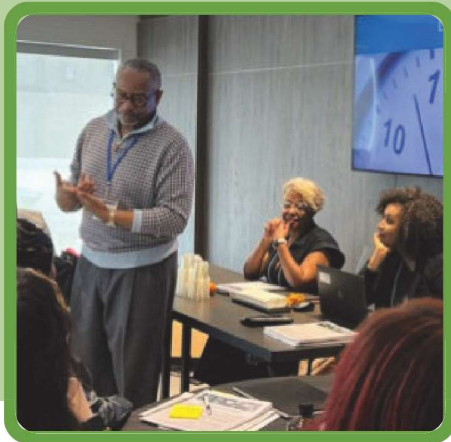


Contract Term: 07/01/23-07/31/25



# ARPA Community Grants Program Updates

## CRIME INTERVENTION INITIATIVES



The Board of Commissioners recognized the significant impact of crime in Durham County and actively supported various Crime Intervention Initiatives. To address and prevent criminal activity, the Board initially awarded \$680,000 in ARPA funding to four local nonprofits— Communities in Partnership, Durham Crisis Response Center, Durham County Teen Court and Restitution, and Triangle Literacy Council—through the Request for Proposal Category 7: Crime Intervention Initiative. This initiative targeted conflict resolution, violence prevention, domestic violence intervention, health and wellness, and critical time interventions, focusing on populations disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

In April 2024, funding sources were realigned to provide greater flexibility for community partners. Communities in Partnership and Triangle Literacy Council shifted to the ARPA Revenue Replacement funding category, while Durham County Teen Court and Restitution and Durham Crisis Response Center transitioned to the Interest Income funding category. By emphasizing education, job training, and mental health services, these programs aimed to assist at-risk individuals in avoiding reoffending, prioritizing rehabilitation over punishment and addressing the root causes of criminal behavior.

## RFP: Category 7 Crime Intervention Initiatives

Total allocation for this category is  
**\$680,000**



### Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:



### Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:



### Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:



Number of Children and Families that Benefited from Services, Events, Programs, or Projects Funded by DCO Community Grant Funding:

**TBD**



### Nonprofit Organizations

#### Funding Source: Revenue Replacement

Communities in Partnership-	\$225,000
Triangle Literacy Council-	\$225,000

**Total Allocation: \$450,000**

Fund Utilization : 30.8%

**Total: \$138,986.09**

#### Funding Source: Interest Income

Durham Crisis Response Center-	\$200,000
Durham County Teen Court and Restitution-	\$30,000

**Total Allocation: \$ 230,000**

Fund Utilization : 1.6%

**Total: \$3,751.00**







# COMMUNITIES IN PARTNERSHIP

www.communitiesinpartnership.org



## OVERVIEW:

Communities in Partnership (CIP) launched a community- rooted legal clinic to support low-wealth residents impacted by the carceral system. The clinic provides outreach, legal clinics, and educational resources aimed at preventing incarceration and fostering community safety. Educational sessions cover topics like rights awareness and the school-to-prison pipeline, while legal clinics focus on expungement, offering coaching from attorneys and volunteers. These vital services address the gap left by discontinued programs from other nonprofits.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Communities in Partnership fosters community engagement through educational and legal clinics for low-wealth Black and Brown residents in Durham County. This initiative focuses on four areas in criminal justice: examining the 1994 Crime Bill's impact, advocating against solitary confinement (restrictive housing), supporting participatory defense, and addressing cash bond disparities.

CIP also advocates for incarcerated individuals, highlighting how restrictive housing's limited time outside cells forces inmates to choose between basic needs, increasing mental stress. To raise awareness, they created a mock cell to help the public understand the harsh realities of confinement.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$225,000**

Funding Utilization  12.5%

Contract Term: 07/1/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Communities in Partnership provided legal services by offering 324 legal clinics in Fiscal Year 2023-24. These clinics play a crucial role in ensuring access to legal support for the community.
- The organization also held 61 informational town hall sessions, facilitating direct conversations that identify obstacles, explore potential solutions, and ultimately develop a shared vision for the community's future.



# DURHAM COUNTY TEEN COURT & RESTITUTION

900 B Broad Street, Durham, NC 27705



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Durham Teen Court and Restitution is dedicated to supporting at least 90 youth referred to the program. Several participants have completed mental health assessments, with a number choosing to engage in additional support sessions. While none of the newly referred participants have completed the program, several from prior cohorts have successfully concluded their involvement. Moving forward, the organization will continue to actively engage youth in mental health services, ensuring they have access to essential support that fosters well-being and personal growth.

## OVERVIEW:

This project supports teens and their families involved with Durham County Teen Court by providing assessments and therapy sessions. It helps connect families to programs and resources that strengthen each teen's treatment plan. The program ensures that youth in the Durham community have access to essential mental health services. Licensed professionals provide a safe space for teens to share their feelings and challenges. By reducing future criminal involvement, building self-esteem, and improving educational outcomes, the program aims to support youth throughout their time with the organization.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$30,000**

Funding  
Utilization

12.5%

Contract Term: 07/1/23-07/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Durham County Teen Court reported that over 24 youth participated in their services this year, providing valuable support and guidance to young people in the community.



# DURHAM CRISIS RESPONSE CENTER

www.theDCRC.org



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

After overcoming minor barriers, including key personnel changes, the project is now ready to begin programming. The original plan has been thoughtfully revised to maximize the organization's impact on the community, ensuring a stronger alignment with its goals and mission.

## Overview:

Updates will be provided on the DCO website at a later date.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$200,000**

Funding  
Utilization

0%

Contract Term: 7/01/23-07/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Durham Crisis Response Center will begin programming in FY2024-25.

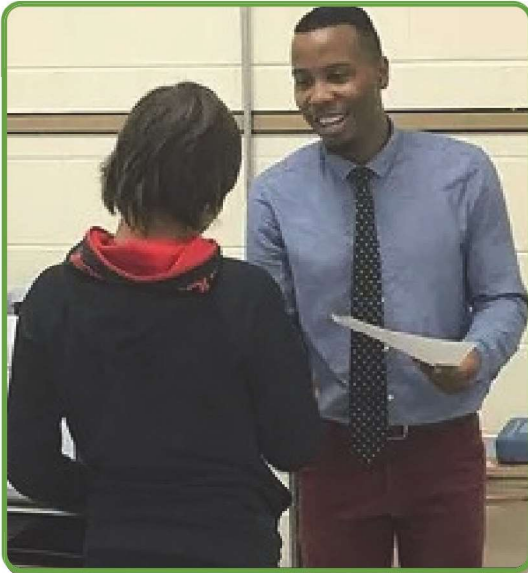






# TRIANGLE LITERACY COUNCIL

www.triangleliteracy.org



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Triangle Literacy Council (TLC) helps young people in Durham County, ages 16 to 24, create positive pathways. They offer a full-time educational and job training program with additional support. Through the Key initiatives included financial literacy workshops with PNC, gang prevention mentoring from Bull City United, and mental health resources from Upward Change Health Services. Regular meetings with JCPC Court Counselors led to new enrollments and supported youth in successfully completing probation. Additionally, youth received daily meals, fostering a strong foundation for future success.

## Overview:

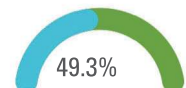
Triangle Literacy Council (TLC) aims to prevent criminal activity and recidivism among Durham County youth aged 16 to 24 through a full-time educational and workforce training program with supportive services. TLC's programs, including Adult Education to enhance literacy for employment and post-secondary readiness, are incorporated into its YouthBuild program for out-of-school high school dropouts in this age group.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$225,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 06/5/23-06/31/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- TLC supported 113 individuals through programs funded by the Durham County ARPA grant.
- 38 participants were pre-tested in Reading and Math using the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS).
- 31 students participated in OSHA training and Home Builders Institute (HBI) certification to gain valuable skills and credentials in construction trades.
- 32 students completed both educational testing and certification through OSHA and HBI.
- 6 students achieved their personal and professional goals upon intake, including plans for further education.
- Among the participants, 82 identified as people of color.



# LOCALLY FUNDED COMMUNITY GRANTS UPDATES

## NONPROFIT GRANTS FUNDED BY DURHAM COUNTY



In a strategic move to enhance community services and create more flexibility for local partners, the Durham County Board of Commissioners has approved the realignment of its funding sources for nonprofit grants originally awarded under the ARPA Nonprofit Grants initiative. This shift from American Rescue Plan Act funding to local funding ensures that critical services continue to reach residents in need.

The two nonprofits selected for this local funding—Village of Wisdom and Purpose Learning Lab—offer a diverse range of services that benefit the Durham County community. Their programs focus on providing STEM educational opportunities, educational enrichment, and fostering community engagement.

The Board has allocated a total of \$275,000 to support these vital projects, reinforcing the county's commitment to empowering local organizations and enhancing the quality of life for its residents. This funding will sustain and expand the impactful services provided by these nonprofits, effectively addressing pressing community needs.

# Locally Funded Community Grants

Total allocation for this category is  
**\$275,000**



## Total Nonprofit Grants Awarded in This Category:



## Funding Overview for ARPA- Revenue Replacement Funded Projects for this category:

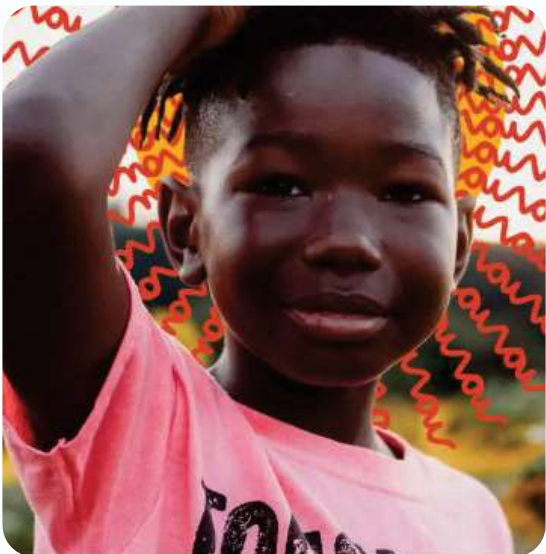


## Funding Overview for Interest Income Funded Projects for this category:



Number of Children and Families that Benefited from Services, Events, Programs, or Projects Funded by DCO Community Grant Funding:

TBD



## Nonprofit Organizations

Funding Source: **DCO General Fund**

Purpose Learning Lab-	\$200,000
Village of Wisdom-	\$ 75,000

**Total Allocation: \$275,000**

Fund Utilization : 27%

**Total: \$75,000.00**







# PURPOSE LEARNING LAB

www.PurposeLearningLab.org



## OVERVIEW:

Purpose Learning Lab's enrichment initiative demonstrates its commitment to expanding access to educational and recreational opportunities for underserved students. They offer scholarships that partially or fully cover the costs for students to participate in STEM and Purpose Living Wellness Programs. These programs support student development by increasing access to STEM education and social-emotional learning through engaging activities, such as learning labs during the academic year, summer camps, and Saturday Academy sessions. With these scholarships, more students can take advantage of valuable experiences that encourage both academic achievement and personal growth.



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

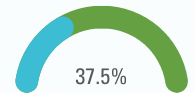
Purpose Learning Lab, Inc. enhances access to afterschool programs, summer camps, STEM day camps, and Saturday Academy, specifically designed for underserved students and those with disabilities. By offering scholarships, they ensure that financial barriers do not hinder participation. Additionally, resources are allocated to hire skilled staff for Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programs and to provide a variety of enrichment activities, including educational, artistic, recreational, and sports opportunities. Through these efforts, Purpose Learning Lab is making a lasting impact on the lives of Durham youth, fostering a supportive environment that enables all students to overcome academic barriers and thrive.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$200,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** FY23-24 & 24-25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Purpose Learning Lab maintained an average of 31 registered program participants each month.
- 30% of Purpose Learning Lab's students reported an increase in grades.
- Purpose Learning Lab served an average of 34 unduplicated individuals monthly through the Durham County ARPA Grant.



# VILLAGE OF WISDOM

[www.VillageofWisdom.org](http://www.VillageofWisdom.org)



## OVERVIEW:

Village of Wisdom (VOW) programming provided support services for preschool and elementary-age students and their families, with funding aimed at promoting educational equity. VOW created a group of parent leaders who took part in a paid fellowship designed to help their families grow stronger both emotionally and financially. These parent leaders conducted research, organized fun cultural events, and developed tools to create welcoming learning environments both inside and outside traditional schools. Additionally, VOW's staff developed and tested evidence-based, culturally relevant learning strategies for children ages 3-12, their parents, and teachers.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Village of Wisdom's programming has made strides in supporting families and children of color in Durham. Monthly enrichment programs have empowered participants to experience relief from racial discrimination stress and develop a more affirmed racial identity. Additionally, parents benefited from resources and support for wellness practices, promoting sustainable self-care.

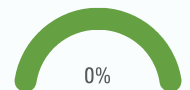
The organization's Dreamship program reached new milestones, completing a comprehensive curriculum draft and hosting an interview day to engage committed parents and community members. Village of Wisdom also held Black family meetings, providing space for vital discussions on topics like grief, supporting LGBTQAI+ children of color, and race-based affirming conversations—fostering resilience and unity within the community.



## FUNDING OVERVIEW

**\$75,000**

Funding  
Utilization



**Contract Term:** 12/11/23- 09/30/25

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Village of Wisdom had an average of 35 participants in monthly enrichment training programs.
- 88% of participants reported relief from the stress of racial discrimination.
- 93% of participants demonstrated a more affirmed racial identity.

