



<p><b>PHASE 1: LEARN</b></p>	<p><b>Convening Grants</b> support an established leadership group, learning from other communities and experts, opportunities for engagement with under-represented individuals, shared education, and learning the steps necessary to seek local financing.</p>
<p><b>PHASE 2: LOCALIZE</b></p>	<p><b>Local Realities Grants</b> support data and needs assessment; qualitative storytelling projects that address opportunities, explore issues, and examine trends in early childhood locally; policy planning; estimating costs, and reconciling vision with available revenue.</p>
<p><b>PHASE 3: FINALIZE</b></p>	<p><b>Readiness Grants</b> support public opinion polling, building out a campaign plan and costs associated with educating decision makers prior to titling a ballot measure.</p>
<p><b>PHASE 4: CAMPAIGN</b></p>	<p><b>The Buell Foundation cannot provide funds that seek support for a titled ballot measure.</b></p>
<p><b>PHASE 5: IMPLEMENTATION</b></p>	<p><b>Implementation Grants</b> invest in programs that have been approved. Grants could fund learning from experts on governance and programmatic delivery or the piloting of smaller projects that may be funded when additional local dollars are available. Children are only four years old once; smart, planful implementation of early childhood funding streams is essential. This opportunity includes planning grants for cities/counties that have lodging/marketing district taxes available to support early childhood needs.</p>
<p><b>PHASE 6: REAUTHORIZING</b></p>	<p><b>Reauthorization Grants</b> provide limited support for communities that have sunset provisions or other temporal limitations for local funding. Funds can be used for data collection, storytelling, polling, and education.</p>



# GRANT DETAILS AND HOW TO APPLY

<b>ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS</b>	<p>Nonprofit organizations, including coalitions, government entities, or associations (e.g., Chambers of Commerce) are eligible. Applicants must show evidence of broad community engagement, including local funding and engagement with the local early childhood council.</p> <p>Organizations seeking support for a single center are not eligible to apply.</p>
<b>DURATION OF GRANT</b>	<p>This Early Childhood Local Financing Support opportunity is envisioned to span multiple years. Grants will have a maximum of one-year terms with renewal grants possible if key goals and objectives are met. Awards for the grant should not be considered a promise of future funding.</p>
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<p>Depending on project scope, most grants will range in size from \$5,000 to \$50,000. A single grant will not exceed \$100,000. This is a competitive grant opportunity with projects being evaluated on an ongoing basis.</p>
<b>REVIEW</b>	<p>Staff at the Buell Foundation will review all proposals and conduct site visits as needed to award the grant. Review will consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence of initial research and due diligence, which should include engagement with national resources and local experts</li><li>• Evidence of meaningful community engagement and diverse stakeholder partnerships</li><li>• Local support</li><li>• A potential roadmap to future funding</li><li>• A realistic vision for what can be accomplished with local funding</li><li>• The ability of the applicant to move quickly once funds are awarded, including capacity to manage the project</li></ul>
<b>APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES</b>	<p>Interested parties should reach out to Jason Callegari: <a href="mailto:jcallegari@buellfoundation.org">jcallegari@buellfoundation.org</a> or 720-994-5583 to discuss their project before applying. Only those projects deemed ready and in clear alignment with the goals of the initiative will be invited to submit a full proposal.</p> <p>If invited to apply, applicants will receive a short information sheet via email, which will be used to create a record in the Buell Foundation's online grant platform, GivingData. The formal application will be completed through that platform. Email confirmation of proposal receipt will be sent after an application is submitted.</p>