

# Think Babies™ NC Alliance

## Leadership Communities Micro-Grants



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### Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Think Babies™ NC Alliance Leadership Communities Micro-Grants. This FAQ sheet may be helpful as you complete the application for the Think Babies Leadership Communities Micro-Grant, however, if you have any questions about the application after reading the application and FAQs, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Burch-Octetree at [AngelaB@NCEarlyEducationCoalition.org](mailto:AngelaB@NCEarlyEducationCoalition.org).

In order to answer questions and assist communities in applying for these micro-grants, we are also hosting an Information Session on Thursday, March 10th at 12:30pm. [Click here to register](#). The recording of this information session will be added to this document once it is available.

**1. How will you determine which organizations get the funding?**

Members of the [Think Babies™ NC Alliance Leadership Team](#) will review all applications and use a rubric to determine the funding.

**2. What if I don't have a 501c(3) certification?**

Unfortunately, we can only subgrant this grant money to a 501c(3) organization. However, you are welcome to find a fiscal sponsor to partner with you.

**3. Can I partner with another organization for this micro-grant?**

Yes, but we will grant money to one organization, and it will be up to you to sub-grant the other portion.

**4. Do I have to organize an event for hundreds of people?**

Absolutely not, and in fact, smaller events may be better. The goal is for local communities who are interested in prenatal-to-3 (PN-3) policy issues to build close relationships with their locally elected officials; therefore, a small, intimate event is encouraged!

**5. I don't have a connection with my local Senator, but I know several County Commissioners. Would an event with them qualify for this micro-grant?**

Absolutely! We encourage all types of policymakers to learn about the Prenatal-to-3 Policy Roadmap and to make changes to policy at all levels of government. Additionally, we can help you make connections with your policymakers in the state General Assembly.

**6. If I decide to hold three events, will I get the \$10,000 grant?**

Not necessarily. This RFA is meant to be responsive to a community. Share why you need the level of funding to support the work that you would like to accomplish in your proposal. For example, a larger organization that has a lot of funding may be able to do 3 events with \$5000 whereas a small organization without a lot of funding may need \$10000 just to do one event. Each of these will be weighted in the scoring rubric.

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### **7. How will the NC Early Education Coalition staff person support building a team of stakeholders?**

This will be up to you! It will depend on how much support you need. Our goal is for our staff to build a relationship with you and your community and support you with anything that might be helpful. They will also be presenting the content to your teams during the Prenatal-to-3 Policy Roadmap information sessions, helping to develop materials for your community, and will be available to help with all events management. They can do this via zoom or driving to your community and meeting in person.

### **8. How will the NC Early Education Coalition staff person support organizing the event(s)?**

The staff person can help make phone calls, reserve space, order food, set up, clean up, etc. It will depend on what type of support your community needs!

### **9. What is the format of the Prenatal-to-3 Policy Roadmap information sessions?**

There will be 2 virtual information sessions presented by Coalition staff to all community team members via Zoom. Both sessions will be recorded and available to watch at team members' convenience.



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