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2022-2023 Community Transformation Grants Technical Assistance Webinar

September 9, 2022



Introductions, Purpose, & Agenda



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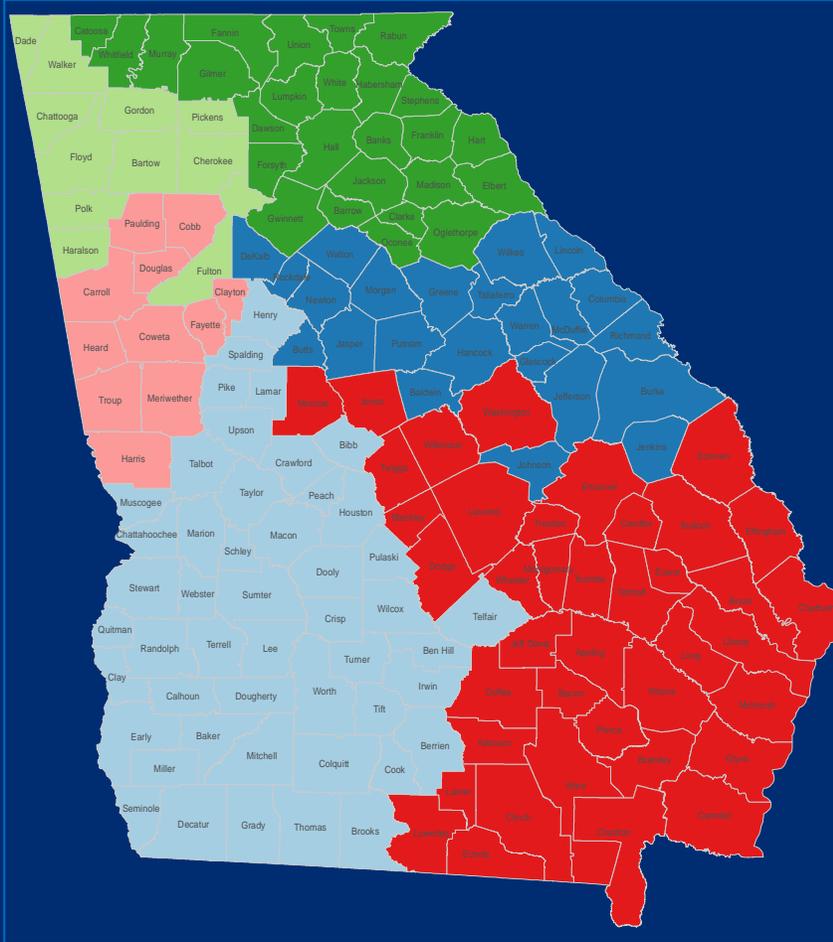
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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of *Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning*
- DECAL's Community Transformation Grants
- Timeline
- Application and Grant Logistics
- Overview of 2021-2022 Community Transformation Grants
- Q&A



DECAL Programs and Services



- Child Care Services
- Childcare and Parent Services
- Georgia's Pre-K Program
- Nutrition Services
- Quality Rated Child Care
- Head Start Collaboration Office
- Inclusion and Behavior Support Services
- Infant Toddler Program
- Professional Learning
- Georgia Foundation for Early Care and Learning
- Research
- **Community Partnership Team**



Big Picture Overview

Jill O'Meara, Community Partnerships and Projects Manager



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Funding for Community Transformation Grants

- DECAL received Covid-19 Relief funding through the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.
- To support child care providers, families with young children, and the state's early care and education (ECE) workforce.
- Resources to support the state's ECE infrastructure, raising child care quality, and increasing access to care.



Purposes of the Community Transformation Grants

- Provide community-level supports for Georgia's children birth to eight and their families.
- Increase opportunities for sustainable community collaboration.
- Create new opportunities for communities to innovate at the local level to address critical needs.
- Support additional research and evaluation for how these grants can provide measurable and hard to measure impacts.
- Develop “blueprints” for activities that can be expanded or taken to scale.



Timeline

- **September 1, 2022-** Application released
- **September 30, 2022:** Application due
- **November 16, 2022:** Grantees notified
- **January 1, 2023:** Grants begin
- **June 30, 2024:** Grants conclude



Community Transformation Grants: The Basics

This grant is designed to support communities in creating projects that will address local needs related to their B-8 population.

- Communities may receive up to **\$125,000** to design and implement their project.
- Grant duration is 18 months: January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.
- Communities will select 1 of 10 focus needs to address with their proposed project.
 - The focus needs align with Georgia's Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Needs Assessment findings ([view the report here](#)) and with recommendations from the Urban Institute's stakeholder engagement work with Georgia ([view the report here](#)).



Focus Needs

**Where not specified, please consider the target age range of children to be birth through eight years old.*

- 1) Increasing access to high-quality early childhood programs for infants and toddlers (6 weeks to 36 months).
- 2) Increasing access to high-quality early childhood programs for dual language learners.
- 3) Increasing access to high-quality early childhood programs for children living in rural areas of Georgia.
- 4) Supporting children with social-emotional and behavioral needs.
- 5) Reducing food insecurity for children and their families.



Focus Needs

- 6) Strengthening and coordinating early learning services for children in foster care or protective services to ensure they have needed supports and resources.
- 7) Providing mental health services for children and their parents and caregivers.
- 8) Providing enhanced services to young children related to the early identification and treatment of developmental delays and disabilities.
- 9) Developing a system of care to support children and their families experiencing homelessness.
- 10) Supporting the ECE workforce (including early childhood teachers, program directors and administrators, family child care providers, and other ECE professionals working directly with children and families in ECE programs).



2021-2022 Community Transformation Grants

- In 2019, Georgia was awarded an \$11.2 million Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant.
- DECAL awarded Community Transformation Grants to 8 Community Collaboratives.

Grantees are:

- Baldwin County Board of Education
- Cook County Family Connection
- Georgia Organics
- Greenbriar Children's Center
- Gwinnett Building Babies' Brains
- Quality Care for Children
- United Way of Central Georgia
- University of West Georgia College of Education Early Learning Center



Application & Grant Logistics

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CTG Application on SM Apply



Community Transformation Grant Application

Introduction

Through the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) has received COVID-19 relief funding that can be used to support child care providers, families with young children, and the state's early care and education (ECE) workforce while also adding resources to support the state's ECE infrastructure, raising child care quality, and increasing access to care.

As part of Georgia's plan to use ARP funds to support providers, families, and the ECE workforce, DECAL is issuing Community Transformation Grants to support projects that increase access to early childhood services and resources. This grant program envisions the creation of early education partnerships composed of community agencies and other stakeholders that will design, tailor, and implement innovative projects that address critical local needs. It is hoped that many of the projects funded through these grants

APPLY

Opens

Sep 1 2022 12:00 AM (EDT)

Deadline

Sep 30 2022 11:59 PM (EDT)



CTG Application on SM Apply

The screenshot shows the SM Apply interface for a Community Transformation Grant (CTG) application. On the left, a progress bar indicates '0 of 1 tasks complete' with a 'REVIEW' and 'SUBMIT' button. The main area shows the application title 'Community Transformation Gran...', the ID '2022CTG-0000000066', and tabs for 'APPLICATION' and 'ACTIVITY'. Below the tabs, the 'Your tasks' section includes an 'Application Form' task and an 'Instructions' link circled in red. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Application Form' task.

You can view the instructions at any time by clicking here.



CTG Application on SM Apply

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This value must be between 1 and 500 words.

Upload your budget table.

 Upload a file

Accepted formats: .pdf, .doc

PREVIOUS

SAVE & CONTINUE EDITING

MARK AS COMPLETE

You may save your progress by clicking “Save & Continue Editing”. This guarantees you won’t lose your responses even if you log out.

When you are ready to complete the form, click “Mark as Complete”.



CTG Application on SM Apply

The screenshot shows the 'Application Form' section of the SM Apply system. On the left, a sidebar indicates '1 of 1 tasks complete' and features a green 'SUBMIT' button circled in red. The main content area shows the application title 'Community Transformation Grants Application Form' and a 'Project Name' field containing 'Test.'. Below this is a section for eligibility requirements and a dropdown menu with '501(c)(3) non-profit organization' selected. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Applicant Contact Information' with a 'First and Last Name' field containing 'Test.'. A red circle highlights the three-dot menu icon in the top right corner of the application form section, which is open to show 'Download', 'Reset', and 'Edit' options.

Whenever you're ready, select submit!

By clicking the three dots on the top right corner, you have the option to:

1. Download your application before submitting it.
2. Reset the whole application form, which would delete all your responses and allow you to start over.
3. Edit any parts that you'd like to change.





Community Transformation Grant Details

- Eligibility: Government entities, local school systems, and non-profits (501(c)(3))
- 18-month funding award up to \$125,000
- Application is posted at: <https://www.dec.state.ga.us/QualityInitiatives/Grants.aspx>
- GEEARS is a key partner.
- This webinar recording and slide deck will be posted online.

Applicant Guidelines



- What is the process for receiving funds from DECAL?
- What are the approved uses of funding and what are prohibited uses of funding?
- How will you be evaluating the success of grantees?
- What kinds of technical assistance and resources can grantees expect?





Questions

Thank You!

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