



## 2025-2027 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

### OVERVIEW OF THREE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

#### 2GEN INNOVATION GRANTS FOR STUDENT PARENT SUCCESS

*HELPING CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDENT PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN THRIVE IN GEORGIA*

##### About the 2Gen Innovation Grants for Student Parent Success

This funding opportunity will launch or expand innovative strategies that bridge early learning with secondary, postsecondary, and workforce systems at the local level. These grants are designed to support the implementation of two-generation (2Gen) strategies that enhance children's access to high-quality early education while also improving parents' ability to secure family-supporting jobs, thereby fostering greater economic security.

#### 2Gen Community Literacy Grants

*Accelerating Literacy Efforts for Families Across Georgia*

##### About the 2Gen Community Literacy Grants

This funding opportunity will enhance literacy by supporting programs that benefit both children and their parents or caregivers using a two-generation (2Gen) approach to address educational needs within families. These grants fund initiatives that focus on improving literacy skills across generations, often incorporating adult education, early childhood education, and family engagement strategies to create a supportive learning environment. By combining resources for both parents and children, these grants target communities with limited access to literacy support, providing resources, training, and partnerships that foster a culture of learning and improve outcomes for the whole family. This grant will support the Georgia Early Literacy Act (House Bill 538) which aims to enhance early reading instruction for students in kindergarten through third grade.

#### COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION GRANTS

*Building Stronger Communities for Families in Georgia*

##### About the Community Transformation Grants

This funding opportunity will support projects that increase access to early childhood services and resources. This grant program is designed to address the unique needs of local populations by building partnerships that will create and implement innovative, responsive projects that address specific early childhood gaps and challenges faced by families in their areas. Grantees are encouraged to integrate resources, streamline services, and establish connections between early learning and other critical services that support children's growth and families' stability. Through this funding, communities will have the opportunity to innovate and pilot solutions that not only increase access to resources but also create a collaborative framework for future growth, ensuring that early childhood education becomes a shared priority and a continuous source of community strength and resilience.

Questions regarding these funding opportunities may be submitted to [communityimpactgrants@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:communityimpactgrants@dec.al.ga.gov) until 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2024. When submitting your question(s), please include the type of Community Impact Grant you are inquiring about.

## 2025-2027 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

**ABOUT DECAL'S COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:** The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) has three types of grant opportunities available for communities across Georgia to apply for. They are identified as follows:

- 2Gen Innovation Grants for Student Parent Success
- 2Gen Community Literacy Grants
- Community Transformation Grants

With these **two-year Community Impact Grants**, DECAL is investing in the future of families and communities across Georgia. The purpose of these grants is to build thriving and resilient families through education and economic opportunity. Grantees are expected to address critical needs and build strong community support systems that enhance the well-being of families with children from birth to 8 years old. These grants aim to close opportunity gaps and create long-term positive outcomes for young children and their families. Programs funded by this grant will encourage collaboration across sectors, ensuring that families not only have access to exceptional early learning experiences but also have the tools and support needed for long-term, sustainable success.

### Eligible Applicants

- 501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations, school systems, and government entities
- Must be in good standing with DECAL Programs

### Award Timeline

November 25, 2024	Release of Community Impact Grants application
December 2, 2024	<i>Community Impact Funding Opportunities Webinar</i>
December 20, 2024	Applications due by 5:00 p.m.
January 24, 2025	Recipients notified
January 29, 2025	Community Impact Grants Orientation for grantees
March 1, 2025	Community Impact Grants awarded; recipients begin work
March 2025- February 2026	Community Impact Grants Year 1
March 2026-February 2027	Community Impact Grants Year 2
February 28, 2027	Community Impact Grants ends

### Funding Awards by Type of Grant

#### 2Gen Innovation Grants for Student Parent Success

- DECAL will award grants up to \$75,000 each to six communities in Georgia for a term of 24 months. Year 1: \$50,000, Year 2: \$25,000

#### 2Gen Community Literacy Grants

- DECAL will award grants of up to \$75,000 each to six communities in Georgia for a term of 24 months. Year 1: \$50,000, Year 2: \$25,000

#### Community Transformation Grants

- DECAL will award grants of up to \$125,000 each to six communities in Georgia for a term of 24 months. Year 1: \$75,000, Year 2: \$50,000