



## **Sustaining Facility Quality (SFQ) Fact Sheet for Fiscal Year 2018/2019**

### ***What is the Sustaining Facility Quality (SFQ) Grant?***

We understand high quality early care and education are expensive to provide. The goal of the SFQ activity is to help eligible high-quality child care facilities maintain high quality early care and education environments by providing unrestricted grant awards.

### ***Can my center or home participate in the SFQ activity?***

To be eligible for participation, your center or home must:

- a. Have an active or temporary license issued by the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) by the November 3, 2018 application deadline.
- b. Have achieved a star rating of 4 or 5, or attained an NAEYC or other nationally recognized accreditation.

*If your center or home does not currently have a 4- or 5-star license or nationally-recognized accreditation but is expecting to receive one in the near future, complete the application and send it to us. Then notify us as soon as you achieve a 4 star rating and we will send you an award agreement under which you may be eligible for the June payment.*

- c. Maintain a star rating of 4 or 5, or maintain NAEYC or other nationally accreditation through June 30, 2019.
- d. Operate in Buncombe County.
- e. Serve children ages 0-5 in a non-school age program.

### ***I believe we are eligible. How do we apply and participate?***

- a. Complete an application and W-9 form and return these documents to our office on or before November 3, 2018.
- b. If your center or home qualifies for participation, Buncombe Partnership for Children will send you an award letter and award agreement.
- c. You must then sign and return the award agreement.
- d. Your facility must also complete the required annual State of North Carolina grant reporting by the deadline determined by your fiscal year. You must send a copy of your completed report to BPFCC.

### ***How are awards determined and when are payments made?***

Award amounts are based on star rating combined with the number of children ages birth to five enrolled in non-school age classrooms, as reported in the most recent *Division of Child Development and Early Education's Monthly Statistical Report* available prior to payment for



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each of two payments. The following schedule shows total awards in dollars for the fiscal year. Availability of funds from the North Carolina Partnership for Children (Smart Start) may limit award payments. Awards will be made over two payments. Checks will be issued to each grantee on December 31, 2018 and June 15, 2019. The second payment may be prorated (adjusted up or down from the original scale on the same equitable basis) in order to spend down all remaining funds. A grantee includes all facilities operating under a common tax identification number. Eligibility must be maintained and will be confirmed prior to the distribution of each check.

Licensed Centers

Total awards for full fiscal year (half paid in each of two payments)	Rate per child based on enrollment per the most recent DCDEE enrollment report available prior to payment (limited to 300 children under one tax identification #)
4 star centers	\$109.50
5 star centers or National Accreditation	\$149.50

Licensed Family Care Homes

Total awards for full fiscal year (half paid in each of two payments)	Rate per child based on enrollment per the most recent DCDEE enrollment report available prior to payment
4 star homes	\$400
5 star homes or National Accreditation	\$550

***How do I get extra credit?***

Grantees may receive a one-time, enhanced payment of \$1,000 if the Director successfully completes a Child Care Business Basics training series (seven of eight classes required for completion) offered through CCR&R within the fiscal year. This enhanced payment will be limited to one per grantee.

For scheduling information, contact Jenny Vial, CCR&R Director, at 828-407-2062 or [jenny@buncombepfc.org](mailto:jenny@buncombepfc.org).



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Additionally, grantees may receive a one-time, enhanced payment of \$1,000 if the grantee provides proof of Living Wage Certification from Just Economics to Buncombe Partnership for Children by May 1, 2019. This enhanced payment will be limited to one per grantee.

To learn more about this certification program, please visit [justeconomicswnc.org/certification/](http://justeconomicswnc.org/certification/) or contact Carmen Ramos-Kennedy, Living Wage Program Coordinator at Just Economics of WNC by email at [carmen@justeconomicswnc.org](mailto:carmen@justeconomicswnc.org) or by phone at 828.423.6476.

Each grantee may receive a maximum of \$2,000 in enhanced bonuses for completing both Business Basics and Living Wage Certification. A grantee will include all facilities operating under a common tax identification number.

### ***Whom may I contact with questions?***

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