**A brief overview for the Annual Grant Program is provided here:**  
  
**Funding Priorities**

* Funding is only available for **education, prevention, treatment and/or research** of alcohol and/or substance abuse (substance use disorder) per Chapter 18B-805 (h) of the North Carolina General Statutes. These guidelines will be strictly followed.
* **Priority preference** will be given to projects/programs that focus on underserved populations.
* The ABC Board is interested in new projects/programs that show innovation in reaching the identified target population.
* Grants will be awarded from **$1,000 to $100,000**, depending on and in alignment with the applicant's proposed project/program and at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Eligibility Guidelines**  
Funding is restricted to organizations that comply with the following criteria:

* Johnston County non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organizations which are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to governmental entities such as the State of North Carolina and its agencies, municipal corporations, and political subdivisions of the State. **Note: A fiscal agent/sponsorship arrangement will not be considered.**
* 501(c)(3) determination letters located in and serving residents of Johnston County.
* Evidence of a minimum of three (3) consecutive years of demonstrated organization strength in leadership, track record and sustainability results.
* An independent audit completed by a licensed certified public accountant within two (2) years (2023 or 2024 audits accepted only). **There will be no exceptions.**

**Application Requirements**

* Organizations must demonstrate a valid case for support (need statement), alignment with the grant funding focus and ability to deliver results on their proposed project/program.
* There are no restrictions in the type of projects/programs that are proposed and who they intend to serve; however, **priority preference** will be given to projects/programs that focus on underserved populations.
* When developing your proposal responses, please be thorough while also being clear and succinct. A good rule of thumb: the allowable character spacing for responses does **NOT** need to be filled as long as the question has been answered thoughtfully and completely.
* The grant application cycle opens on **Monday, April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** **EST** and closes on **Monday, April 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. **Please note there is a Letter of Intent (LOI) that must be completed before the full application is opened.**
* Only those organizations that move to the final evaluation stage will be contacted for a required site visit.

**Funding Requests**

* Only one (1) application to the Annual Grant Program can be made by an organization for that fiscal year.
* Organizations that apply to the Annual Grant Program in FY 2025 / 2026 may apply to other ABC Board grant opportunities for which they are **eligible (please refer to specific eligibility criteria for each program)**; however, additional projects/programs submitted **MUST** be new or significantly different from the Annual Grant Program submission (this holds true across all ABC Board grant programs).
* Non-allowable costs include: sub-grants, sub-contracts and/or use of funds for general operating support. Definition of terms is as follows:
  + Sub-grant: when a grantee makes grant awards from the funds received through its ABC grant.
  + Sub-contract: when a grantee hires a contractor who then awards a portion of the existing contract to another individual or entity.
  + Operating Costs: expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of a business on a day-to-day basis, including funds for staffing and rent.

 Funding decisions will be made by the ABC Board’s Board of Directors by **Friday, May 30, 2025**.