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**DECAL to Award up to \$1,650,000 in Community Impact Grants**

**Atlanta, GA (November 25, 2024)** The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) today announced funding opportunities aimed at closing opportunity gaps and creating long-term positive outcomes for Georgia children from birth to 8 and their families. 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, school systems, and government entities that are in good standing with DECAL are invited to apply by Friday December 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The Community Impact Grants encourage collaboration across sectors for the purpose of developing community-specific solutions that ensure that families not only have access to high-quality early learning but also the tools and support they need for long-term, sustainable success.

“DECAL is investing in communities across Georgia to address local needs and build community support for early education innovations” said DECAL’s Deputy Commissioner of Quality, Innovation and Partnerships, Dr. Bentley Ponder.

Three types of grants will be awarded:

- 2Gen Innovation Grants for Student Parent Success Up to \$75,000 each to six communities in Georgia
- 2Gen Community Literacy Grants Up to \$75,000 each to six communities in Georgia
- Community Transformation Grants Up to \$125,000 each to six communities in Georgia

All grants will be for a term of 24 months, from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027. The Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the three grants are available below. An informational webinar will be held at 3:00 p.m. on December 2, 2024. Please register [here](#).

**RFP for 2Gen Innovation Grants for Student Parent Success:** [2025 - 2027 2Gen Innovation Grants for Student Parent Success - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning](#)

**RFP for 2Gen Community Literacy Grants:** [2025 - 2027 2Gen Community Literacy Grants - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning](#)

**RFP for Community Transformation Grants:** [2025 - 2027 Community Transformation Grants - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning](#)

Questions regarding these funding opportunities may be submitted to [communityimpactgrants@decalfga.gov](mailto:communityimpactgrants@decalfga.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.

**About the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning:** The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia's Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program and federal nutrition programs, and manages Quality Rated, Georgia's community-powered child care rating system. The department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to [www.decalfga.gov](http://www.decalfga.gov).