

Local Partnership Formula Funding Allocation

FY2021-22

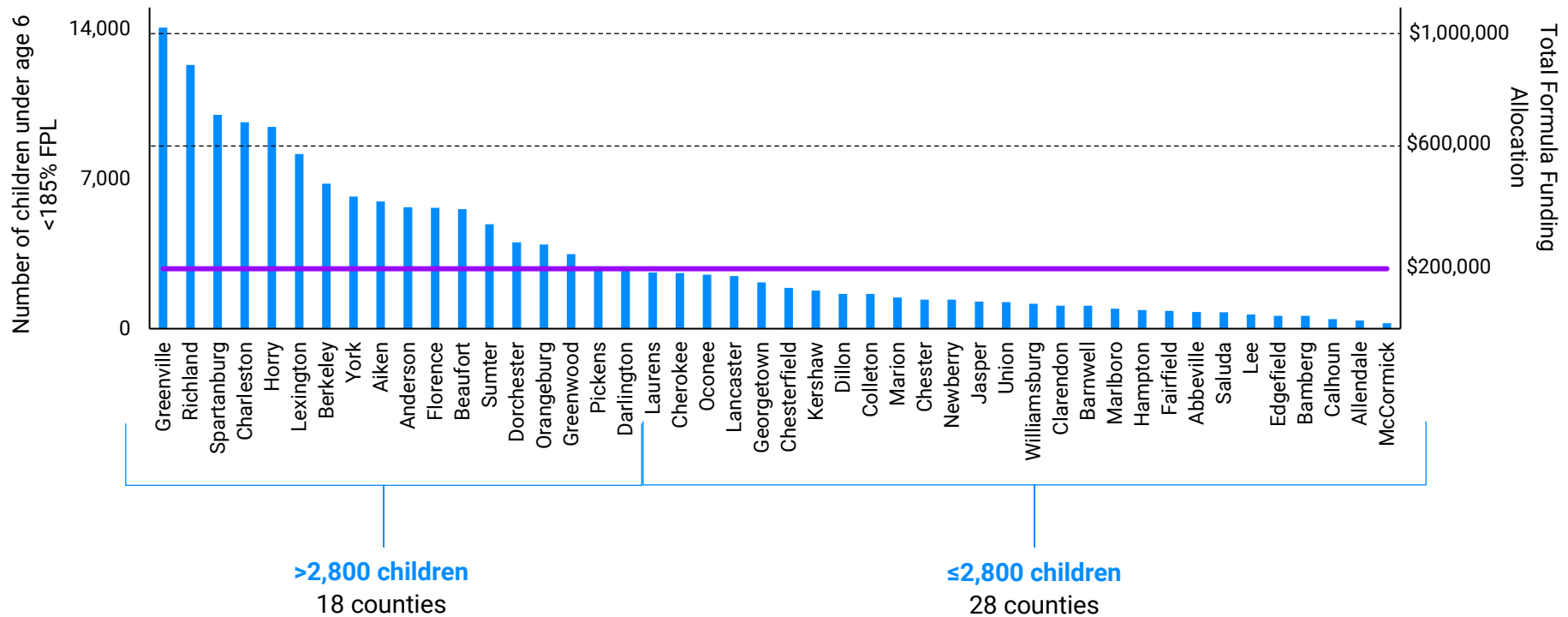


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Each county receives \$200,000

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Additional allocation to counties with more than 2,800 children under age 6 under 185% of the federal poverty level



Additional allocation based on county's proportion of remaining children <age 6 <185% FPL over 2,800

County	Estimated number below age 6 for whom poverty was determined*	Estimated number below age 6 less than 185% poverty*	Estimated percent below age 6 less than 185% poverty*	Initial Base Allocation	County Percent of Population Below Age 6 Less Than 185% Poverty*	Counties with >2800 children below age 6 less than 185% poverty*	Percentage for additional allocation	Additional Allocation	Subtotal Allocation	Total Allocation
Greenville	38,094	14,056	36.9%	\$200,000	8.90%	11,256	15.84%	\$829,244	\$1,029,244	\$1,029,244
Richland	28,298	12,321	43.5%	\$200,000	7.80%	9,521	13.40%	\$701,424	\$901,424	\$901,424
Spartanburg	21,710	9,993	46.0%	\$200,000	6.33%	7,193	10.12%	\$529,917	\$729,917	\$729,917
Charleston	28,019	9,641	34.4%	\$200,000	6.11%	6,841	9.63%	\$503,985	\$703,985	\$703,985
Horry	18,259	9,423	51.6%	\$200,000	5.97%	6,623	9.32%	\$487,925	\$687,925	\$687,925
Lexington	20,570	8,153	39.6%	\$200,000	5.16%	5,353	7.53%	\$394,362	\$594,362	\$594,362
Berkeley	16,489	6,769	41.1%	\$200,000	4.29%	3,969	5.59%	\$292,401	\$492,401	\$492,401
York	18,859	6,174	32.7%	\$200,000	3.91%	3,374	4.75%	\$248,567	\$448,567	\$448,567
Aiken	11,497	5,944	51.7%	\$200,000	3.76%	3,144	4.42%	\$231,622	\$431,622	\$431,622
Anderson	13,229	5,670	42.9%	\$200,000	3.59%	2,870	4.04%	\$211,437	\$411,437	\$411,437
Florence	10,399	5,652	54.4%	\$200,000	3.58%	2,852	4.01%	\$210,110	\$410,110	\$410,110
Beaufort	11,877	5,585	47.0%	\$200,000	3.54%	2,785	3.92%	\$205,174	\$405,174	\$405,174
Sumter	8,337	4,881	58.5%	\$200,000	3.09%	2,081	2.93%	\$153,310	\$353,310	\$353,310
Dorchester	11,205	4,028	35.9%	\$200,000	2.55%	1,228	1.73%	\$90,468	\$290,468	\$290,468
Orangeburg	5,593	3,924	70.2%	\$200,000	2.49%	1,124	1.58%	\$82,807	\$282,807	\$282,807
Greenwood	5,179	3,486	67.3%	\$200,000	2.21%	686	0.97%	\$50,538	\$250,538	\$250,538
Pickens	7,163	2,902	40.5%	\$200,000	1.84%	102	0.14%	\$7,514	\$207,514	\$207,514
Darlington	4,575	2,860	62.5%	\$200,000	1.81%	60	0.08%	\$4,420	\$204,420	\$204,420
Laurens	4,719	2,620	55.5%	\$200,000	1.66%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Cherokee	3,735	2,597	69.5%	\$200,000	1.64%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Oconee	4,690	2,515	53.6%	\$200,000	1.59%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Lancaster	6,441	2,463	38.2%	\$200,000	1.56%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Georgetown	3,475	2,169	62.4%	\$200,000	1.37%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Chesterfield	2,942	1,906	64.8%	\$200,000	1.21%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Kershaw	4,400	1,782	40.5%	\$200,000	1.13%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Colleton	2,364	1,623	68.7%	\$200,000	1.03%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Dillon	2,283	1,628	71.3%	\$200,000	1.03%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Marion	2,091	1,453	69.5%	\$200,000	0.92%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Chester	2,168	1,357	62.6%	\$200,000	0.86%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Newberry	2,512	1,356	54.0%	\$200,000	0.86%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Jasper	1,947	1,272	65.3%	\$200,000	0.81%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Union	1,893	1,240	65.5%	\$200,000	0.79%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Williamsburg	1,876	1,161	61.9%	\$200,000	0.74%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Barnwell	1,486	1,069	71.9%	\$200,000	0.68%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Clarendon	1,991	1,079	54.2%	\$200,000	0.68%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Marlboro	1,628	928	57.0%	\$200,000	0.59%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Hampton	1,268	869	68.5%	\$200,000	0.55%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Fairfield	1,282	830	64.7%	\$200,000	0.53%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Abbeville	1,426	778	54.6%	\$200,000	0.49%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Saluda	1,386	771	55.6%	\$200,000	0.49%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Lee	975	662	67.9%	\$200,000	0.42%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Bamberg	784	604	77.0%	\$200,000	0.38%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Edgefield	1,194	605	50.7%	\$200,000	0.38%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Calhoun	823	447	54.3%	\$200,000	0.28%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Allendale	480	378	78.8%	\$200,000	0.24%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
McCormick	366	256	69.9%	\$200,000	0.16%			\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
				\$9,200,000		71,062	100.00%	\$5,235,228	\$14,435,228	\$14,435,228

*Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2015-2019). Table B17024. US Census Bureau.



Allocation Committee Report: 4/30/2019

The Local Partnership Allocation Committee consisted of members of the SC First Steps Board of Trustees Finance and Administration Committee, 5 Local Partnership Executive Directors, some of them members of the Executive Directors Finance and Administration Committee, and staff from the SC First Steps State Office. The 3 Committee meetings were facilitated by Dr. Max Learner, who had facilitated the prior two allocation processes for the organization since the agency's inception. The Committee reviewed the current allocation method, the current state statutes regarding the requirements, and various methods of allocating the funds. The principles that were included in the evaluation included community needs, transparency, simplicity, fairness, being compliant with state law, accountability, and information availability, among others.

Current Situation

The Allocation model being used by the organization includes 8 factors. Of these 8 factors, only 5 contain information that is currently available. The model is complicated and hard to explain, many people don't understand it.

In 2014 the Statutes were changed to require that we meet three standards as it relates to allocations. Section 59-152-90 of the law states that the model should be based on the:

1. Population of eligible children
2. Population of at-risk children
3. Population with below average income

In addition, with the 2014 changes, SC First Steps is required to promulgate the allocation in regulation.

Recommendation

We evaluated several different options. One of these was an index used by the State Department of Education, which was for all children, not 0 through 5, which is the focus of SC First Steps. The evaluation included WIC allocation methods, population based factors, and the number of children 0 through 5 that were under 185% of poverty, in addition to a number of other possibilities.

We found that of all of these, one factor summed up all of the above. The number of children 0 through 5 living in families whose income was equal to or less than 185% of poverty. This factor is used by many state and federal programs determine eligibility for programs or for their allocations of funds. They include DHHS, DSS, DHEC, State Department of Education, etc.

This one factor more closely identifies the population of children that our Partnerships serve than any other (Eligible Children), represents the population of at-risk children better than any other as income represents the biggest risk factor, and clearly represents the children who are aged 0 through 5 in each county with below average income.

Other critical parts of the model include a minimum amount of \$200,000 in the allocation model so that a basic set of services and support can be provided in each county. Using the funding available for the Local Partnerships, an average amount of available funding for each child was computed. This rate indicated that each county would receive minimum funding for approximately 2,800 children in the factor. Any county with an estimated number of children greater than 2,800, in the factor, would receive additional funding, with that amount based on an average amount of available funding and the number of children.

Some features of the proposed allocation model:

1. Number of children updated annually
2. Based on estimated numbers of children
3. Includes base funding which supports 13% Admin, 12% Core Functions
4. Establishes a base number of children for the minimum allocation
5. Allocates remaining funds based on the number of additional eligible children in the counties
6. Builds in a line to adjust the amount a Local Partnership receives by possible compliance penalties, which would be developed later by the Board of Trustees Program and Grants Subcommittee, and approved by the Board of Trustees.
7. Would include a phase in over three years to start in FY 2020, with the phase in to include 10% in the first year, 40% in the second year, and 50% in the third.

Process and Model Input

The Allocation Committee provided a copy of the proposed Allocation Model to all of the Local Partnership Executive Directors one week prior to the presentation of the Model to the Board of Trustees Finance and Administration Committee. In addition, a webinar for the Executive Directors was held on March 14, one week prior to the presentation to the Board Committee. This webinar went through the model and implications in detail along with the proposed implementation schedule. The webinar included a question and answer session to provide responses and answers to any questions from the Executive Directors.

Action Taken

SC First Steps Staff presented the Allocation Committee recommendations to the Board of Trustees Finance and Administration Committee on March 20, 2019. At that time the Committee reviewed the

recommendations, voted to approve the recommendations and to forward them to the full Board of Trustees Meeting scheduled for April 26, 2019. The Allocation Model and its impact was posted for Public Review and Input on April 1 through April 10, 2019. Comments submitted were given to the Board in their entirety.

Board Approval

The SC First Steps Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the new allocation model in their meeting on April 26, 2019 for implementation beginning with the new fiscal year that starts in July of this year.

Attachment: Allocation Model Draft (2 Pages)



First Steps Local Partnership Allocation

26-Apr-19

Enter total funds for allocation in E 4 Enter Initial Base Allocation in E 6 Enter any noncompliance penalties in Column K Calculate Adjusted Base Allocation		Total Funds	Initial Base Allocation for Each County		Total Initial Base Allocation		Total Adjusted Base Allocation			
		\$14,435,228	\$200,000		\$9,200,000		\$14,435,228			
County	Estimated number below age 6 for whom poverty was determined	Estimated number below age 6 less than 185% poverty	Estimated percent below age 6 less than 185% poverty	Low Income	Counties with large numbers of low income children	Percentage for additional allocation	Additional Allocation	Subtotal Allocation	Minus Noncompliance Penalties	Total Allocation
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table 17024										
South Carolina	343,138	169,397	49.4	100.00%						
Abbeville	1,565	971	62.0	\$200,000			\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Aiken	11,751	6,345	54.0	\$200,000			\$231,694	\$431,694	\$0	\$431,694
Allendale	585	430	73.5	\$200,000		3,545	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Anderson	13,384	6,833	51.1	\$200,000		4,033	\$263,588	\$463,588	\$0	\$463,588
Barnwell	828	528	63.8	\$200,000		0.31%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Beaufort	1,629	1,152	70.7	\$200,000		0.68%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Beaufort	12,491	6,098	48.8	\$200,000		3,298	\$215,550	\$415,550	\$0	\$415,550
Berkeley	15,852	7,143	45.1	\$200,000		4,343	\$283,849	\$483,849	\$0	\$483,849
Calhoun	823	342	41.6	\$200,000		0.20%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Charleston	27,808	10,898	39.2	\$200,000		8,098	\$529,268	\$729,268	\$0	\$729,268
Charleston	3,820	2,347	61.4	\$200,000		1.39%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Chester	2,274	1,335	58.7	\$200,000		0.79%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Chesterfield	3,254	2,336	71.8	\$200,000		1.38%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Clarendon	2,047	1,168	57.1	\$200,000		0.69%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Colleton	2,616	1,969	75.3	\$200,000		1.16%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Darlington	4,650	2,870	61.7	\$200,000		1.69%	\$4,575	\$204,575	\$0	\$204,575
Dillon	2,504	1,683	67.2	\$200,000		0.99%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Dorchester	11,399	3,863	33.9	\$200,000		2.28%	\$269,475	\$269,475	\$0	\$269,475
Edgefield	1,242	631	50.8	\$200,000		0.37%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Fairfield	1,255	792	63.1	\$200,000		0.47%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Florence	10,418	5,859	56.2	\$200,000		3.46%	\$199,930	\$399,930	\$0	\$399,930
Georgetown	3,492	1,958	56.1	\$200,000		1.16%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Greenville	37,042	15,399	41.6	\$200,000		12,599	\$823,443	\$1,023,443	\$0	\$1,023,443
Greenwood	4,879	3,308	67.8	\$200,000		1.95%	\$33,202	\$233,202	\$0	\$233,202
Hampton	1,141	757	66.3	\$200,000		0.45%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Horry	18,434	10,338	56.1	\$200,000		6.10%	\$492,667	\$692,667	\$0	\$692,667
Jasper	2,115	1,583	74.8	\$200,000		0.93%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Kershaw	4,253	1,770	41.6	\$200,000		1.04%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Lancaster	6,366	2,664	41.8	\$200,000		1.57%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Laurens	4,746	2,831	59.7	\$200,000		1.67%	\$2,026	\$202,026	\$0	\$202,026
Lee	1,184	892	75.3	\$200,000		0.53%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Lexington	20,307	8,255	40.7	\$200,000		4.87%	\$356,527	\$556,527	\$0	\$556,527
McCormick	359	248	69.1	\$200,000		0.15%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Marion	2,282	1,572	68.9	\$200,000		0.93%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Marlboro	1,682	1,013	60.2	\$200,000		0.60%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Newberry	2,655	1,894	71.3	\$200,000		1.12%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Oconee	4,973	2,852	57.3	\$200,000		1.68%	\$3,399	\$203,399	\$0	\$203,399
Orangeburg	5,987	4,238	70.8	\$200,000		2.50%	\$283,985	\$283,985	\$0	\$283,985
Pickens	7,291	2,971	40.7	\$200,000		1.75%	\$11,176	\$211,176	\$0	\$211,176
Richland	27,980	13,126	46.9	\$200,000		7.75%	\$674,885	\$874,885	\$0	\$874,885
Saluda	1,513	986	65.2	\$200,000		0.58%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Spartanburg	21,221	10,967	51.7	\$200,000		8.16%	\$533,777	\$733,777	\$0	\$733,777
Sumter	8,746	5,186	59.3	\$200,000		3.06%	\$155,944	\$355,944	\$0	\$355,944
Union	1,924	1,085	56.4	\$200,000		0.64%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Williamsburg	1,872	1,190	63.6	\$200,000		0.70%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
York	18,499	6,721	36.3	\$200,000		3.97%	\$256,268	\$456,268	\$0	\$456,268
				\$9,200,000			\$5,235,228	\$14,435,228	\$0	\$14,435,228

