

Here is an overview of the grants I'm working on and getting ready to submit for consideration for funding.

The following grants are being submitted for approval by the Henderson County Board of Education.

Target Foundation grant:

The Target Foundation grant application is requesting \$2,000.00 which will be used to purchase books and backpacks for the School to Home Reading program for the Johnson Early Childhood Center. The books will be checked out in the classroom on a rotating basis so all children will have an opportunity to take the books home for the parents to read with them. There is no match required for the grant.

Rite Aid Foundation grant:

The Rite Aid Foundation grant application is requesting \$7,000.00 which will be used to purchase "Imagination Playground" equipment for an indoor classroom at the Johnson Early Childhood Learning Center. The large foam pieces, similar to giant Lego blocks, can be used by the children to create structures and shapes to crawl over and through as they develop spatial awareness, imagination and cooperation skills. The playground will also assist in motor development and physical development while playing.

KaBoom Playground grant:

The KaBoom Playground grant is requesting \$15,000.00 for a new play structure at South Heights Elementary school. Revamping and improving the current playground area is on South Heights's Five Year Long Range Strategic Plan and the KaBoom grant will provide starter funds for the project. The grant requires at least \$9,000 in community donations to qualify for funding. The donations have been secured if the grant application is successful. There is also a donation of time by over 70 volunteers who will install the new equipment piece.