

FY2022 Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Grant Report

Organization Name:	Asheville Creative Arts - Fiscal Sponsor for Hood Huggers International	
Project Name:	Rebuilding Afrilachia	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021)
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	x	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide brief responses that fit within the box provided

<p>Overall project updates:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hood Tours continues to grow. We hired an additional tour guide in March that started leading tours in Q4. Participation of local artist Virtuous continues, and the tours have added the participation of other artists, musician Mike Martinez and Mr. Cliff Cotton (grandson of E.W. Pearson), an elder who speaks to attendees about the history of the Burton Street Community. - The existing HHI-UI Youth Coordinator left the organization in May, so leadership launched a new recruiting campaign and spent much of June conducting initial and follow up interviews with a slate of 5 qualified candidates. The final candidate was identified and accepted the position, starting full-time with HHI in the 2nd week of July. In the absence of the Youth Coordinator, DeWayne Barton stepped in to fill the role and continue working with HHI-UI youth and ensure that the program continues to run smoothly until the new hire is trained. - HHI has launched a partnership with UNCA STEAM Studio and is integrating HHI-UI into the visioning and design around new interactive kiosks coming to Burton Street. These kiosks are part of a "community engagement trail" and will offer information on happenings in the neighborhood and progress on goals outlined in the Neighborhood Plan, while offering arts installations, charging stations, and in the future, exercise equipment that can be used to power different elements. The UNCA student teams presented the final kiosk designs and models to the community in early May. - HHI continues to partner with Read To Succeed to increase youth reading in the community through creative efforts.
<p>Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hood Tours partnered with six (6) education and youth-serving institutions to provide our unique, service-oriented black-history tours to over 325 school-aged youth. - Scaling the CAP model has found new focus in the launch of the Blue Note Junction project, a brick-and-mortar destination in the Burton Street neighborhood that will support the physical, emotional and economic health of the BIPOC community. The Blue Note Advisory Committee and subcommittees are meeting regularly and continue to develop the plans and model for this ambitious project.

Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	<p>With leadership from HHI's COO, the following new systems have been undergoing continued development for increased institutional excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- HHI's COO is participating in AVL Pathways To Growth - an entrepreneurial development program of the City of Asheville's Office of Business Inclusion. HHI's CEO participated in Mountain BizWorks' Catalyst program - a program designed to support entrepreneurs of color. - DeWayne continues to be an active fellow with the Appalachian Regional Commission's Leadership Institute. - All Hood Huggers staff who work with the HHI-UI program (9 total) completed certification in the Darkness to Light (D2L) model which is designed to prevent child sexual abuse. All youth-involved staff are required to complete this certification moving forward. Additionally, HHI-UI staff attended an online training on working with youth at the intersection of culture and trauma. - The Time, Talent, & Treasure map was formalized as an online database that is populated by a form that will soon be imbedded on the Hood Huggers website and accessible via QR Code posted at locations throughout the neighborhood. - Hood Tours leadership and staff are developing additional policies and procedures to help guide our growing team - both guides and entertainers.
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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Number of youth participating in HHI-UI	275	73	140	218	125	556
Number of volunteers in the Peace Gardens & Market	20	31	20	26	10	87
Number of volunteer hours in the Peace Gardens & Market	40	107	73	63	26	269
Number of visitors to the gardens	920	531	507	353	335	1726
Number of youth hires and a new driver to supplement tour guide capacity	3	0	1	3	0	4

Comments:

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Report of use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 25,970	\$ 6,493	\$ 6,493	\$ 6,493	\$ 6,493	\$ -
Training						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 2,843	\$ 711	\$ 711	\$ 711	\$ 711	\$ -
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing						\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$ -
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 8,227	\$ 2,057	\$ 2,057	\$ 2,057	\$ 2,057	\$ -
Insurance and Bonds	\$ 2,434	\$ 609	\$ 609	\$ 609	\$ 609	\$ -
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,071	\$ 768	\$ 768	\$ 768	\$ 768	\$ -
Catering & Hospitality	\$ 910	\$ 228	\$ 228	\$ 228	\$ 228	\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
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Total	\$ 43,455	\$ 10,864	\$ 10,864	\$ 10,864	\$ 10,864	\$ -

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