

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	H3 Collective	
Project Name:	Youth in Foster Care Camp Programs	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	<p>As of July 1, 2023 we have been able to enroll 12 Buncombe County youth into our Under 1 Sky program. We have been able to host and provide monthly weekend activities/camps for all of these youth since July 1st and have been able to connect these youth with Mentors. These mentor meetings have been overseen by our Youth Services Director, in addition to the on-boarding and necessary background checks. During Q1 we have been able to take youth on an overnight rustic camping trip, nature hikes and two weekend camps at Camp Tekoa; one of which was our 'Music Festival'. It has been a wonderful summer of seeing friendships deepen between campers and staff, personal development goals being met and mentors going above and beyond their initial commitments to make time to attend camps and support our youth and camp counselors.</p>
Quarter 2	<p>October 2023 through December 2023 were filled with wonderful experiences at Camp for all of our campers, volunteers and camp counselors. We held overnight camps on 10/7, 11/18 and a special day camp celebration on 12/9. All of our campers had the true 'camp' experiences, with zip lining, high and low ropes courses and camp wide scavenger hunts over the course of these weekends.</p> <p>Our celebration day on 12/9 was an incredibly special time where youth, caregivers, mentors, social workers and others came to celebrate the U1S year and hear stories of successes, overcoming fears and new friendships made. We gave fun awards and gifts to all of our youth, as well as recognized our counselors with awards too. It was a wonderful way to wrap up the 2023 U1S camp year, as we take the colder months to plan, discuss and prepare for 2024.</p>
Quarter 3	<p>Following our camp year 2023, our Board and Executive team met to discuss our next steps as related to our camp program. Knowing that U1S had been in bad shape prior to our 'taking them on' following their dissolving as an entity, we sadly came to the conclusion that we would not be able to continue with the program as we were unable to see a long term successful path forward with the camp.</p> <p>Following communication with the Grants team with Buncombe County, we were approved to re-allocate the remaining funds to support our strategic planning work that is currently underway. We have met with Catapult about a dozen times, who have generously offered to match and go over the top with their funding support for our planning work. This strategic planning is going to help us to streamline our messaging and improve fundraising outcomes.</p>

Quarter 4

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of total campers enrolled in camp programs	30	28	0	0		28
% of enrolled campers who report meeting at least one initial goal on youth assessment surveys	100%	100%	0%	0%		100%
# of camp counselors involved in Foster Care Camp program	19	20	0	0		20
# of hours of training provided to camp counselors	190	30	0	0		30

Comments:

We will be focusing on training for camp counselors in the months leading up to the restart of the camp year in March/April 2024

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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	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,074	\$ 3,926			\$ -
Training	\$ 2,000	\$ -		\$ 2,000		\$ -
Meetings	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,996	\$ 3,504			\$ -
Background Checks	\$ 500	\$ -		\$ 500		\$ -
Total	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,070	\$ 7,430	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -

Comments:

The funds requested reflect the attached invoice from Catapult for the Strategic planning work that we are engaged in together.