

FY2023 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Report

Organization Name:	Big Ivy Community Development Club
Project Name:	Youth Engagement & Crime Prevention

Activities Accomplished	Annual Goal	Amount Completed
Percent increase in BCSO utilization of the satellite office at BICC	10%	20%
Number of cameras purchased and installed	2	8
Number of participants at the Youth Night Community Events	60	230

Expenses (please list <u>all</u> grant related expenses)	Amount Spent
TEI Innovation VPS Security Cameras Balance	\$ 5,455.07
TEI Innovation VPS Security Cameras Downpayment	\$ 3,636.72
Electrical work, receipt 1	\$ 287.00
Electrical work, receipt 2	\$ 125.00
BCSO RTIU per camera yearly charge (8 cameras * \$60 = \$480)	\$ 480.00
BCSO RTIU signs with installation	\$ 500.00
TOTAL:	\$ 10,484
BC TPG FY23 Award to BICC:	\$5,000

Narrative summary of grant related activities

July - June 30, 2023. Through A Safer Riverside project, Big Ivy balanced building BCSO (Buncombe County Sheriff's Office) relationships, creatively engaging community, research for install a camera systems, and upgrading infrastructure to create a safer and healthier environment for the community.

Thanks to the momentum of the initial \$5,000 award of the Buncombe County's Tipping grant, BICC was able to garner more project funding. BICC was awarded \$2,500 from River Street Communications who then took the project idea to WellBank on BICC's behalf to gain another \$2,500. Buncombe County Sheriff Office Real Time Intelligence Center (BCSO RTIC) provided consultation and a core processor to enable BICC to join BCSO RTIC's FUSSUS network. Because of this support, BICC was able to install an eight camera system. BCSO's RTIC and BICC to monitor the more active areas of the community center, during and after hours creating a safer and more comfortable environment at BICC.

Project highlights include:

- On going, onsite BCSO maintained by BICC and available 24/7 to BCSO officers.
- Co hosted with BCSO three successful summer youth events in 2022 on June 17 with over 60 community participants, July 15 with over 150 participants, and August 9 with over 20. We all appreciated Officer Keenan Nesbitt coordination and consistent presence at Big Ivy this summer. The days leading up to the event, officers were on site helping. BCSO did lots of work preparing for the youth events and while on site engaged in many positive interactions with Big Ivy volunteers and community families enjoying the grounds.
- BCSO obtained and installed eight new basketball hoops, cleaned event areas, mowed the grass, pitched in funds for opening pool chemicals, along with many other jobs. Officers and BCSO volunteers were on site during each event including a very popular K9, Officer Kora, providing great food, games, giveaways, and community good will.
- Consulted with several BCSO officers on security camera strategies, systems, placement, and costs. Special thanks to Officer Armani Meadows of the BCSO RTIC (Real Time Intelligence Center) for sharing his extensive knowledge and contacts.
- Met with three camera contractors to gather information and quotes. .
- Secured an IT expert, Tim Buckner retired UNCA IT librarian and Big Ivy Board of Directors member, as project coordinator.

By meeting the goal of the project, BICC is proud to provide a safer and cleaner environment for all. BICC anticipates the decrease of vandalism and crime provided by a safer environment through a modern surveillance system and BCSO partnership will be a relief to the many people who enjoy and come to rely on BICC's resources. Thank you all.