FY2024 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Report

Organization Name:	Bountiful Cities
Project Name:	Southside United Neighborhood Association

Activities Accomplished	**Annual Goal**	**Amount Completed**
# of meetings held	12	6
# of community members attending meetings	144	86
# of residents engaged through outreach events	50	225
Additional funding raised	$10,000	$12,000

Expenses (please list all grant related expenses)	**Amount Spent**
Fiscal agent fee	$ 500.00
Consulting & capacity development services	$ 3,240.00
Community engagement stipends	$ 680.00
Entertainment for community event	$ 580.00
TOTAL:	$ 5,000

Narrative summary of grant related activities

During the six-month period from July-December 2023, SUNA accomplished many significant activities. TPG funds went to support the hiring of consultants to assist the leadership team with capacity development and thought partnership. This resulted in securing $12,000 in additional funding including a Neighborhood Matching Grant from the City of Asheville along with a grant from CoThinkk and a donation from Burial Brewing. In addition, SUNA is project managing a public art project for Walton Street Park as part of a contract with Asheville Parks & Recreation.

In October, SUNA hosted the Southside Reunion and Family Fun Field Day at Walton Street Park. The event was a throwback to an annual gathering that was held consistently until the pandemic. An estimated 225 residents attended an enjoyed food, games, entertainment and fellowship. The event was covered by Sarah Honosky of the Asheville Citizen-Times (https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2023/10/25/southside-united-honors-legacy-of-asheville-neighborhood/71287666007/).

SUNA monthly meetings have been consistently attended by an average of 18 persons or more. Meetings have served as an opportunity to update and engage residents on emerging issues of relevance to the neighborhood. During this period, meetings have supported the completion of the Plan on a Page document as well as space for input on the South Slope Vision Plan and the Missing Middle Housing Study. Currently SUNA is set to host elections for the leadership team as the current terms will expire in January 2024.