FY2023 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Report

Organization Name: | Bountiful Cities

Project Name: Southside Community Grocery Project

Activities Accomplished	Annual Goal	Amount
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Number of pounds of fresh produce harvested from Southside Community Farm for distribution through the Southside Grocery Project	400	1003
Number of local businesses supported by providing needed supplies	7	13
Number of different varieties of fresh produce offered	20	40

Expenses (please list all grant related expenses)		Amount Spent	
Labor	\$	1,221.87	
Supplies	\$	89.11	
Supplemental Products (includes produce, meat, cheese, other staples and local products)		3,689.02	

TOTAL: \$ 5,000

Narrative summary of grant related activities

In our second half of the grant cycle we attended weekly farmers markets and established relationships with additional local farmers and businesses. We bought meat, seafood, fresh produce, and seasonal fruit consistently. We also established relationships with multiple farms and businesses who began donating regularly to our free fridge program. As the program went on the fridge was emptied more quickly, meaning there was increasing demand for products. We had more converstaions with local residents about what kinds of foods they were excited about and seeking and pivoted our purchases accordingly while still focusing on fresh produce as a mainstay. We established a volunteer base to come to the farm on different days of the week to check on the fridge. Throughout the program we have garnered support from our local farmers and businesses, provided income to local farmers and businesses with priority to BIPOC farms and businesses, established the program as a staple within the community, gained community traction and support through volunteers, and provided fresh produce from the farm into the community consistently. We found that given the current demand and interest from local residents we need to increase our budget and continue to grow our network of donation outlets and volunteers to meet it.