

FY2021 Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Grant Report

Organization Name:	Hood Huggers/Asheville Creative Arts
Project Name:	Rebuilding Affrilachia
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)
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Narrative summary of grant related activities

Overall project updates:	<p>From April to Jun 2021 HHI continued to provide service and drive resources back into the Burton Street community, support youth, while buidling institutional capacity to scale and thrive:</p> <p>--Walking Tours which resumed in the fall are ongoing and continue to spotlight local businesses as well as preserve and promote the culture and history of Asheville's African American neighborhoods; driving tours also resumed to respond to ongoing demand, however with reduced capacity to align with health and safety guidelines.</p> <p>--HHI held a summer start plant sale April 25-26 that offered socially distanced opportunities to buy heirloom variety produce, herbs and flowers, and enjoy performances from 6 local artistic groups, including musicians and a kid-friendly puppet show from ACA, and spend time outdoors with neighbors; the event exceeded attendance expectations with over 150 people attending over 2-days.</p> <p>--HHI Youth Under Instruction participant, who was also enrolled in Asheville High School's Internship program, succesfully graduated from high school, in part due to extra credits having been received through the internship, and encouragement and mentorship provided by the HHI-UI program. Youth participation additionally includes walking tours and ongoing volunteering on Saturdays from public, private and boarding schools.</p>
COVID-19 impacts:	<p>Covid-19 and it's disproportionate impact on communities of color have exacerbated pre-existing issues of unemployment and access to healthy food. In response, HHI continues to prepare and grow different gardens to support the community and offer access to produce, held the grand opening of the Peace Garden and Markets in April 2021 and the launch of Farmstand Fridays which offers more consistent farm stand sales, more opportunities for education and resources to address food insecurity; HHI also has been instrumental in helping elders in the Burton Street community get appointments for vaccines in addition to being receipters of food and produce delivery</p>

<p>Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:</p>	<p>All programs of HHI operate using the Community Accountability Plan (CAP), and this methodology aligns with the THRIVE Model strategies for advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Specific activities related to increasing EDI include:</p> <p>--HHI has been partnering with the Department of Civil Rights for the Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to learn how to help prepare African American Businesses for contracting with the NCDOT; HHI facilitated a collaboration between NCDOT and Green Opportunities (GO) who will now be the official partner in training for contract-readiness with the agency, GO is also the recipient of a grant to support these efforts;</p> <p>-- HHI worked with Solarize Asheville to help bring solar energy to African American communities, and has begun facilitating training opportunities to community members to learn solar installation.</p>
<p>Activities related to increasing operational excellence:</p>	<p>--As part of institutional capacity building work HHI is in the process of hiring a communications and administrative support staffer to help contribute to frequency of progress towards insitutional and programmatic benchmarks as guided by CAP (the Community Accountability Plan).</p> <p>--Additionally HHI hired a "Rights of Passage" instructor to work with HHI-UI youth on healing rituals and self-reflexion, and hired a dedicated Youth Coordinator who has begun facilitating visiting teaching artists and other guest teachers in trades and vocations, as well as field trips to artists' studios and for recreation, such as rafting or hiking.</p>

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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 youth participating in “Youth Under Instruction”	150	7	7	217	80	311
# students participating in the pilot “S.T.R.I.D.E” program for financial literacy	2					0
# of volunteers in the Burton Street Peace Gardens	20	25	25	150	28	228
# of volunteer hours in the Burton Street Peace Gardens	40	50	50	300	135	535
# of “Hood Walking Tours” provided	6	24	50	50	35	159
# of participants in “Hood Walking Tours”	60	175	200	281	329	985

Comments:

Curriculum development is still in process for the revamped financial literacy program, while there were no participants in that particular course of study, HHI still saw increased youth attendance with subjects oriented towards social justice, environmental justice and community stewardship; overall HHI exceeded annual goals

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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	\$ 25,401	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,401	\$ -
Training	\$ 190					\$ 190
Supplies/Materials	\$ 379		\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 369	\$ (190)
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing	\$ 2,464				\$ 2,464	\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 379	\$ 1,086				\$ (707)
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 8,227	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 727	\$ -
Insurance and Bonds	\$ 2,434	\$ 609	\$ 609	\$ 609	\$ 608	\$ (1)
Rent / Utilities / Repairs	\$ 3,070	\$ 768	\$ 768	\$ 768	\$ 767	\$ (1)
Catering & Hospitality	\$ 910				\$ 202	\$ 708
List other cost						\$ -
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Total	\$ 43,454	\$ 12,463	\$ 10,976	\$ 10,477	\$ 9,538	\$ -

Comments: