

# FY2022 Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Asheville Creative Arts - Fiscal Sponsor for Hood Huggers International</b>		
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Rebuilding Affrilachia</b>		
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)			Quarter 1 (July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021)
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## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide brief responses that fit within the box provided

<b>Overall project updates:</b>	<p>- Hood Tours continues to grow. We hired an additional tour guide in March that will start leading tours in Q4. Participation of local artist Virtuous continues, and the tours have added the participation of other artists, musician Mike Martinez and Mr. Cliff Cotton (grandson of E.W. Pearson), an elder who speaks to attendees about the history of the Burton Street Community.</p> <p>- HHI-UI is being led part-time by a new staff member who onboarded end of December. With her support, participating youth were part of a Hood Talk visioning session held in the early spring. Hood Talk Visioning Session included outlining 17 community goals/activities and enlisted neighborhood participation and investment in collectively attaining those goals. HHI-UI youth also assisted with the MLK Jr. Day of Service that was held in the Peace Garden (rescheduled to February due to snow). Youth participated in organizing event logistics in the lead-up, and day of were part of programming, including directing traffic, participating in clean-up and other logistics.</p> <p>- HHI has launched a partnership with UNCA STEAM Studio and is integrating HHI-UI into the visioning and design around new interactive kiosks coming to Burton Street. These kiosks are part of a "community engagement trail" and will offer information on happenings in the neighborhood and progress on goals outlined in the Neighborhood Plan, while offering arts installations, charging stations, and in the future, exercise equipment that can be used to power different elements.</p> <p>- HHI is partnering with Read To Succeed to increase youth reading in the community through creative efforts.</p>
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<p><b>Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DeWayne Barton is serving on the newly formed Community Reparations Commission for the City of Asheville, which is charged with developing recommendations to be presented to the City Council and County Commission.</li> <li>- DeWayne was presented with the John Cram Arts Leadership award in acknowledgement of his "tireless commitment to keeping the arts at the heart of our community through his work on the Burton Street Community Peace Gardens, Hood Huggers and numerous other projects."</li> <li>- DeWayne continues to spearhead efforts with NC DOT and their Office of Civil Rights to increase opportunities for black business owners and individuals to contract with the upcoming I-26 project (and other opportunities).</li> <li>- Scaling the CAP model has found new focus in the launch of the Blue Note Junction project, a brick-and-mortar destination in the Burton Street neighborhood that will support the physical, emotional and economic health of the BIPOC community. HHI has formed the beginnings of a Blue Note Junction Advisory Committee, which invites the time, talent and treasure of neighborhood residents, experts in fundraising, communications and strategic planning, to guide the process and introduce a mechanism for accountability.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Activities related to increasing operational excellence:</b></p>	<p>With leadership from HHI's COO, the following new systems have been undergoing continued development for increased institutional excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HHI's COO is participating in AVL Pathways To Growth - a program of Interise and their "Streetwise MBA Class"</li> <li>- All HHI staff who work with youth are completing the Darkness To Light training (D2L.org) which is designed to help prevent child abuse, specifically child sexual abuse</li> <li>- In January, HHI hosted our first annual staff retreat focused on building cohesion and strategies for increasing earned revenue and teamwork.</li> <li>- DeWayne continues to be an active fellow with the Appalachian Regional Commission's Leadership Institute.</li> </ul>

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## Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Number of youth participating in HHI-UI	275	73	140	218		431
Number of volunteers in the Peace Gardens & Market	20	31	20	26		77
Number of volunteer hours in the Peace Gardens & Market	40	107	73	63		243
Number of visitors to the gardens	920	531	507	353		1391
Number of youth hires and a new driver to supplement tour guide capacity	3	0	1	3		4
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**Comments:**

Hired additional driver. Hired 2 youth that graduated from HHI-UI to work part-time with the program.

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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	\$ 25,970	\$ 6,493	\$ 6,493	\$ 6,493		\$ 6,493
Training						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 2,843	\$ 711	\$ 711	\$ 711		\$ 711
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing						\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$ -
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 8,227	\$ 2,057	\$ 2,057	\$ 2,057		\$ 2,057
Insurance and Bonds	\$ 2,434	\$ 609	\$ 609	\$ 609		\$ 609
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,071	\$ 768	\$ 768	\$ 768		\$ 768
Catering & Hospitality	\$ 910	\$ 228	\$ 228	\$ 228		\$ 228
List other cost						\$ -
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,455</b>	<b>\$ 10,864</b>	<b>\$ 10,864</b>	<b>\$ 10,864</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,864</b>

**Comments:**