

FY2023 Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Grant Report

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Project Name:	E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative	
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Narrative summary of grant related activities

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Quarter 1	<p>During the first quarter, the Shiloh Community Association (SCA) members attended meetings with representatives from Ingles located on Hwy 25. Ingles is planning to renovate their property, which will impact the neighborhood. SCA members also met with representatives from the Laurel Woods Housing Development who are planning to construct new buildings on their existing property in the neighborhood. SCA members hosted meetings with Samsel Architect, the design firm, that is developing the plans for SCA's future Resource Center.</p> <p>To increase equity & inclusion, members of the SCA members have actively participated in events & meetings hosted by the Asheville & Buncombe Co. Community Reparations Commission, the NC Black Alliance, Legacy Neighborhoods, Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods, & E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative. The leadership of the SCA hosted monthly Executive Board & Association meetings at the Linwood Crump Rec. Center. A couple of members from SCA were interviewed for the Buncombe Co. Engagement Dept.'s Asheville Multicultural video series. Mrs. Norma Baynes spoke to the Asheville City Council on behalf of SCA at a public hearing on the Laurel Wood Development.</p> <p>The Garden Committee is working with student volunteers from UNCA, MHU, & WWC. The garden staff hosted workshops on healthy food preparation, natural dyeing, magic, & ecology. The garden also hosted a free farmers' market that provided fresh produce and a concert featuring local artist, Virtuous.</p>
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Quarter 2	<p>In the second quarter, the SCA hosted several neighborhood-based events, including a Shine on Shiloh Walking Tour Event, a Christmas Party, & a Pumpkin Carving Pizza Halloween Party. In addition to hosting three SCA meetings for residents to hear information about the efforts of the organization. The leaders of SCA have furthered the organization's equity and inclusion work by actively participating in meetings hosted by WNC Communities, UNCA, Coming to the Table, WNC Bridge Foundation, Food Security Reparations Coalition, Community Reparations Commission, Reparations Health & Wellness, & Village Round Table.</p> <p>To increase SCA's organizational sustainability, SCA's staff applied for & received the WNC Communities' Red Bud honor, which came with a \$1600 grant. The staff also submitted a Capacity Building Grant to Buncombe County. As part of the SCA's outreach effort, volunteers from SCA provided an interview in WNC Magazine that focused on the City's Neighborhood Block Grant program.</p> <p>SCA's Garden Committee continued to partner & provide services to the community including preparing four community meals at the garden, added an outdoor refrigerator in the garden, & hosted volunteers from WWC, MHU, & UNCA. The Committee furthered its environmental education efforts with the youth in the stipend program, Buncombe County Alternatives, & Linwood Crump Rec. Center's afterschool program.</p>
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Quarter 1	<p>The first quarter of the fiscal year ushered in excellent program results for the East End Valley Street Neighborhood Association. Volunteers organized an excellent East End Valley Street Neighborhood Association Heritage Festival. In an effort to be inclusive, several students from Asheville Middle School were encouraged to draw a logo for the event shirts. The leaders of the EEVSNA-HF choose one student's design and placed it on the shirt. There were over 1500 residents and visitors who attended the event. The EEVSNA-HF volunteer planning committee has already met and set the festival's date for next year (August 26, 2023), and the date has been put on the City of Asheville's Event Calendar.</p> <p>EEVSNA-HF's Dental Assistance Program officially began. Thus far over two patients have received dental services, over 200 residents have spoken to the Community Health Advocate about the program, and nearly 2,000 residents of the EEVS neighborhood have received information about the program.</p> <p>The collaboration with the Rosa Walker Advancement Initiative (RWAI) has successfully provided enrichment support to 262 students. Staff and volunteers from RWAI participated in the EEVSNA-HF and distributed free school backpacks with supplies and sports backpacks to students during the festival.</p>
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Quarter 2	<p>During the second quarter of the year, the volunteers of the EEVSNA continued to implement effective community programs & cultivate partnerships to further the organization's mission.</p> <p>The leaders of EEVSNA hosted a post-festival evaluation meeting & planning session, which was attended by several of the Heritage Festival's volunteers, vendors, sponsors, & service providers. The attendees provided qualitative information about the 2022 Heritage Festival & made recommendations for the 2023 Heritage Festival, including maintaining the festival as a one-day event & hosting it on August 26, 2023, which the EEVSNA later supported.</p> <p>In collaboration with the City of Asheville, EEVSNA recruited volunteers who assisted with the maintenance of the Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park & garden. Volunteers received hands-on demonstrations of gardening skills & participated in tours of the park.</p> <p>In addition to continuing to implement the Dental Assistance Program, the leaders of EEVSNA partnered with the Rosa Walker Advancement Initiative to implement a music education program that served students. The program assisted students in being able to read music and gain an appreciation for music. A local music entrepreneur provided the instructions.</p> <p>Additionally, residents from EEVSNA participated in the City's visioning session for Pack Square, designed a neighborhood banner, hosted several neighborhood meetings, expanded the neighborhood's food pantry, & re-elected leaders for the organization.</p>
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Quarter 1	<p>Burton Street Community Association (BSCA) is working through the specific goals related to our grant extension from 21-22. BSCA has contracted for administrative support, identified a muralist for the pending mural installation, secured a firm to redesign and upgrade the website, restarted the Agriculture Fair Committee to plan & execute this year's Agriculture Fair, and began working with the Asheville Buncombe Community Land Trust to implement necessary upgrades to homes throughout the neighborhood.</p> <p>For the mural project, BSCA identified our preferred location (exterior of the Burton Street Recreation Center) and is working with the City of Asheville on permissions and timing for this project - as the building and grounds are slated to have upgraded this year. DeWayne Barton, BSCA's president, continues to represent the Burton Street Community with the NCDOT I-26 Betterments Committee, as well as the Asheville Buncombe Reparations Commissions. Mr. Barton also serves on the Economic Development Subcommittee of the Reparations Commission, which meets twice monthly in the Burton Street Community.</p>
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Quarter 2	<p>Burton Street Community Association's (BSCA) E.W. Pearson Agricultural Fair was rescheduled from October 1 to October 15 due to Hurricane Ian. Despite the challenge of losing vendors, BSCA exceeded the ten-vendor allotment that was designated. BSCA expanded the booth area by adding space adjacent to the basketball court to allow for non-profit exhibitors that provided valuable information to the community. Five bands performed. The Burton Street Recreation Center's Director, board members, & residents who attended previous Ag Fairs enthusiastically agreed it was an overwhelming success.</p> <p>BSCA's additional initiatives include: President Barton continued representing BSCA at NC DOT I-26 & Community Reparations Commission meetings. He also serves on the Economic Development IFA subcommittee, where he was selected to present the group's recommendations to the entire Reparations Commission.</p> <p>The greenhouse was finalized for year-round food production.</p>
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Quarter 1	<p>Project Lighten Up's Summer Learning Camp included an inaugural pre-k class of four students who participated in three days of academic and skills-building activities. PLU collaborated with the nonprofit organization, Read to Succeed to help implement the learning initiative for children who had not previously attended a program to assist in preparing them for kindergarten.</p> <p>Project Lighten Up's After School Program of Excellence currently has nine students from kindergarten to fourth grade attending. Students are from Estes and Oakley Elementary Schools. Every Wednesday, the after-school students participate in the Arboretum's P.E.A.C.E. program for their outdoor STEM project. Staff from PLU are continuing to collaborate with Read to Succeed, and the organization is also looking for additional volunteers to support the Reading Buddy Program. Staff is in discussion with employees from Eaton about continuing their efforts with the Technology STEM Project. PLU has five drone kits that were donated by the Kiwanis Club of Asheville.</p> <p>Using funds from the capacity-building grant, PLU hired a secretary to help manage the organization's main office. Staff is actively seeking the assistance of retired teachers who will serve as consultants and will help to develop and implement an effective pre-k after-school program.</p>
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Quarter 2	<p>Project Lighten Up After School Program of Excellence (Project ASP-E) continues to provide mentoring and tutoring opportunities for students who need remedial assistance to improve their academic skills. Currently, 12 students are enrolled in Project ASP-E from Oakley, William W. Estes, and Charles T. Koontz Schools. During the quarter, two students made the honor roll. Project ASP-E continues to partner with The LINKS of Asheville. The Links provide one on one tutoring & coordinate the Arts and Crafts projects. Project ASP-E also hired a driver to pick up students.</p> <p>To increase diversity & inclusion within the organization, Project ASP-E has officially begun providing after-school services to kindergarteners, & the staff has begun developing strategies to serve the Latino population.</p> <p>PLU continues to expand ways to develop students in a holistic manner that helps foster stronger values. Students volunteer to help with Buncombe County's Community Engagement POP Ups by placing food into boxes & helping elderly participants carry their boxes to their vehicles. To encourage parents to set a loving environment for the positive spiritual & mental growth of their child, PLU provided parents with information on the importance of parental academic support & how offering words of encouragement to their child/children inspire student success. Staff also hosted dinners to empower parents with information on stress & removing barriers that impede optimal education experiences.</p>
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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Please only include new data for the specific quarter				
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Pounds of produce delivered to neighborhood elders by Burton Street Neighborhood Association	500	300				300
Number of Burton Street community members actively engaged in the organization's efforts	100	81	179			260
Number of East End/Valley Street Neighborhood meetings hosted	8	3	3			6
Number of East End/Valley Street students assisted with educational enrichment and academic support	25	262	6			268
Number of students participating in Project Lighten Up's After School Action Program for Excellence (ASAP-E)	20	9	12			21
Number of meetings with Project Lighten Up participants' parents and/or families	3	1	3			4
Pounds of produce delivered to neighborhood residents by Shiloh Community Association	1200	258	0			258
Number of neighborhood meetings hosted by Shiloh Community Association	48	14	6			20
Number of students receiving stipends and matching savings for participating in Shiloh Community Association garden activities	7	6	6			12

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Report of use of funds to date and any budget considerations

General Pearson Project Expenses		Total Spending (Enter Data)				
Spending Category	Starting	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Amount
Staff	\$ 20,500	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,100			\$ 10,300
Professional Services	\$ 16,001	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,152			\$ 11,849
Subtotal for general expenses	\$ 36,501	\$ 8,100	\$ 6,252	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,149

Shiloh Community Association		Total Spending (Enter Data)				
Spending Category	Starting	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Amount
Garden Program Coordination	\$ 17,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500			\$ 8,000
Land Development & Planning	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,003				\$ 2,997
Events	\$ 3,000	\$ 662	\$ 1,500			\$ 838
Youth Stipends	\$ 2,000	\$ 360	\$ 360			\$ 1,280
Youth Stipends Match	\$ 1,500	\$ 360	\$ 360			\$ 780
Communications (Newsletter, all call)	\$ 1,333	\$ 165	\$ 165			\$ 1,003
Subtotal for Shiloh	\$ 32,833	\$ 11,050	\$ 6,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,898

Burton Street Neighborhood Association		Total Spending (Enter Data)				
Spending Category	Starting	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Amount
Website Development	\$ 1,833	\$ 924	\$ 476			\$ 433
Community Outreach & Advertising	\$ 2,000					\$ 2,000
Admin Support	\$ 5,000	\$ 270	\$ 4,730			\$ -
Community Engagement	\$ 4,000					\$ 4,000
Agriculture Fair/Other events	\$ 6,000	\$ 630	\$ 1,370			\$ 4,000
Home Repairs & Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvement	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000			\$ -

Neighborhood Beautification	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,100			\$ -
Economic Development & I-26 Betterments	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
Community Gardens	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000			\$ -
Youth Savings Program	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000			\$ -
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Subtotal for Burton Street	\$ 32,833	\$ 3,724	\$ 17,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,433

East End Valley Street Neighborhood Association		Total Spending (Enter Data)				
Spending Category	Starting	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Amount
Newsletter	\$ 3,733		\$ 1,309			\$ 2,424
Advertising	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
Food Pantry/Garden	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,600	\$ 863			\$ 2,037
MLK Bulb Out	\$ 800		\$ 490			\$ 310
St. James Rosa Walker Initiative	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000
Administrative Cost & Supplies	\$ 4,000	\$ 39				\$ 3,961
Festival/Celebratory Events	\$ 6,000		\$ 661			\$ 5,339
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
Stipends	\$ 800		\$ 675			\$ 125
Subtotal for East End	\$ 32,833	\$ 6,639	\$ 6,998	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,196
*Stipends - 44 gift cards (\$15 each) were						

Project Lighten Up		Total Spending (Enter Data)				
Spending Category	Starting	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Amount
Salaries	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250			\$ 4,500
Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 500			\$ 1,000
Facility usage	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 500			\$ 1,000
Field Trips	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 500			\$ 1,000
Subtotal for Project Lighten Up	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500

Overall Total		Total Spending (Enter Data)				
Spending Category	Starting	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Amount
Total	\$ 150,000	\$ 33,263	\$ 41,561	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,176

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