

School Gardens Maintenance Project

FY2021 Strategic Partnership Grants

Bountiful Cities

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Application Form

INSTRUCTIONS

As part of the FY2021 Strategic Partnership Grants program, Buncombe County requests proposals for community-based projects working toward outcomes in alignment with Strategic Plan focus areas.

Please refer to the Grant Guidelines published on the Strategic Partnership Grants website at buncombecounty.org/grants for complete information about the grant program, including: Purpose; Funding; Eligibility; Timeline; Grant writing workshop; Review process; Awards; and more.

Applications are due by 5:00 on February 14, 2020.

BASIC INFORMATION

BASIC INFORMATION – Before completing the application, please tell us a little about the request.

Project Name*

School Gardens Maintenance Project

Strategy*

Recognizing that some projects will use more than one strategy, select the strategy that most closely applies to this project:

- Environmental Stewardship - High quality air, water, farmland and renewable energy for future generations
- Educated & Capable Community - A county where all people thrive and demonstrate resilience throughout their lives
- Vibrant Economy - A robust and sustainable economy that builds on homegrown industries/talent and provides economic mobility for all
- Resident Well-Being - A county where residents are safe, healthy, and engaged in their community

Educated & Capable Community

Funding Request*

How much funding is this project requesting for FY2021?

\$18,600.00

Grant Guidelines*

Have you read and understand the information presented in the FY2021 Grant Guidelines Strategic Partnership Grants?

Click here for the Grant Guidelines.

If no, please contact County staff to request assistance: Rachael Nygaard, (828) 250-6536 or rachael.nygaard@buncombecounty.org.

Yes

Nonprofit Status*

Upload proof of nonprofit status, such as IRS Determination Letter or documentation from the North Carolina Secretary of State. If this documentation is not available, briefly state the reason.

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Board of Directors*

Upload a current list of your organization's Board of Directors. If your organization does not have a board of directors, briefly state the reason.

BC Board list 2019.pdf

APPLICATION

APPLICATION QUESTIONS – Responses to these questions will be scored by the grant committee. Each question is worth 10% of the final score.

Organization*

Tell us about your organization. What is your mission? Highlight two or three key facts and accomplishments that best define your organization.

The Mission of Bountiful Cities is to be the urban agriculture resource of Asheville. Our work supports low wealth communities of color, women, and youth. Since 2003 we have supported the development, maintenance, or overall success of nearly 40 local community gardens, have run 13 series of community-placed, youth-based agricultural education programs, have transformed over 150 private yards into urban agriculture spaces, have developed and implemented the 36+ member-garden Community Garden Network, and have incubated several local food and agriculture-based businesses run by people of color. We have also continue to provide ongoing leadership to systems change initiatives such as the Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council, the Asheville Buncombe Community Land Trust, CoThinkk, the WNC Food Security Planning Initiative, The Food Waste Solutions Working Group, Southside Rising, and others.

Additionally, in January of 2018 we merged with FEAST, a nonprofit that provides in-school gardening and cooking education to over 1,200 elementary and middle school students per year.

Need for the Project*

What is the main issue this project is established to address? What data or qualitative factors/stories are available to show that need?

School Gardening has long been proven to significantly increase students' academic performance, especially in the areas of science, developing a love of learning, and improving social skills. This produces higher test scores and can lead to improved graduation rates. School Gardening also increases students' fruit and vegetable consumption, nutrition knowledge, and healthy snack choices. This base of knowledge and preferences often continues into adulthood, producing healthier adults who are more likely to garden and to meet national guidelines for fruit and vegetable intake.

The challenge is that school gardens require more maintenance and support than what educators are frequently able to provide. Unless additional maintenance support is provided, this decreases gardens' impact on students' academic and health outcomes. This project will provide ongoing maintenance to seven school gardens located throughout Asheville and Buncombe County, and will support gardening education at all of those sites.

Through a combination of grants from Mission Community Investment, CFWNC's People in Need, and others the FEAST program has been collaborating with the Grass to Greens program to establish and/or enhance community gardens at seven elementary and middle schools to great success. This request will support the continuation of this exceptional service, enabling both school and FEAST educators to continue to utilize these beautiful and productive edible classroom spaces for in-depth hands on education with emphasis on math and science.

Project*

Explain the project and how it will work. Include the overall purpose and any models or evidence-based practices that will be included. What specific activities and milestones are included in the project plan?

Key FEAST personnel will work with Grass to Greens crew members and school educators to develop the next school year's gardening plans at seven elementary and middle schools in Asheville and Buncombe County, and will work together to ensure that school garden maintenance and enhancement activities are undertaken in alignment with the educators' needs, curriculum, and seasonal timing. The schools which will receive this support are Vance Elementary, Hall Fletcher Elementary, Francine Delany Charter School, Estes Elementary, Evergreen Charter School, Asheville Middle School, and AC Reynolds Middle School.

Key Steps:

1. School and FEAST educators at each of the seven school sites meet with Grass to Greens (G2G) crew members to create their garden plans, maintaining outdoor classroom spaces that are functional, beautiful, and productive.
2. G2G designs and maintains school gardens at each of the seven sites throughout the year, making plant and materials purchases, and coordinating with educators continuously for feedback and preferences.
3. G2G coordinates with educators to organize community garden workdays at each of the sites monthly or as needed to build community involvement and decrease reliance on paid labor hours.
4. All seven school garden sites continue their involvement in Bountiful Cities' Community Garden Network, accessing

free supports such as the Tool Library, Seed Library, Network Listserv, monthly Meetups and Newsletters, etc.

5. FEAST tracks and reports student achievement at their program sites, and gathers outcomes related to student achievement and school garden functionality from school educators at other sites.

People Served*

How many people will be served by this project? Describe the people served, including demographics such as geography, income, race & ethnicity, age, etc.

Three of the seven public schools involved in this project are located inside the Asheville City limits and are part of Asheville City Schools (Vance Elementary, Hall Fletcher Elementary, and Asheville Middle School), two are in the County and are part of the Buncombe County Schools (Estes Elementary and AC Reynolds Middle School), and two are charter schools (Evergreen and Francine Delany). This project will serve 2,380 elementary and middle school students who currently participate in gardening activities at six of the school sites, and over 500 Asheville Middle School students who are expected to access the site in the coming year. This represents 83% of all students who attend these seven schools. Across these schools, the student bodies average 45% children who qualify for free and reduced lunch, including approximately 1,260 of the students in the gardening programs at these schools.

In addition to the numerous students served by this project the gardens' continued improved functioning and community involvement will positively impact countless residents of the surrounding neighborhoods of each garden.

Results*

What results do you hope to achieve with this project? Be specific about how much impact the project will have in line with Commissioner focus areas.

The positive effects of ample exposure to school gardening during youth have been well documented, and are in strong alignment with the focus area of an Educated & Capable Community - A county where all people thrive and demonstrate resilience throughout their lives. This school garden maintenance service allows over 2,000 school aged children in our county to continue to access high quality gardening education within their in-school curriculum, on a regular and often weekly basis. This makes them significantly more likely to experience higher achievement in math and science, and fosters an understanding and skill-set related to cooking and gardening that has been found to be frequently carried through to adulthood, resulting in adults who eat more nutritious foods, experience less health complications, and are more likely to maintain their own gardens, increasing their likelihood of food security.

The results we hope to achieve with this project are based in benefits experienced by the youth participants as well as the educators. We want students to increase their general knowledge and understanding of cooking and gardening activities, where those programs are offered by FEAST educators. We want to see improvement in students' performance in school where the gardening programs are offered by school educators. And we want educators at all schools to experience their gardens positively, and as a valuable asset to their instruction.

Evaluation*

How will you know you have succeeded? Explain the project evaluation process, including specific measures that will be tracked.

We will measure outputs by the number of gardens successfully maintained throughout the next school year, the number of students who participate in educational opportunities in each of those gardens, and the number of community workdays held at those garden locations, including the number of community members who participate in those workdays. We will measure quantitative outcomes by the number/percentage of FEAST students who show improvements in their cooking and gardening skills each year, as well as the number/percentage of students reported by school educators to have shown improvement over the course of their participation in garden-based educational curriculum. We will measure qualitative outcomes by the number/percentage of classroom educators who report a continued improvement in their school garden's quality, functionality, and production.

Success would look like at least an 85% rating in each of the areas identified above.

Collaboration*

List any formal and/or supportive partners. Describe their roles in the project. How will they make it stronger?

FEAST is working closely with the YMCA and In Real Life after-school programs at Asheville Middle and A.C. Reynolds, and the classroom educators and personnel at Vance, Hall Fletcher, and Francine Delaney to deliver weekly Common Core Curriculum aligned gardening and cooking education programming. Additionally, FEAST helps lead cooking/garden-based summer camp programming at the Evergreen school site, and is working with Estes to support cooking/gardening education programming at that location. All seven of these schools have been receiving Grass to Greens school garden maintenance support, and have experienced significant improvements in their garden classrooms as a result.

FEAST partners with Americorps, Manna Foodbank, and Mother Earth Produce to additionally support programming and access to produce for cooking classes. The Community Garden Network provides support to these seven and over 30 other community gardens with free and accessible resources such as a Tool Library, Seed Library, support in organizing community workdays, infrastructure development, free workshops and intensives, and regular garden manager meetups and newsletters.

Budget*

Download a copy of the budget form [HERE](#). Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

Explain how grant funds will be used, specifically what type of expenses will be covered by County funds. Describe other sources of revenue, including type of funding, source, restrictions and status.

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These funds will primarily fund Grass to Greens professional edible landscaping services for the purpose of providing ongoing regular maintenance support to the seven aforementioned school gardens. Additionally, the funds will pay for a portion of travel expenses related to providing this service throughout the school year and the purchase of materials and supplies for the school garden projects. A small amount will fund a portion of administrative expenses related to program oversight, coordination, and reporting.

Additional funds to support this work will come from school PTA funds (committed), other grant funds (United Way: committed, Pisgah Health Foundation: pending), individual and business donations (some committed, some pending), and fundraising event proceeds (pending).

Other County Funding*

List all other Buncombe County funding that is provided to your organization. For each item, list the project being funded, amount of funding, source (grant, departmental contract, etc.) and whether funding is to be renewed for FY2021.

Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Fund: shade trees and play equipment for community and school gardens: \$4,313.58 received in November 2019. Renewal of funding will depend upon successful application for community garden infrastructure funds in FY2020-2021.

We currently serve as fiscal agent for the Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council and Southside Rising. Both these groups have received Buncombe County funding from Strategic Partnership Funds (2019-2020) and Tipping Point Funds (2019-2020) respectively. The Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council does not intend to apply for Strategic Partnership Funds this cycle, and we have not yet learned of Southside Rising's plans regarding additional Tipping Point funds. To be clear, these are not our programs, and they are not our funds. We act as a pass-through entity for these community groups and some others so that they may access grant funding for their activities and programs.

Sustainability*

How will the project continue to succeed after the funding of the grant? Explain your plan for making this an ongoing effort.

We see great opportunity for continuing this work sustainably with less reliance on County funding by increasing school funding support of this work and building relationships with the newly formed Legacy Foundations and with the regional Dogwood Health Trust. Already the expansion of this work has resulted in the near total funding of the in-school cooking/school gardening FEAST education program and accompanying Grass to Greens garden maintenance support at one local public elementary school, Isaac Dickson Elementary. The school is providing the majority of funds necessary to conduct this programming there, and we anticipate this model of in-house funding being replicated over time by the other schools receiving this valuable instruction and service. While we are not yet receiving funding from any of the new local and regional funders which have developed from the sale of the Mission Health System we do anticipate receiving funding in the future, as this program is in direct alignment with many of the stated priorities and goals of these foundations. We are actively working to build relationships with these funders, and look forward to their support in the future. Finally, this work does align with the Healthy Opportunities pilot program service category related to nutrition education. We are working with Manna Foodbank and the Dogwood Health Trust to become part of that network of service providers who are eligible for service delivery reimbursement through Medicaid transformation funds, should our region be chosen by the state for the pilot area. Potential funding received through the Healthy Opportunities pilot could support a significant portion of FEAST and Grass to Greens expenses at all participating school sites. There are many factors yet to be determined with this opportunity, but it is one we are actively pursuing.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONAL INFORMATION – This information will not impact grant scoring but will be helpful to the committee.

Partial Funding

If the project were to be offered a grant for partial funding, what factors would need to be considered?

While full funding is obviously preferable, and will result in the total scale of deliverables discussed in this application, partial funding is also appreciated, and will result in a scaled down version of what is presented in this application. In other words, the funding requested will allow us to serve the seven schools identified within this request regularly, and less funding may require service to a lesser number of schools or less regular service to each of the schools identified. We have already been providing this service to each of these schools, and this request enables us to continue to provide that service optimally. However, if this program is not funded we will work with the FEAST and school educators at each site to determine what new plan of action is possible and/or necessary.

Resource Support

Beyond this grant request, how can Buncombe County support your organization with this project and in strengthening your work?

Buncombe County could potentially weigh-in to advocate for this important programming and service to be financially supported by the school systems themselves, rather than requiring the vast majority of funding to come from external sources. This work has proven itself to be valuable to each of the schools in which it takes place and has been recognized as such by every one of the school administrations. Ideally the schools themselves would build the funding of this work into their budgets, and Buncombe County could be an ally to the schools in determining how to make that happen.

Other

Is there anything else that you want the committee to know?

Merged Garden LOAs LOSs and Before and After pics.pdf

We do want you to know how important and effective this work has been to the many school administrators, educators, parents, and students it affects. To that end we have attached a long line of recently written letters of recommendation and letters of agreement for the FEAST, Grass to Greens, and Community Garden Network programming, as well as before and after photos of two of the school gardens where Grass to Greens provides the maintenance support described in this request.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- bcp_501c3_letter (1).pdf
- BC Board list 2019.pdf
- FY21_SPGrant_Budget_Form completed (1).xlsx
- Merged Garden LOAs LOSs and Before and After pics.pdf

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: APR 18 2008

THE BOUNTIFUL CITIES PROJECT INC
PO BOX 898
ASHEVILLE, NC 28802-0898

Employer Identification Number:
05-0587434
DLN:
17053089806048
Contact Person: CARLY D YOUNG ID# 31494
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated October 2003, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

Bountiful Cities Board of Directors 2019



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Lauren Rayburn

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Nicole Townsend (On Sabbatical until December 2019)

110 Bear Creek Lane, Apt D25 Asheville, NC 28805
Regional Program Coordinator: Southerners on New Ground
Email: nicole@southernersonnewground.org, Phone: 828-676-9069
Term: 1st term of 3-years ends 4/2020

Sekou Coleman

1 Ascot Point Circle #308, Asheville, NC 28803
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Email: sekoucoleman@gmail.com, Phone: 240-535-0840
Term: 1st term of 3-years ends 02/2021

Kate Wheeler

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Co-owner/operator Patchwork Urban Farm
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Term: 1nd term of 3-years ends 8/2022

Darcel Eddins, Executive Director

199 Waynesville Ave. Asheville, NC 28806
Executive Director, Bountiful Cities
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C. Nicole Hinebaugh, Staff Representative to the Board

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Program Director, Bountiful Cities
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Strategic Partnership Grants Proposed FY2021 Project Budget (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

Organization Name:	Bountiful Cities
Project Name:	School Gardens Maintenance Project
Grant Amount Requested:	\$18,600

FY2021 Proposed Project Revenue	Amount	Committed or Pending?
Proposed Buncombe County Strategic Partnerships Grant	\$ 18,600	pending
United Way	\$ 10,000	committed
School Contributions (PTA funds)	\$ 5,800	committed
Individual and Business Donations	\$ 3,800	pending
Fundraising Events	\$ 8,500	pending
Pisgah Health Foundation	\$ 19,700	pending (note that the total amount requested was higher, but included many other gardens and program components, not just the school garden maintenance in this
List other sources:		
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Total	\$ 66,400	

FY2021 Proposed Project Expenses	Proposed Grant	Other Funds	Total	Notes
Personnel	\$ 14,800	\$ 36,100	\$ 50,900	Seven gardens receiving weekly maintenance support from G2G Crew.
Training			\$ -	
Travel	\$ 600	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,900	Mileage expenses traveling between gardens for maintenance services.
Supplies / Materials	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,400	\$ 5,400	Supplies and materials: plants, mulch, straw, compost, lumber, etc.
Meetings (Food, Interpreting, Child Care, etc.)			\$ -	
Equipment / Furniture			\$ -	
Printing / Marketing			\$ -	
Licensing / Memberships / Dues / Subscriptions			\$ -	
Client Support			\$ -	
Contracts			\$ -	
Professional Services (Legal, Accounting, etc.)			\$ -	
Insurance and Bonds			\$ -	
Building Maintenance (Rent, Utilities, Repairs, etc.)			\$ -	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,200	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,200	Expenses related to program oversight, coordination, and reporting.
List other costs:			\$ -	
List other costs:			\$ -	
List other costs:			\$ -	
Total			\$ 66,400	

Overall Organization Budget	Amount	Notes
FY2019 Actual Year-End Revenue	\$ 375,990	Note that this does not include a very large financial contribution made at the end of 2019 for a new economic development Community Food Hub. Note that this economic development Community Food Hub programming was onset by the large financial contribution made at the end of 2019 for the new Food Hub program costs outlined in the new Food Hub programming, which is included in this figure. Note that the year follows the calendar year, so to be clear this encompasses the period of Jan. 2021-Dec. 2021.
FY2019 Actual Year-End Expenses	\$ 440,113	
FY2020 Adopted Budget Amount	\$814,465.66	
FY2021 Proposed Budget Amount	\$ 680,000	

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Letter of Support: Bountiful Cities

*North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
70 Belleair Road, Asheville, NC 28806 (Home office)*

December 20, 2019

Pisgah Health Foundation

153 W Jordan St Brevard, NC 28712
www.pisgahhealthfoundation.org

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the work of Bountiful Cities. I have been engaged with Bountiful Cities in collaborative work since August 2015. They fulfilled a dream of mine as an elementary principal of having a sustainable garden at my school, Vance Elementary School. I knew the students would benefit greatly by learning about how food is prepared and enjoyed the whole process from planting to harvesting if they were actively involved in the process. It also benefits students academically and socially.

Bountiful Cities works closely with the schools to ensure they are meeting the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in reading, mathematics, science, and healthy living. The students practiced social skills by learning how to collaborate, work as a team, and communicate with each other. It always brought a smile to my face when I saw students in the garden and trying foods they have never tasted before. Another incredible experience for me and the staff was seeing students that normally did not perform as expected in the classroom flourish in the garden or when they worked with the FEAST Coordinator. Students that do not have the home resource to have a garden become very invested in the school garden and communicate what they have learned to their parents. I will always be very grateful to the work FEAST puts into creating a safe, warm, enviting, and engaging experience for all students, families and the community.

Thank you for your consideration of Bountiful Cities' Program Support funding application.

Sincerely,

Carrie S. Allen

Carrie S. Allen
*North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Early Education Consultant*

Elder & Sage Community Gardens

An Asheville Edibles Community Garden
Est. 2017

Page Avenue at Battle Square, Asheville, NC

December 27, 2019

Pisgah Health Foundation
153 W. Jordan Street
Brevard, NC 28712

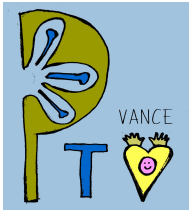
To Whom it may Concern

I write in support of the vital work of Bountiful Cities Community Garden Network. The Bountiful Cities staff has been most helpful with hands-on support and encouragement of our all-volunteer community garden. Since our earliest efforts in 2017 to develop and maintain a community garden on a fenced and graveled city lot, Bountiful Cities has been an ally. They have provided tangible assistance in organizing work-day volunteers and encouraged collaboration and connectivity with other city-wide community garden efforts, and with numerous educational gatherings, several hosted in our downtown garden. They have also assisted with purchase of garden tools and other supplies and provide access to a seed library. They serve as liaison with city staff of Asheville Edibles Community Garden project on our behalf. We feel well supported and encouraged in our efforts to develop and sustain our Elder & Sage Community Gardens that are managed and maintained by seniors and differently-abled persons in the adjacent low-income senior housing. Our work would be much more difficult without our allies at Bountiful Cities.

Thank you for your consideration of Bountiful Cities' Program Support funding application. They make a difference to many.

Sincerely,

Clare Hanrahan
For our Garden Management Team



Vance Elementary School Parent Team

98 Sulphur Springs Road
Asheville, NC 28806
828-350-6600 school office
vanceparentteam@gmail.com

Letter of Support: Bountiful Cities

Pisgah Health Foundation

153 W Jordan St Brevard, NC 28712

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December 18, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the work of Bountiful Cities. During my childrens' eight-year tenure at Vance Elementary School I've been an active and involved parent. Nothing has impressed me more than the programming they have received through our school's partnership with FEAST. I've witnessed looks of wonder at the sight of monarch caterpillars munching on milkweed, helped students learn about amino acid chains during a 4th grade science unit, and been asked to make massaged kale salad, fruit smoothies, and roasted carrots/brussel sprouts regular additions to our dinner table. In first grade, teams of students smushed cob into bricks and learned about soil. Math skills have come to life as students measure, cut, and count portions and science has jumped off the page as compost is made, seeds are started, and plants are identified.

The Vance Peace Garden is an integral part of implementing our magnet theme of Ecology. It's a magical place used for gatherings, reading, and lessons and it couldn't exist without our partnership with FEAST. Having Jordan Diamond as our dedicated Garden Coordinator and Teacher for the last seven years has brought stability, energy, and life to the garden. As she has lovingly cultivated the soil, so too has she cultivated relationships with staff and students.

The Vance Parent Team values this relationship so deeply that we continue to grant FEAST \$7500 (almost half of our total yearly gifts and grants budget) to keep this program at our school. We encourage you to support this program financially as well.

Beyond measure, FEAST programming is worth every penny. It promotes health and wellness, educates the whole child, and unites students of every ability and background while integrating core curriculum standards. It reinforces core concepts taught by classroom teachers, stimulating curiosity in students across the board. It is a driving force at Vance keeping teachers passionate and excited about their work. Thank you for your consideration of Bountiful Cities' Program Support funding application.

Sincerely,

Rachel Figura, 2019-2020 Vance Parent Team Member



Letter of Agreement: Bountiful Cities

Asheville Middle School

211 South French Broad Ave., Asheville, NC 28803

April Dockery, Principal 828-350-6200

December 19, 2019

Pisgah Health Foundation

153 W Jordan St Brevard, NC 28712

www.pisgahhealthfoundation.org

To Whom It May Concern,

I attest that my organization partners with Bountiful Cities in order to collaboratively produce the following body of work:

School and Community Garden Maintenance and Education

In order to achieve our shared goals, Bountiful Cities provides regular Grass to Greens school garden maintenance support as well as access to all the resources of the Community Garden Network. FEAST provides ongoing in-school support for cooking and gardening education opportunities to all the students. Thanks to our friends at FEAST we have some beautiful new Asian pears, hazelnuts, serviceberries, blueberries, elderberries, huckleberries, and flowering bulbs! And, the school provides classroom and garden space, as well as other collaborative supports such as PTA contributions to the programming, shared communications with the student body and their parents, etc.

This partnership has resulted in value to our school community and students, and we look forward to continuing this work together into the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your consideration of Bountiful Cities' funding application, and please let us know if you have any questions about this partnership.

Sincerely,

April Dockery

Asheville Middle School Principal



Letter of Agreement: Bountiful Cities

William W Estes Elementary School
275 Overlook Rd, Asheville, NC 28803

Angela Trantham, Assistant Principal 828-779-2852

December 17, 2019

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This partnership has resulted in value to our school community and students, and we look forward to continuing this work together into the foreseeable future. Our teachers sincerely appreciate the maintenance support that allows them to focus on the educational aspects of having a school garden. Students not only benefit from these learning opportunities but also enjoy the sensory benefits that gardening naturally provide.

Thank you for your consideration of Bountiful Cities' funding application, and please let us know if you have any questions about this partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Trantham", written in a cursive style.

Angela Trantham
Assistant Principal



Letter of Agreement: Bountiful Cities

Francine Delany New School for Children
119 Brevard Road Asheville, NC 28806
828-236-9441

December 16, 2019

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This partnership has resulted in value to our school community and students, and we look forward to continuing this work together into the foreseeable future. Our students love FEAST and we value the focus on problem solving, communication and teamwork.

Thank you for your consideration of Bountiful Cities' funding application, and please let us know if you have any questions about this partnership.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Jessica Roberts

Jessica Roberts

Curriculum Coordinator



Letter of Agreement: Bountiful Cities

Hall Fletcher Elementary School
60 Ridgelawn Ave. Asheville, NC 28806
Sharon Potts, Principal 828 350 6400

December 17, 2019

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153 W Jordan St Brevard, NC 28712
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Potts".

Sharon Potts,
Principal



Letter of Agreement: Bountiful Cities

Evergreen Community Charter School
50 Bell Road Asheville, NC 28805
Marin Leroy, Environmental Education Coordinator
[828-298-2173 ext. 1101](tel:828-298-2173) marin.leroy@evergreenccs.org

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This partnership has increased the value of our school garden as a space for authentic teaching and learning. Maintenance by Grass to Greens staff ensures that our garden is thoughtfully planned out and maintained, resulting in a greater diversity of plants thriving and producing for enjoyment and study by our community. In addition, the leadership in maintenance provided by Grass to Greens is the catalyst for greater engagement of our staff, as well as parent and community volunteers. When the garden is thriving the community is drawn towards its beauty and abundance. We look forward to continuing this work together into the foreseeable future.

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Sincerely,

Marin Leroy
Environmental Education Coordinator

Dr. Susan Mertz
Executive Director



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Vance Elementary School

98 Sulphur Springs Asheville, NC 28806

Ruletta Hughes

ruletta.hughes@acsgmail.net

828-350-6600

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Sincerely,

Signature: *Ruletta Hughes*

Name: *Ruletta Hughes*

Title: *Principal*

HANDS ENRICHING LIVES POSITIVELY
170 FAYETTEVILLE ST.
ASHEVILLE, N.C. 28806

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170 FAYETTEVILLE ST

Anderson Davis

December 24, 2019

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Sincerely,

Anderson Davis

Chairperson & Coordinator



SOUTHSIDE RISING

Letter of Agreement: Bountiful Cities

Southside Rising
50 S. French Broad Ave #257
December 19, 2019

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Sincerely,

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Sekou Coleman
Southside Rising Project Manager and Community Ambassador



BARTLETT ARMS APARTMENTS

121 Bartlett St.
Asheville NC 28801
828 239-3549

Letter of Agreement: Bountiful Cities

Bartlett Arms Apartments Community Garden
121 Bartlett Street
lberry@haca.org

December 16, 2019

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Sincerely,

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Lisa Berry
Assistant Site Manager

ESTES GARDEN BEFORE G2G:



ESTES GARDEN AFTER G2G 2019:





Chard

Hand-drawn sign with green and purple markings, possibly representing a plant variety or seed packet.

