

FY2021 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Asheville Museum of Science		
Project Name:	Next Gen STEM for All		
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)	
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020)	
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021)	
	x	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021)	

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Overall project updates:	During the fourth quarter AMOS continued serving its mission through outreach, afterschool, and STEM Summer Camp at AMOS, UNCA, and in support of public school summer school sessions in addition to normal museum science exhibition on a smaller scale. More than 400 local Buncombe County residences visited the museum. Quality STEM education is provided through all of these experiences as a result of the Buncombe Country Strategic Partnership.
COVID-19 impacts:	AMOS continues to be greatly impacted by COVID through museum admissions, field trips, and limited ability to serve students and the general public in person. We continue to remain at 50 % capacity and implement mask requirements, aligning with education institutions primarily serving a unvaccinated younger demographic. While these impacts have been devastating AMOS team continues to focus on serving its mission through small group in person and virtual programing partnered with hands on activities such as stem kits. AMOS has also used this time to review internal policies and procedures and external content to ensure all aspects of the museum model practices that support equity for all and a culture and education programs embrace diversity and inclusion.
Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	AMOS continues work to accomplish its Strategic goal of awareness to access of STEM Education for all. In addition, AMOS has drafted and finalized the museum's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan which includes several steps including gathering stakeholders input, advisory committee of staff members and board of directors.
Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	AMOS is fostering an internal business culture focused on continuous improvement through the evaluation of self, team, and mission execution. For example, AMOS is constantly evaluating and updating health and safety standards to stay up to date on the most recent research and government guidance at all levels. In addition, AMOS has finalized policies and external content to ensure equity and inclusion practices to the best of our currently ability and identifying both community gaps and organizational gaps to support resource allocation decisions. During COVID, team building, support, and redundancy planning is critical. AMOS has redesigned its staff structure and created professional development plans to stretch skills and learn new to support staff who may have to unexpectedly be out and trained additional board and volunteers to help in these areas. Staff led projects keep the team engaged in research and development while updating museum exhibit content and testing new curricula.

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of curriculum kits created	48	0	50	1950	102	2102
# of Buncombe County field trip visitors and/or Zoom classroom visitors	6,600	1	1000	2050	28	3079
# of students visited by outreach	150	143	23	65	251	482
# of students served through after-school and community programs	280	17	111	92	16	236

Comments:

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 13,000		\$ 3,200		\$ 9,800	\$ -
Training	\$ 1,400		\$ 100		\$ 1,300	\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 6,800		\$ 4,100		\$ 2,700	\$ -
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing	\$ 600				\$ 600	\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 200				\$ 200	\$ -
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services						\$ -
Insurance and Bonds	\$ 1,000				\$ 1,000	\$ -
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,000				\$ 2,000	\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
Total	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 7,400	\$ -	\$ 17,600	\$ -

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