

FY2021 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Just Economics	
Project Name:	Pathways to Economic Mobility	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)
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	x	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Overall project updates:	In the final quarter of the grant cycle Just Economics hosted another virtual session of our Voices for Economic Justice training, an eight week community organizing training for people experiencing economic injustice, we moved forward with monthly workers assemblies, and we reengaged with employers as we recertified our list of Living Wage Certified Employers. While we have not restarted our transit riders assemblies, we did begin doing in person outreach at the transit center to gather feedback and we continue to build on our Affordable Housing Strategy Team.
COVID-19 impacts:	We are continuing to deal with the impacts of covid 19 on our organizing. We have not yet returned to large, in person meetings, events or assemblies but we have begun to gather input outside from transit riders and have small meetings. We have lost a significant number of Living Wage Certified employers who were not able to recertify as paying a living wage.
Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	Just Economics continues to work with the Racial Justice Coalition on several issues including affordable housing. We are planning a mid-year board retreat with a focus on centering equity in our work and with Lucia Daugherty as our facilitator.
Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	Our new part time Office Administrator is helping us increase our operational excellence. This quarter we moved to working in the office 3 days a week, allowing for flexibility for staff while improving our operational efficiency.

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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 participants in workshops and assemblies	60	148	8	22	28	206
# of participants that become more involved in economic mobility efforts	20	7	6	4	16	32
# of new employers in Buncombe County certified through the Living Wage Employer Certification	50	4	3	4	12	23

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	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$ 1,250	1250	`
Training						\$-
Supplies/Materials						\$-
Meetings						\$-
Equipment/Furniture						\$-
Printing/Marketing						\$-
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$-
Client Support						\$-
Contracts						\$-
Professional Services						\$-
Insurance and Bonds						\$-
Building Maintenance						\$-
Total	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$ 1,250	1250	\$0

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