

FY2021 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Literacy Together (formerly Literacy Council of Buncombe County)		
Project Name:	Educated and Capable Community through Literacy		
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)			Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)
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			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:	For the final quarter of this fiscal year we have 240 active program participants. Between April 1 and June30, we held four volunteer orientations with 40 attendees and three volunteer tutor training sessions with 26 new volunteer tutors. New tutor/student matches are in progress and ongoing.
COVID-19 impacts:	We fell short of the number of students receiving at least 40 hours of instruction and post-test improvement primarily due to COVID impacts in the first quarter of 2020. Much of that time was spent moving programs online and training students and tutors to use technology to work remotely. We opened our offices beginning June 14, 2021. Many students and tutors were eager to meet in person again, while others remain working remotely for various reasons.
Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	We have five new board members, and 3 are POC. We also piloted a summer reading initiative for our Youth Literacy program that primarily serves students of color and provides tutor interns who are young adults of color. At this time, 6 of our seven staff members have completed REI training.
Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	The Adult Literacy Program Director is working with Collaboration Connection, a partnership of area nonprofits coordinated by AB Tech's career coordinator, offering services to target populations.

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of adult students served	160	173	5	62	0	240
% of students attending at least 40 hours of instruction	60%	0	0%	28%	27%	28%
% showing improvement on post-tests	65%	n/a	n/a	n/a	44%	44%
# of students securing a new job or promotion	15	8	1	16	1	26
# of students increasing their involvement in their children's education	30	8	1	30	6	45

Comments:

We have a total of 11 new citizens for the fiscal year, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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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	\$ 23,453	\$ 13,644	\$ 8,144	\$ 1,665	\$ -	\$ 0
Training						\$ -
Supplies/Materials						\$ -
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing						\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$ -
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,313	\$ 187			\$ -
Insurance and Bonds	\$ 500		\$ 500			\$ -
Building Maintenance	\$ 7,347		\$ 5,133	\$ 2,214		\$ -
Total	\$ 32,800	\$ 14,957	\$ 13,964	\$ 3,879	\$ -	\$ 0

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If any supporting docs are desired we can provide them.