

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Asheville Creative Arts	
Project Name:	Hood Huggers Under Instruction (HHI/UI)	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	X	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	<p>From July - September 2023 HHI supported 13 individual youth during weekly gatherings for arts, service and social emotional growth. Projects included:</p> <p>Preparation and installation of artworks (paintings, sculpture, and wearable art) in an art show hosted by Upstairs Gallery in Tryon, NC throughout July; and a visit to local artist Luis Sahagan's studio to explore his painting and 3D artworks 8/16;</p> <p>Preparation for a Blue Note Junction pop-up event 9/23 including 2 sessions of land clearing in July 6-7 and September 21-23 with training in heavy machinery, equipment set-up, parking support and site clean-up following the event;</p> <p>Weekly neighborhood maintenance and community service including gardening, litter collection, and preparation and delivery of free CSA boxes to neighborhood elders. Program director secured a relationship with a general contractor who will mentor youth on electrical work, and who will supervise the wiring of a house being built in the community in Q2-3.</p> <p>Youth began a formal process to define expectations and community agreements which will become a guide for working together over the coming semester; youth also began attending monthly Reparations Committee Meetings and attended a "Doing Business with the City" meeting which explained processes for contracting with the city of Asheville.</p> <p>HHI also hosted 82 students from Evergreen Charter School (2nd and 5th grades) who did a tour of the garden which allowed them to discuss community responsibility, as well as engage with topical issues such as gentrification and red lining; and then participated in service (weeding and sculpture maintenance). HHI also hosted 41 youth on 8 separate Hood Tours during the months of July - September.</p>
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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 youth participating in HHI-UI core cohort	20	13				13
# of youth who participate in a Hood Tour or other service learning from outside the Burton	500	123				123
# of projects related to Blue Note Junction that youth successfully complete	3	2				2

Comments:

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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	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000				\$ 15,000
Professional Services	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 3,000
Total	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000

Comments:

Reported costs are prorated from overall project budget and actual expenses incurred in Q1.