

# FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Asheville Creative Arts	
<b>Project Name:</b>	Hood Huggers Under Instruction (HHI/UI)	
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	x	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.

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<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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<b>Quarter 2</b>	<p>From October - November 2023 HHI supported 13 individual youth during weekly gatherings for arts, service and social emotional growth. Projects included:</p> <p>Weekly meetings in partnership with UNCA's STEAM Studio with students working with power tools such as chop, band and table saws; laser printers, autocad all in preparation for building an art kiosk in the Burton Street Community that celebrates the history of the Legacy Culture;</p> <p>Weekly neighborhood maintenance and community service including gardening, litter collection, and preparation and delivery of free CSA boxes to neighborhood elders; which included preparation, set up and clean up for the Burton Street Agriculture Fair hosted by the Burton Street Community Association in October.</p> <p>Partnered with professional landscaper who lives in the neighborhood to guide youth on removal of invasive species and preliminary prep at Blue Note Junction site. Initiated partnership with 2 additional entrepreneurs (landscaping and construction) to create paid apprenticeships for select youth in the program; as well as connecting one of the youth with the staff at Slay The Mic to learn photography and videography skills. Also partnering with Habitat for Humanity to send eligible youth to service-learning opportunities.</p> <p>In November, we welcomed a new youth director who further developed the data collection infrastructure to allow community members to post their odd jobs for the youth to work on, as well as allowing them to make donations to support the youth stipends. Continued to hone the HHI/UI model by designing a level system that incentivises youth to increase their responsibility, maturity, work ethic, and academic success. Introduced the Community Accountability Plan (CAP Playbook) to the youth.</p>
<b>Quarter 3</b>	

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Progress toward annual goals

		Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Progress
# of youth participating in HHI-UI core cohort	20	13	12			25
# of youth who participate in a Hood Tour or other service learning from outside the Burton	500	123	91			214
# of projects related to Blue Note Junction that youth successfully complete	3	2	1			3
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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	\$ 5,000			\$ 10,000
Professional Services	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000			\$ 2,000
Total	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000

### Comments:

Reported costs are prorated from overall project budget and actual expenses incurred in Q1-Q2.