

FY2025 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Bounty & Soul	
Project Name:	Farmers Alliance: Supporting Farm Viability and Farmland Preservation through Market Opportunities	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)
	x	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)

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	During Quarter 1, Bounty & Soul used grant funds to purchase 9,754 pounds of produce from 7 Buncombe County(BC) farms. Based on feedback from farmers emphasizing the need for routine purchases, we responded by making 47 purchases from these seven BC farms, totaling \$20,704.15. These purchases included A and B grade produce and food that was leftover from slow farmers' market sales, helping to reduce waste and support farmers during slower periods. The funds also enabled us to begin purchasing from three new farms in Buncombe County(Eliada Homes, The Culinary Gardener, and Sprout Culture), expanding our network of local producers. The food was distributed through our in person Produce to the People community markets, our Farmers Market Truck markets, and our Benevolent Box home delivery program reaching 30,542 individuals. We transported produce from BC farms to the consumer every week during quarter 1 totalling 13 weeks. We made one purchase from our BIPOC BC farmer, Soulful Simone Farm; however, they only had a small amount available and opted to donate the produce to our organization. Grant funds were also utilized for supplies and materials, building maintenance, and transportation/delivery costs totalling \$4,548.60.
Quarter 2	Quarter 2 began with Bounty & Soul's emergency response to Hurricane Helene. Immediately after the storm, Bounty & Soul mobilized emergency operations providing hot meals, fresh produce, and essential supplies seven days a week. We partnered with the World Central Kitchen to transport and distribute hot meals to some of the hardest hit areas in the region. We continued to make purchases and transport produce from 5 BC farms, one of which was a new BC farm partner, allowing us to reach our goal of supporting 8 BC farms. In total, we purchased 8,869 pounds of produce totalling \$14,935. The total amount spent on food purchases from BC farms through the second quarter is \$35,639, which exceeds our annual goal of spending \$25,000. We prioritized purchasing produce from BC farms that had lost their normal market outlets, providing crucial support to farmers during a challenging period. The produce purchased was distributed to 34 distribution sites across the region, 4 local restaurants preparing hot meals, our in person Produce to the People community markets, our Farmers Market Truck markets, and our Benevolent Box home delivery program reaching 33,063 individuals. We transported food from BC farms to the consumer 11 weeks during this quarter bringing our total through the second quarter to 24. Although we have exceeded our food purchasing budget for FY2025, we remain deeply committed to supporting BC farms and will continue to make purchases as they become available this season.

Quarter 3	During Quarter 3, Bounty & Soul made no local food purchases from BC local farms due to there being no availability. Therefore, we did not have transport activity, nor supplies and materials, or personnel time spent in the sourcing and distribution of local food. For this reason, we also chose not expense building maintenance costs. Despite having spent the full food purchasing award in Q1 and Q2, the organization will make local food purchases from BC farms in Q4, contributing to their sustainability. Team members will also transport, bundle and distribute BC local food across our existing 10 community markets and Benevolent Box home delivery service, as we continue to serve over 26,000 individuals monthly during the Helene Recovery.
Quarter 4	During Quarter 4, Bounty & Soul continued to make local food purchase from BC local farms in the amount of \$29,780.25, though the SPG budget had previously been expended. The Director of Food and Farms coordinated fresh food purchases according to farm availability and organizational needs. Therefore, we exceeded our goal by \$40,419.40. Team members transported from local farms over 9 weeks during the quarter, and bundled and distributed local fresh food purchases. The food was distributed via 10 weekly markets across Buncombe County, as well as through weekly home delivery to over 85 BC households and weekly delivery to 4 low income BC neighborhoods by collaborative partners. Overall, we provided fresh produce to 73,260 individuals in Buncombe County for the quarter. Unfortunately, none of the BIPOC farms with whom we have partnerships had produce available for purchase. Two farmers each had personal reasons for lack of availability, and one farm made a delayed start with growing due to the effects of Hurricane Helene. Bounty & Soul did make purchases from 3 other BIPOC farms, though none were in Buncombe County.

FY2025 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Bounty & Soul		
Project Name:	Farmers Alliance: Supporting Farm Viability and Farmland Preservation through Market Opportunities		
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)	

Progress toward annual goals

Only include new, unduplicated data for each quarter

		Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Amount spent on food purchases from Buncombe County farms	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,704.15	\$ 14,935.00	\$ -	\$ 29,780.25	\$ 65,419.40
# of Buncombe County farms supported by purchases	8	7	5	0	7	19
# of BIPOC farms supported by purchases	2	0	0	0	0	0
# of weeks of food transport from Buncombe County farms to the consumer	32	13	11	0	9	33

Comments:

We exceed our target for purchases from BC farms by \$40,419.40 and will continue to make purchases through the remainder of the season. This quarter we sourced 15,304 purchased pounds from BC farms. We have already exceeded our weekly transport goal from BC farms and will continue this practice through the remainder of the season. We anticipate achieving transport for at least 16 more weeks in this farming season. The BIPOC farmers we have partnerships with had no produce available for purchase.

FY2025 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Bounty & Soul		
Project Name:	Farmers Alliance: Supporting Farm Viability and Farmland Preservation through Market Opportunities		
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)	
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)	
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)	
	x	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)	

Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Any budget changes of more than 10% to any line item must be approved by County staff in writing in advance.

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,828.41	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 771.59	\$ -
Building Maintenance (rent, utilities, repairs)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 2,530.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -
Farm Fresh Food Purchases	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,704.15	\$ 4,295.85	\$ -		\$ (0.00)
Transportation/Delivery Costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,350.19	\$ 1,545.48	\$ -	\$ 2,104.33	\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
						\$ -
Total	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 28,252.75	\$ 11,771.33	\$ -	\$ 7,975.92	\$ -

Comments: