

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)
	x	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)
		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	<p>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.</p>
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Quarter 2	<p>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.</p>
Quarter 3	

Quarter 4	
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Progress toward annual goals

Only include new, unduplicated data for each quarter

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		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			\$ 35,639.15
# of Buncombe County farms supported by purchases	8	7	5			12
# of BIPOC farms supported by purchases	2	0	0			0
# of weeks of food transport from Buncombe County farms to the consumer	32	13	11			24

Comments:

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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	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount
		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
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Total	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 28,252.75	\$ 11,771.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,975.92

Comments: