

FY2025 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	MANNA FoodBank	
Project Name:	Addressing the Long Term Sustainability of Buncombe County's Local Food Systems	
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 Q1, the Food Sourcing Team spent time crafting our list of farmers in Buncombe County and beginning initial outreach via email and scheduling in person visits. We were able to continue our purchasing relationship with R Farms and begin purchasing from Southside Community Farms. Produce from both of these vendors was distributed directly to neighbors in need. Working with Southside was a great example of how MANNA can use this grant to come alongside work that farms are doing in the community. MANNA was able to fund produce that Southside delivered directly to a Community Engagement Market at the Grant Center. The less touch points between the harvest of food and arriving on someone's table, the bigger the win for our local food system!</p>
Quarter 2	<p>Q2 found us in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. MANNA lost our facility and our operations took several shifts over the course of the quarter. We were able to support Root Cause Farm in Fairview, but the majority of our purchasing, especially of perishable items, was on pause due to very limited cold storage in our new facility. We are looking forward to leveraging the relationships we started building in Q1 as we move in to Q3 and Q4 and enter peak growing season. We anticipate we will continue to use the model we began where we have produce delivered directly from farm to market or partner agency to minimize extraneous touches and transportation. This funding will be instrumental in ensuring we are able to support local farms as they grapple with the effects of Helene and we continue to see an increase in need throughout the county.</p>

Quarter 3

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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				
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Progress toward Annual Goal
# of farms where produce is purchased for distribution	8	2	1			3
# of pounds of purchased produce	17,066	757	365			1122
# of meals provided	20,479	908	438			1346

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 Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Food Purchases, including Freight & Handling	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 2,272.25	\$ 1,496.50			\$ 60,231.25
						\$ -
						\$ -
Total	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 2,272.25	\$ 1,496.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,231.25

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