

FY2023 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Mid-Year Report

Organization Name:	Big Ivy Community Development Club
Project Name:	Youth Engagement & Crime Prevention

Activities Accomplished	Annual Goal	Amount Completed
Percent increase in BCSO utilization of the satellite office at BICC	10%	20%
Number of cameras purchased and installed	2	0
Number of participants at the Youth Night Community Events	60	230

Expenses (please list <u>all</u> grant related expenses)	Amount Spent
TOTAL:	\$ -

Narrative summary of grant related activities

July - December 2022 for the Safer Riverside project, Big Ivy balanced building BCSO (Buncombe County Sheriff's Office) relationships, creatively engaging community, researching camera systems, gathering quotes, and upgrading infrastructure.

Big Ivy:

- Continued to maintain onsite BCSO maintained by BICC and available 24/7 to BCSO officers.
- Co hosted with BCSO three successful summer youth events in 2022 on June 17 with over 60 community participants, July 15 with over 150 participants, and August 9 with over 20. We all appreciated Officer Keenan Nesbitt coordination and consistent presence at Big Ivy this summer. The days leading up to the event, officers were on site helping. BCSO did lots of work preparing for the youth events and while on site engaged in many positive interactions with Big Ivy volunteers and community families enjoying the grounds. BCSO obtained and installed eight new basketball hoops, cleaned event areas, mowed the grass, pitched in funds for opening pool chemicals, along with many other jobs. Officers and BCSO volunteers were on site during each event including a very popular K9, Officer Kora, providing great food, games, giveaways, and community good will.
- Consulted with several BCSO officers on security camera strategies, systems, placement, and costs. Special thanks to Officer Aramani Meadows of the BCSO RTIC (Real Time Intelligence Center) for sharing his extensive knowledge and contacts.
- Met with three camera contracts so far and are gathering quotes and references.
- Have secured an IT expert, Tim Buckner retired UNCA IT librarian and Big Ivy Board of Directors member, to review all proposals before a full Board of Directors vote.
- The goal is to make an agreement with a RTIC compliant security camera contractor before March 31, 2023.