FY2023 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Mid-Year Report

Organization Name:	Blue Ridge Public Radio (WCQS FM)
Project Name:	StoryCraft

Activities Accomplished	**Annual Goal**	**Amount Completed**
Number of youth served	15	18
Number of pieces of content created	15	15
Number of pieces aired on the radio or published online	5	3
Number of artist mentors participating	4	4

Expenses (please list all grant related expenses)	**Amount Spent**
Payment to Arteria Collective (Formerly AWITSC) for artist mentors	$3,000
Payment to Arteria Collective (Formerly AWITSC) for administrative costs	$1,000
Payment to Arteria Collective (Formerly AWITSC) for youth stipends	$1,000
TOTAL:	$ 5,000

Narrative summary of grant related activities

BPR and Arteria Collective collaborated a six week storytelling training initiative in July and August 2022 that served approximately 15-18 youth per session. (23 total signed up). Two former StoryCraft youth participants from 2021 served as interns and assistant artist mentors. Workshops focused on supporting youth in creative self-expression through poetry, spoken word, drawing, music, interviewing and more. At the end of the series of workshops, youth came to the BPR studios for conversations and recording sessions. Following the workshops, artist mentors returned to the BPR studios to record reflections on the summer cycle of StoryCraft. BPR artist mentor Mike Martinez then produced one extended feature and digital story centering the youth voices that was broadcast on 4 different occassions, and one digital audio short. BPR also worked one-on-one with an Asheville teen to document Arteria's Family Voices initiative and produce an on-air story that ran on 4 different occassions as well as a digital piece. BPR aims to continue working with Ateria collective this winter/spring to air several more pieces produced by or centering local youth. We are supplementing the costs with additional funding from another grantor.