

FY2023 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Mid-Year Report

Organization Name:	Bountiful Cities
Project Name:	Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council: Neighborhood Emergency Food Preparedness Cold Storage Project

Activities Accomplished	Annual Goal	Amount Completed
Number of neighborhood partners established to plan and install community cold storage	1	2
Number of community volunteer hours paid \$25 per hour stipends	40	0
Number of outreach/marketing events to promote the project	4	1

Expenses (please list <u>all</u> grant related expenses)	Amount Spent
No expenses yet	

TOTAL: \$ -

Narrative summary of grant related activities

At this point, the ABFPC has identified two Asheville neighborhoods interested in collaborating to install community refrigerators — Shiloh and Oakley. We met in August with the folks who operate the South French Broad Free Fridge to learn about their project and find out some of the challenges they've encountered. We then met with leadership at the Shiloh Community Garden in December to determine a potential site for a community refrigerator near its existing outdoor pantry, and they are working out logistics for running electrical connections to that location. In September, the ABFPC connected with the Fairview Road Resilience Garden and the Oakley Neighborhood Association and determined there was interest in the project for the Oakley community, so in October, ABFPC staff presented to the Oakley Neighborhood Association membership about the project. ONA has appointed a point person for the project and they are creating a committee. ONA and ABFPC have met with Oakley organizations, including WNCAP, Oakley Library, and Oakley United Methodist Church, about being hosting sites for the fridge, and we are still trying to work out the best location. Additionally, ABFPC is partnering with local Black-owned contracting company KS Phillips Construction to develop individual designs for protective shelters at each site to house and protect the refrigerators. We anticipate being able to purchase refrigerators and engage community members in assisting with installation and construction of shelters for them this spring.