

FY2023 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Mid-Year Report

Organization Name:	RiverLink
Project Name:	Take Me To The River: Piloting A New Afterschool Program

Activities Accomplished	Annual Goal	Amount Completed
Number of organizations included in test program	3	1
Number of activities hosted with partners	6	4
Number of students participating in activities	60	12
Percent of students who report an increased interested in the environment and/or the river	50%	80%

Expenses (please list <u>all</u> grant related expenses)	Amount Spent
Orbeez and Kinetic Sand	\$95.92
Watercolor pencils	\$111.07
Candy	\$17.32
Chemistry testing refills	\$163.47
Stream Table supplies	\$62.15

TOTAL: \$ 450

Narrative summary of grant related activities

During the fall semester we worked with Open Doors Asheville to host an activity once-a-week for 4 weeks. Turnout varies from week to week, but the average attendance was around 12 students. Together we sampled for macroinvertebrates, tested water quality, explored the impacts of stormwater, and investigated erosion and flooding with our interactive stream table. At the end of our 4 weeks together we utilized a short game show style feedback session to assess the students knowledge and opinions about the river. We had started the planning process for programming with The Christine Avery Learning Center, but they had some scheduling issues related to construction at their facility so we had to postpone that partnership until the spring. We are currently in the process of hiring a new Science and Equity Educator who will oversee this expansion of our program into the afterschool realm. We hope to have this new educator on board by mid-February so they can work more with community partners and meet the deliverables for this grant.