

**Isaac Coleman Community Innovation Grants
Application Summary Sheet**

APPLICANT	MY COMMUNITY MATTERS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM
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PROJECT	Collaboration with Positive Changes and Writers in Schools
Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housed in Arthur R. Edington Career and Education Center and Asheville GreenWorks
Shared Aspiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipeline for empowerment and educational opportunity for youth of color who are experiencing poverty and/or live in low wealth communities
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>My Community Matters Empowerment Program (MCM)</u>: Recruitment, intake, soft skill development <u>Positive Youth Changes Ministries (PCYM)</u>: skill building, leadership training, tutoring, mentoring, college exploration, college readiness <u>Asheville Writers in Schools and the Community: Word on the Street (WOTS)</u> online arts and culture magazine by and for youth of color, mentorship in design, marketing, writing, editing, photography, videography <u>Asheville GreenWorks</u>: internships, employment opportunities, volunteer opportunities, leadership training
Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap around mentorship and access to learning during out of school time hours (75-100 youth) Connection to paid internships, support with college and scholarship applications, and exposure to potential career paths Feedback and evaluation approach
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic success, school readiness, increased skills, value of education, social capital, educational attainment, self-determination, cultural literacy
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No non-financial support requested
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Our organizations have long standing collaborative relationships with Asheville City Schools, Asheville City Schools Foundation, and Buncombe County Schools. We believe with intentional effort we can strengthen relationships between school, family, and community in a collaborative effort to create a pipeline toward academic excellence and economic opportunity.”