FY2024 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Report

Organization Name:	Fiscal Sponsorship Allies
Project Name:	Southside Community Farm BIPOC Garden Days

Activities Accomplished	Annual Goal	Amount Completed
Number of workshops conducted	6	5
Number of workshop attendees	60	72
Number of recordings created	6	0

Expenses (please list all grant related expenses)			Amount Spent
Workshop Materials	$	1,300.00 $492.75	$492.75
Workshop Leader Stipends	$	1,200.00 $1,500.00	$1,500.00
Food for Workshop Participants	$	600.00 $232.68	$232.68
Labor (Southside Community Farm	$	1,500.00 $750.00	$750.00
Community Outreach Materials	$	200.00 $199.99	$199.99
Herb Drying Rack	$	200.00 0	$ -
		TOTAL:	$ 3,175

Narrative summary of grant related activities
From July through October we hosted five BIPOC Garden Day workshops at the Southside Community Farm. This is our first year hosting workshops at our BIPOC Garden Days and the response was overwhelmingly positive. As the season progressed and we were able to market into the community more, workshop participation grew. Our workshop hosted 22 people with the average around 20 towards the end of the farming season. Participants provided positive verbal feeback and consistently asked for more opportunities to attend workshops. As with past years, BIPOC Garden Days are not only an opportunity to connect with the land and build skills, but also provide a space of joy and connection for BIPOC community. People end up staying sometimes hours after the workshops have ended chatting, sharing meals, and spending time in the garden space. This year community members cleared, prepped, and planted herbs in two new herb garden spaces. Utilizing some of these herbs and other medicinal plants as workshop supplies, we learned to make salves, fire-cider, and incense. While we did not have the capacity to implement video recordings last season we are re-visiting how to build capacity and plan for this in the future. We are excited to keep up the work and offer more classes this coming farm season.