

FY2022 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Report

Organization Name:	Bountiful Cities
Project Name:	Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council - Emergency Food Preparedness Working Group

Activities Accomplished	Annual Goal	Amount Completed
Number of hours worked by community members	20	30
Number of community emergency preparedness workshops	4	4*
Number of outdoor pantries installed	1	1

Expenses (please list all grant related expenses)	Amount Spent
Coordination expenses	\$ 1,188.00
Community compensation expenses	\$ 750.00
Pantry expenses	\$ 2,298.00
Neighborhood surveys, workshop expenses, etc.	\$ 291.00
Projector, screen, mic, amp equipment	\$ 485.00

TOTAL: \$ 5,012

Overall project updates:	<p>*As noted in the Mid-Year Report, instead of hosting the originally planned neighborhood workshops, this project moved forward in the East End neighborhood with an Emergency Food Preparedness Survey and resulting report, collaborating with COAD to offer risk assessment information and CERT training opportunities, and partnering with Cultivating Resilience to identify other resources for helping residents see how food can be part of community resilience efforts. From this work, a Neighborhood Emergency Food Plan was developed and approved by neighborhood leaders. The ABFPC will join with Buncombe County COAD leader Alex McKnight and City of Asheville Office of Sustainability staff Kiera Bulan on July 14 to present the plan and talk about neighborhood emergency food preparedness at the Legacy Neighborhood Coalition meeting. Representatives from the Shiloh, Southside, East End/Valley Street, Burton Street, and Emma neighborhoods will be in attendance. (East End Food Plan: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fPAdoipUVmXMABd2TyROzkd-Lfidr9vz_Cu2RcZtKjc/edit?usp=sharing)</p> <p>As for the other three neighborhoods initially involved in the ABFPC's emergency food preparedness project, Shiloh and Southside, neighborhood leaders opted to put a hold on planning for the time being, but at the suggestion of neighborhood leadership, information materials were distributed in Southside through tabling at public events, and we are going to begin construction on an outdoor pantry at the Southside Community Farm in August leveraging other funding streams. The ABFPC also continues to update Shiloh leaders about COAD activities and resources. However, in Deaverview, three neighborhood leaders met with the ABFPC in May and initiated development of a Neighborhood Emergency Food Preparedness Plan, electing to also implement a survey process rather than hosting a workshop. Starting in June, four neighborhood project leaders began going door to door with printed surveys to gather input from the neighborhoods 260+ residents, offering gift cards as drawing prizes to encourage participation. A mic, speaker, projector, and screen were purchased with Tipping Point funds to accommodate future meetings as the plans are implemented. (Deaverview survey:</p>
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	<p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CjXIE6XEyB87b6CKSd_BJHgALUJxY4-2wnn9wi3u0eA/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>We were able to meet an unexpected need with the Deaverview outdoor pantry when leaders noticed that a large, dangerous mud pit was forming in front of the pantry door. Residents purchased supplies and constructed a paved area and walkway in front of the pantry, and we were able to leverage Tipping Point funds to reimburse them for the materials and compensate them at a rate of \$25/hour for their labor. The ABFPC also used Tipping Point funds to design, print, and laminate an information sheet about our outdoor pantry project, which is being distributed through neighborhood leaders, community organizations, and online.</p>
<p>Indicators of service quality: <i>(How well did we do it?)</i></p>	<p>East End residents have expressed that they are thrilled with their Neighborhood Emergency Food Preparedness Plan and encouraged the ABFPC to present the plan to other neighborhoods through the Legacy Neighborhood Coalition. Deaverview residents, excited by their outdoor pantry project, have now begun actively working with the ABFPC to create their own Emergency Food Preparedness Plan. Their pantry is seeing heavy traffic, and they are dedicated to seeing it succeed, so they elected on their own to improve it and make it safer with a paved standing area and walkway. Deaverview community leadership is also actively partnering with local farmers and community organizations to ensure that the pantry stays stocked. Members of other communities who have heard about the pantries on social media or by word of mouth, are now looking into installing pantries as well.</p>
<p>Result/Outcome: <i>(Is anyone better off)</i></p>	<p>East End and Deaverview residents report that their outdoor pantries are getting consistent use from community members, with supplies turning over daily or every other day. ABFPC hosted a Neighborhood Emergency Food Preparedness Plan information meeting with Deaverview neighborhood leaders in May and they are now gathering resident input to begin developing their own plan, which they say their community desperately needs based on their experiences with limited food access during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>