

2019 CAWACO ANNUAL REPORT

2019 Small Farmer Outreach

To enhance and supplement the Grantee's efforts to implement NRCS Farmer Educational Outreach meetings in FY 2019

Smith Lake Cleanup and Fish Habitat Improvement

The purpose of this project is to cleanup Smith Lake by facilitation of one or more cleanups as well as development of fish habitats throughout the lake.

City of Hoover EXPLORE Playground

Install an EXPLORE playground and splash pad designed to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities with a focus on universal design

Thorsby School Fence Project

To secure our elementary students as they play on the playground. This fence will secure over 350 students as well as draw positive attention to the front of the school and mark it as the center of the community.

Swiftwater Rescue Equipment

Rocky Ridge Fire District, which has jurisdiction over nine miles of the Cahaba River, seeks to obtain all the necessary equipment, as mandated by NFPA 1670, to enable us to successfully rescue and/or recover people who are injured or drowning in the Cahaba River.

Chromebooks for All

Seeking to equip every student with a chromebook by procuring 200 additional chrome books.

21st Century STEM Classroom

The intent of the project is to give students in a rural school system the same opportunities and access to real world, hands on testing and analysis in the world of biology and anatomy as schools in more affluent areas. We would like to be able to create real interest in students in the sciences. The equipment will be used across grades 7-12 at Cleveland High School.

Boldo FD Generator

We need a backup generator for our fire department

HVAC Replacement

To replace 2 HVAC units at Shelby Ironworks Park

McCalla Youth Athletic Complex

Funding to establish a Youth Complex in McCalla that will provide home for organized sports activities as well as a walking track, playground, pavilion and football/soccer fields.

DAV Community Outreach

Host 2 workshops to outreach to the Birmingham area veteran population about the services the local DAV provides.

Workplace Introduction Initiative

Our project hopes to provide resume building skills and job training for pre-release inmates by creating a workplace development classroom.

Accessible Swing for Locust Fork

To serve an often overlooked segment of our population with the addition of a wheelchair accessible swing to our community park playground.

Town Park Solar Lighting & Charging Stations

To enhance safety and the utilization of community green space, and to serve the community and first responders with the addition of solar lighting and charging stations in the Town Park.

Field Trip Garden Accessibly

Aldridge Gardens requests funds to build an ADA-accessible pathway for schoolchildren to access our current Field Trip Garden. The path is part of Aldridge Gardens' long-term plan to provide accessible pathways throughout the Gardens.

"The Hippy Generation"

"Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a home-based, parent involvement program that brings early learning educational materials into the homes of those most at risk because of poverty, parents' limited education.

Backpack Food Program

Our mission is to help needy children in area schools by providing food for the weekend through a Friday backpack food program. We currently serve 8 schools and distributed 26,444 backpacks to needy children in the 2017-18 school year.

Higher Thinking with Hydroponics

Pairs Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) with a hydroponic growing lab at Bluff Park Elementary. This is part of a multi-phase movement designed to bring physical STEAM stations throughout the school.

Project Power the Greenhouses

To provide solar panels for the greenhouse at Manna Farms

Full Plate: Local Foods in Under-served Communities

Funds to be used to purchase the following: Tiller, wheel barrow, fruit trees, irrigation system.

Birmingham Schools Conservation Partnership

To provide field trips to the NaturePlex in Millbrook to children within the Birmingham City School system.

Litter Quitters

To develop a "Watershed Video Competition" as an educational tool to address litter abatement. The winners of the competition will receive cash prizes totaling \$1750. Additional funds will be spent on media campaigns.

Dementia Education for First Responders

To increase first responder capabilities and education relating to calls involving dementia patients.

Oneonta Public Safety Technology Grant

Purchase of cameras and computer software that will be utilized by all city first responders, EMA officials, Sheriff officers and fire departments.

Kansas Veterans Memorial Park Partial Restoration

Refurnish Kansas Veterans Park by building two sets of bleachers for only ballpark; Replace children's swing sets and playground equipment, paint buildings and redo bathrooms to the extent of \$6,000.00.

Communications for Thatch VFD

To provide communications equipment to our members for emergency call response in the community.

Allgood VFD Turnout Gear

Purchase of new turnout gear for the department.

RC&D Grows Gardens Cawaco works with other Councils as well as schools and communities to distribute vegetable seed and soil throughout Alabama

RC&D Program Training To cover expenses of attending state and local training for Board and Staff.

Career Development Internships

Cawaco partners to provide opportunities for high school and college internships. These opportunities will provide students with resume-building experiences in the field that they are pursuing. Through other grant funding, Cawaco has previously hosted natural resource based internships. Funding will provide an opportunity to expand internships to other occupational fields.

Tool Trailer Funds necessary to maintain, manage and equip the cargo trailer that is used by volunteer groups to create and maintain trails in the Cawaco 5-county area.

The Reilly Center

Educational materials for the Reilly Center that educates special needs children from Blount County.

Body Cameras/First Responder Safety

Body cameras for Jemison's police force

Camp Fletcher Historical Marker

Purchase a historical marker for Camp Fletcher, the first scout camp in Alabama for African American Children, founded by Alabama's first registered African American nurse. A raid on the camp by the KKK prompted Governor "Big" Jim Folsom to sign the civil rights bill into law on June 28, 1949.

Better Training Leads to Better Care

Purchased a state of the art Advanced Life Support training mannequin. This will give every EMT and Paramedic as close to real life training to create better providers, which will lead to better patient care.

Conservation Education

To provide conservation education to students and landowners of not only Walker County but surrounding areas as well. During FY2017 we reached 3,083 attendees through our workshops, career days and educational programs, we also had 22,917 Facebook views on posts for that time period.

Summer Learning

Funds from this grant will enhance and expand instructional enrichment activities around STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & math) with the vital skill of reading (STREAM) in a project-based format for summer participants all over Blount County.

Feathered Friends

This program will be based upon Project FeederWatch from Cornell University. Participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities will learn about bird characteristics, identifying species and their songs, feeding, habits and habitats of birds that use feeders, how to use binoculars for birding and also computer use for the input of data to Cornell for research. Participants will increase their time outdoors by taking the skills learned through feeder watching to our local parks and birding trails.

Humane Traps and Dart Net Guns

Purchase devices to humanely capture and transport animals in walker County.

Identification Badges for First Responders

Creation of official badges to identify first responder personnel.

Project Lifesaver Bracelets

The program provides a bracelet which emits a radio tracking signal to help locate a patient who has wandered. We partner with the sheriff department to identify citizens at risk for wandering so they can be Located and returned home safely.

Summer BASIC 2019

BASIC sports and academic program's objective is to close the learning loss gap through reading and math instruction in an environment that is friendly, fun, and actively engaging. BASIC is dedicated to improving student learning.

New Large Diameter Fire Hose(4") with Appliances.

The North Smithfield Manor - Greenleaf Heights Fire District is seeking funding for 1000' of 4" hose with necessary appliances to bring the Department up to date on National Fire Protection Codes and Standards for fire hose.

Chilton County Robotics

A total of 13 teachers will teach engineering, computer science, and robotics classes in six sites. Teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade will provide hands on classroom environments. We also provide training and resources and support teachers in engaging the students in real-world learning experiences.

Emergency Air Bag

Purchase of one 106 ton 5 bag Emergency Lifting Airbag System

Youth Summer Program

To provide Walker County youth access to summer programs. This grant will cover the cost of bus and transport to the summer SKY programming.

Health and Safety

This grant will allow us to purchase 2-4 gas detectors with components to mount to trucks, three water/foam can fire extinguishers and a portable rechargeable scene light.

Electronic Sign for Kayak/ Canoe Launch

In order to create a safer environment at the canoe launch location, the city will erect two radar speed signs on either side of the canoe launch to help increase awareness of ones speed and driving habits in the area.

US F&WS Partners for Fish & wildlife

Management of the US F&WS program funding for on the ground conservation efforts in strategic habitats. Projects will help support habitat conservation efforts within priority areas as identified by the US Fish & Wildlife service.

Getting Alabama to Work!

APT will aggregate, vet and promote a list of websites and resources and job openings available in the region to inform the residents of Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby and Walker counties about job openings and pathways to skilled jobs.

TCNP Serving Students

To provide educational opportunities to an additional 1000 students during FY 2019

USDA/NRCS Outreach

To further the goals and objectives of the NRCS by providing exposure to experts, professionals and opportunities provided by the NRCS. Ten workshops will be held within the Councils 5-county area.

Strategic Habitat Internships

Supports efforts of the US Fish and Wildlife Service critical habitat initiative by providing interns providing stream crossing assessments, state agency support with technical, analytical, and field support. Data provided will populate the Alabama Rivers and Streams Network SHU (Strategic Habitat Unit) Mapper that is used for prioritizing aquatic restoration areas, and provide information for species recovery.

Sensory Trail

To build and develop a Sensory Trail at Buck Creek Trail in Alabaster for individuals with special needs and multiple disabilities.

Welcome Garden Beautification

Purchase of plant markers and interpretive signage for the Montevallo Welcome Garden

Cahaba River Park Signage

Design, purchase and installation of Cahaba River Park entrance and wayfinding signage.

Agribusiness Bleachers

To repair bleachers at the Blount County Agribusiness Center so that seating can be easily provided when needed and then rolled back to the exterior wall at other times so that there will be appropriate room for County Fair Exhibits and other activities.

Joe Tucker Park

To improve the Boundless Playground function and appearance by making much needed repairs to the playground and equipment.

NFWF Trispot Darter Study

This study will be used to enhance the knowledge of the distribution and range of the Trispot Darter in the middle Coosa watershed (Big Canoe Creek and Oostanaula River) confirmed by conducting field visits to sites identified with positive eDNA sampling. Expanding the distributional knowledge of the Trispot Darter throughout its range will lead to new conservation opportunities for the species. Partners include GSA, UWA, Georgia Dept of Natural Resources and Cawaco RC&D.