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Cawaco Internships

Internship opportunities were provided to two high school and three college students to provide on-the job training opportunities.



Emergency HVAC Unit

Purchased and installed a new HVAC unit at a location that houses three ARC residents who are on ventilators and/or in Hospice.

Mulberry Fork Repairs

Repair damage to Mulberry Fork streambank in Blountsville AL.

Trail Building Equipment

Management/storage and maintenance of the Cawaco Tool Trailer. The trailer is housed on location at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve and is made available to volunteer groups who use the tools for trail building.

Multijurisdictional Training Facility Improvements

The money went towards the purchasing of two 40-foot-long shipping containers that were placed adjacent to the preexisting burn building and will be used for extensive training exercises.

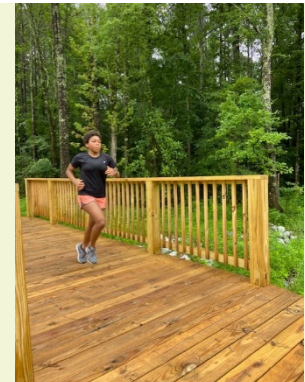


Shelby County Teacher Workforce Experience

Shelby County educators applied for the program, to be placed at a partner employer for a set amount of time. The partner employer then created a plan for the educator that exposed them to a variety of occupations and skills at the host company. At the conclusion of the program, the educator created a lesson plan consistent with Alabama Standards relevant to their course of study for the career(s).

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Hope's Kitchen	Purchased commercial soup pot that cooks 120 servings in one pot and tilts for easy serving from the pot. It has been installed on the food truck that delivers hot meals to Walker County residents who cannot travel to the church to eat.
Read and Rise Summer Camps!	Cawaco funds were used to provide supplies/resources and staff in support of all summer learning activities provided by BCEF. The camps included visual arts, music, STEAM, Jr. Fire Academic, and library/literacy camps.
Station Upgrades and Equipment	We purchased much needed equipment for the fire department: an AED device and case, a thermal kit, three nozzles, and a trauma backpack. We were also able to buy some of the building supplies for the station's add-on which is an ongoing project.
North Titusville Community Garden on Iota Street	Funds were used to clear a vacant lot and install raised beds that are being utilized by the community.
Learn and Play Everyday --- It's the HIPPY Way!	We purchased the required, HIPPY curriculum in both English and Spanish for 2 – 4 year olds that teaches parents how to teach their children.
Art Abilities: Art and Music Therapy	The funds were used to support the instruction of 16 Art Abilities teaching sessions taught at Chelsea Park Elementary and Chelsea High School.
Cross-Country Trail Project at Jasper High School	The cross-country trail was improved to provide a safe and defined trail course for the JHS cross-country athletic team, as well as the general public. Improvements included: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Building a runner-pedestrian bridge across a creek2. Signage3. Expand trail to 3.1 miles.
Your Town Alabama 2021 Curriculum Update	Funds were used to pay Tatum Design to update the Your Town curriculum and align it with the website (www.yourtownalabama.org).



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Refreshing 20th Street N, Birmingham's Main Street

Funding purchased 31 trees, including Aeryn Trident Maple, Winterking Hawthorne, Urbanite Ash, Australis Bay Magnolia, Nuttall Oak, and Willow Oak. Trees were identified based on the full landscape plan created by the project landscape architect, and Hunter Trees sold us the trees at wholesale prices.



Alabama Lions Sight Mobile Eye Clinic

We used the money to pay for scholarships for the indigent who could not afford the \$20.00 copay and 40.00 to 60.00 glasses.

Town Creek Phase 2

Jasper Main Street spent the money on sidewalk extension and handrails along the sidewalks for ADA compliance.



Windows into a New World

Completely replaced 1950s-era windows with new energy-efficient windows. This will provide adequate lighting for arts classes and programs currently being conducted in this partially-constructed facility.

Dennison Community Garden

Rented a bobcat, installed water, and got a wooden sign created for the project that will provide therapeutic farming opportunities and fresh vegetables to veterans.

Project Hopewell

Money was spent on the project for supplies, garden equipment, stipends for Interns, door prizes and food for demonstrations and food tastings.

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Palisades Park Hiking Trail Rehabilitation

The Blount County Commission, in cooperation with the Palisades Park Board, hired Williams Land Service LLC who used specialized equipment and experienced labor to accomplish the Park Trail Clean-up after a tornado downed trees throughout the park.

Eyes on Driver Safety

Rosa Fire purchased a light system to provide visual alertness to our drivers while opening and pulling apparatus out of our station. This shows that the bay doors are fully open before driving out. We also purchased 360 degree "birds eye view" cameras for our apparatus to help us doing response, operating at a scene. This is very helpful when only one person is driving the apparatus to maintain safety all around the unit.

Woodlawn High School Apprenticeship

Funds supported operations of the WHS Apprenticeship, including salaries for WHS Apprentices (\$10/hour) and the Woodlawn High School Teaching Farm Instructor and Farm Manager. Both the Instructor and Farm Manager are critical to the success of our apprenticeship model as our apprentices directly benefit from their work and life experiences, direction, and oversight while they are learning and working on the farm.

Environmental Education in Montevallo

We used the funds to provide educational programs to students at Montevallo Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. We used some funds to pay for virtual field trip experiences (32 classrooms, K-6), we used some funds to pay for in-person field trips at the high school (3 classrooms), and then we paid for 2 scholarships for students to attend our K-2 summer weeklong day camp, which was in-person.

Obtaining Battery Powered Power Tools for Rescue

We were able to purchase 2- 9" battery powered cut-off saws, 2- 16" battery powered chainsaws, and 1 electric PPV Fan which would eliminate the exhaust smell being pumped into structures while strongly forcing smoke and odors outside safely!

Turkey Creek Cabin Renovation

The master bedroom ceiling was textured, and the sliding closet doors fixed. The small bedroom was repainted and both rooms had single globe ceiling fans with LED bulbs installed. Two coats of paint were required for the living room, and a cracked storm window was repaired. The kitchen ceiling was smoothed out and spray texture was added. The kitchen sink was replaced, and sheet rock added to the side doorway. The kitchen and front doors were also repainted, and the 15 windows throughout the house were primed and painted.

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Stadium Lights at Kansas Veterans Park

To put 4 poles in the ground and install 16 stadium lights on poles.

Project Lifesaver Bracelets

We purchased Project Lifesaver Equipment including a total of 18 transmitter kits, 100 bands, and 50 batteries. These are purchased from Project Lifesaver International and are then passed on to the Jefferson County Sheriff's department who will meet with the family and place the bracelet on their loved one.

SEA Edible Garden

Grant money was used to purchase tools and plants, and materials for a fence to put alongside Shelby emergency Assistance property. The edible Garden is available to the community.



Backyard Blessing (BYB) Children's Food Program

Funds were used to purchase food that was given to students and families throughout Walker County.

Camp Fletcher Dining Hall Construction Project

Grant funds from were used to cover construction expenses for the new building.



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Robotics in Agriculture

Purchased FarmBot raised bed CNC machines that are used at LeCroy Tech to teach students the technology that is advancing in the field of agriculture.



Conservation Education

The funding allowed Walker County Soil & Water to continue to support and conduct educational programs.

Shelby County High School HOPE Instructional Garden

Shelby FFA created a School/Community Garden that is utilized by the school Ag department and special needs classes. The HOPE Garden works in conjunction with the local Tziki's restaurant to teach students job skills as well as providing them with employment when eligible.

City Sweep



Support of weekend city-wide clean-up efforts by the City of Oneonta that included recycling, free garbage disposal and installation of new trash cans throughout the downtown area.

Chimney Swift Towers at Putnam Middle School

We used the funding from Cawaco to engage a construction firm and build two state-of-the-art swift towers on the property.

Relax at Minooka Park

Purchased five round metal picnic tables for a 420-acre park owned and operated by the Chilton County Commission. The park offers off-highway vehicle trails, fishing, hiking, and RV camping.

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River Restoration Nursery



FLFR leased the location for and built a hoop house, a storage shed and a workstation to grow seedlings. Paid for a Naturalist advisor and consultant, also contracted a manager to oversee the Nursery and the landscaping at the Grand Staircase.

James A. Cox Park Playground Project

Installed 4 park benches, 2 trash receptacles, 1 bike rack, 1 faux gravel pad, sod, and sidewalk work and curb and gutter work. Signage

Communications Equipment

We bought communication equipment for the Barney Fire Department.

3-D COVID Killers



The STEAM students 3D printed and distributed protective face shields to elders and first responders for protection against the COVID-19 virus.

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Water Rescue Team Building

Funding provided by this grant was used to purchase water rescue equipment. This equipment included: 1) rapid deployment watercraft, 2) rescue boards, 2) set of rescue fins, 6) PFD's 6) helmets with lights, 6) throw bags, and 1) rescue tube.



ALS Training Mannequin

The money was used to purchase a deluxe advanced life support training mannequin from Nasco. This mannequin will be held at the fire station and will allow us training opportunities outside of our scheduled refresher classes.

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