

2008/2009 Healthy Community Grant Recipients



Jasper County Farmers Market



The intent of the farmers' market is to create a viable community market that will promote and sustain small businesses and farming in and around Jasper County. Funding from the Healthy Community Grant Program will help Jasper County complete Phase I of the Jasper County Farmers' Market Restoration. Funds will be used to finish the commercial kitchen. The Jasper County Farmers' Market serves as an incubator for small businesses as well as an outlet for small and large farmers in a multi-county region. The Market hosts the only wholesale auction market in South Carolina as well as a twice-weekly retail market on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, visit www.jaspercountysc.org.

City of Savannah



Savannah's sustainability efforts are referred to as the Thrive initiative. As a part of Thrive, the City of Savannah has partnered with Healthy Savannah and the Savannah Bicycle Campaign to achieve status as a "Bicycle Friendly Community," which is awarded by the League of American Bicyclists. The City of Savannah is committed to improving bicycle accessibility because of the positive impact cycling has on the fitness, quality of life, environment, and accessibility of the community. In an effort to achieve "Bicycle Friendly Community" status, Savannah is currently working to improve accessibility and accommodations for cyclists in the greater downtown area. With funding from the Healthy Community Grant Program, the City will add bicycle racks and purchase directional signs for the downtown area. For more information, visit www.savannahga.gov.



Lowcountry Local First

Lowcountry Local First (LLF) is the 44th chapter of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). LLF advocates the benefits of a local living economy by strengthening community support for independent, locally-owned businesses and farmers. Healthy Community Grant dollars will assist LLF in developing a Farm Fresh Food Guide, an interactive local food directory. This will make it easier for growers to add stability to their farm business by forming well-chosen partnerships with restaurants, grocers and communities. For more information, visit www.lowcountrylocalfirst.org.

Riverview Charter School

Riverview Charter School aim to create a small, diverse learning community that actively engages students in meaningful and innovative learning experiences. Emphasizing "learning by doing", family and community involvement, and engaged citizenship, Riverview is committed to nurturing the whole child and preparing each student for a global society. Through in-kind services awarded by the grant program, Ward Edwards will work closely with the school to develop a community learning program, where the natural environment as well as the local history and culture, will be infused. For more information, visit www.riverviewcharterschool.org.



Hardeeville Middle School



Hardeeville Middle/High School is one of two educational institutions housed on the Jasper County Schools campus. The school opened in October 2007 and services students from the city of Hardeeville and southern Jasper county. This educational institution is currently in the process of implementing a Math/Science and Engineering Academy with the middle school developing a Gateway To Technology curriculum and the high school adopting the Project Lead The Way course of study. Through in-kind services awarded by the grant program, Ward Edwards will serve on the Advisory Board. For more information, visit www.jcsd.net.

