



**Community Innovation Grant
FINAL Report**

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| Organization: | | | | | |
| Project Title: | | | | | |
| Primary Contact: | | | | | |
| Amount: | | Grant Term: | | Grant ID: | |
| Report Date: | | | Submitted By: | | |

As part of the Foundation’s efforts to inspire and support community innovation across the region, and in response to grantee and community interest in learning from each other, we would like to share what you are learning publicly. We will be posting a few of your answers to the questions below on our website. You may mark answers as confidential, however, experiencing and learning from successes and failures is an important part of the innovation process and something that we hope you will consider sharing both with us and the broader community.

Instructions: Please put an X in the left box of any answer you want kept confidential; the right box will expand to accept your answer.

What specific aspects, components or activities related to your work over the entire grant term were most instrumental to making progress? Why was each important? (Up to three answers, 200 words maximum each)

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What key lessons did you learn about doing your work during this year? Were any the result of something you might characterize as failure? (Up to three answers, 200 words maximum each)

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The diagram on the last page of this report form describes the work Community Innovation Grants support. We've provided it to help you complete the table below and the following questions.

Instructions: Please determine the MAIN focus of your work for each of the three time periods provided (rows), give a very brief description (up to 50 words) of that work, and assign it to the most appropriate stage of the CI diagram (columns). We'd like to collect this information to further our own learning about this work. Because of that, we ask that you fill in only one box per row.

| | Identifying a community need or issue | Increasing collective understanding of the issue | Generating possible solutions to address the issue | Testing or beginning to implement possible solutions to the address issue |
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| We did this most recently prior to the CI grant | | | | |
| We are doing this now | | | | |
| We plan on doing this next (if applicable) | | | | |

Instructions: For the remaining questions, please keep your answer to 200 words maximum; put an X in the box to the left of the question if you want the answer kept confidential; the box below the question will expand to accept your answer.

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Looking at the community innovation process diagram on the last page of this report, and how it might relate to the work you completed through your grant, **what element of the diagram, if any, was most important to completing your work?**

Looking at the community innovation process diagram on the last page of this report, and how it might relate to the work you completed through your grant, **what other elements not included on the diagram, if any, were instrumental in completing your work?**

What progress, if any, have you made toward achieving an innovation—a breakthrough in addressing a community need that is more effective, equitable or sustainable than existing approaches—and why do you think you are closer now, or further away, than when you started the grant?

If you did not achieve the innovation, what additional progress, work, or steps would be required to reach that breakthrough or innovation?

What are the next steps or plans, if any, for continuing this project?

If you could go back to the start of your grant period and give yourself one piece of advice or learning, what would it be? Why would this have been important to know?

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What impact has the Bush Community Innovation grant had on your organization and/or work? (Responses to this question will remain confidential).

What else would you like to share with us? (Optional)

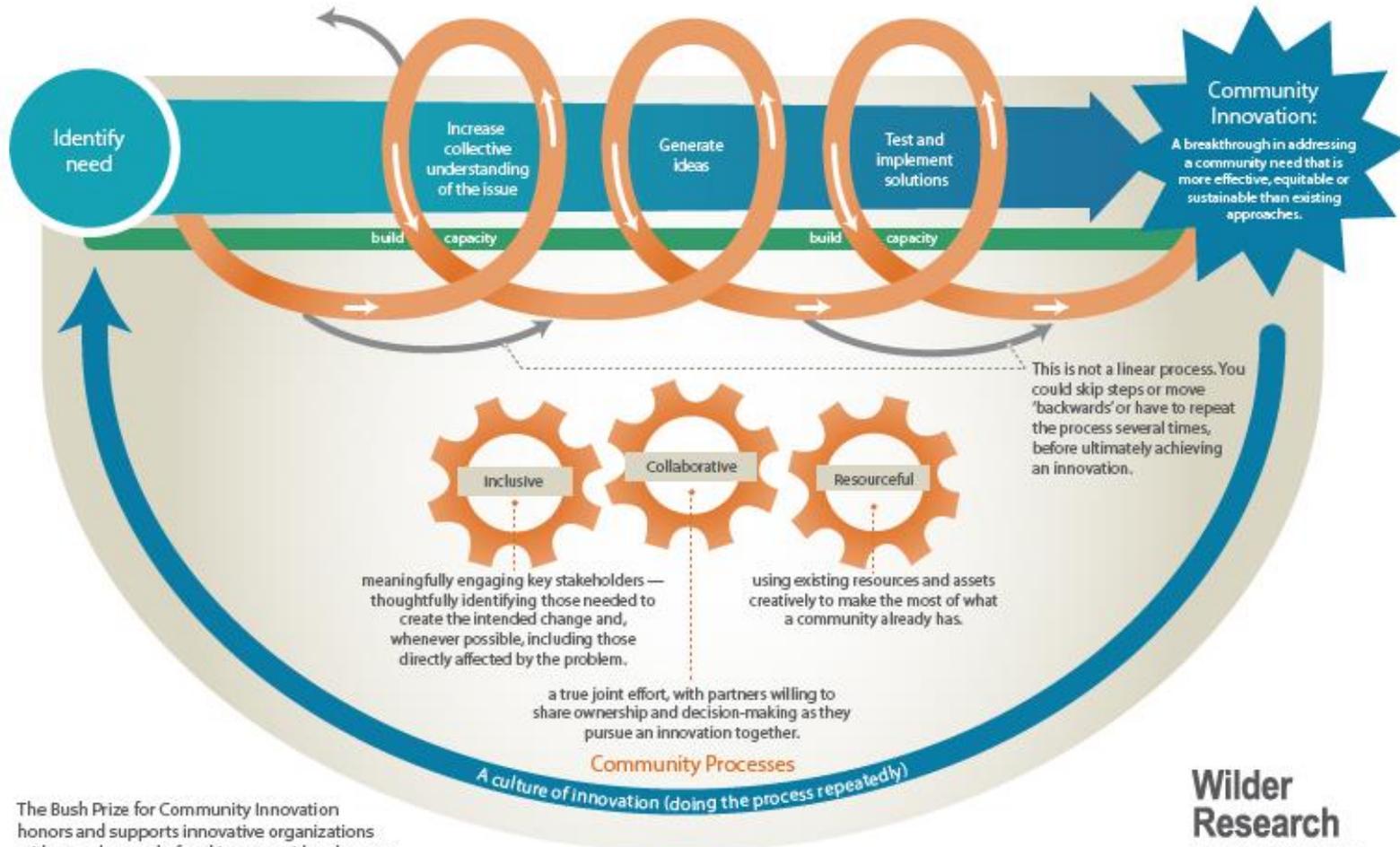
Please take a moment to provide feedback about our support of your Community Innovation grant work through this anonymous, confidential [survey](#).

Financial Report (Confidential)

Please attach an income and expense statement for this grant period to date that includes a side-by-side comparison with your original grant budget. Feel free to include a narrative of your expenses and income, if helpful.

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The Community Innovation Process



This is not a linear process. You could skip steps or move 'backwards' or have to repeat the process several times, before ultimately achieving an innovation.

Inclusive
 meaningfully engaging key stakeholders — thoughtfully identifying those needed to create the intended change and, whenever possible, including those directly affected by the problem.

Collaborative
 a true joint effort, with partners willing to share ownership and decision-making as they pursue an innovation together.

Resourceful
 using existing resources and assets creatively to make the most of what a community already has.

Community Processes
 A culture of innovation (doing the process repeatedly)

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation honors and supports innovative organizations with a track record of making great ideas happen.

Community Innovation Grants support communities to use problem-solving processes that lead to more effective, equitable and sustainable solutions.

Wilder Research

Information. Insight. Impact.

This theory of change was co-developed by Bush Foundation and Wilder Research.