Community Innovation Grant
INTERIM Report

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. We hope you will consider sharing both with us and the broader community.

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

For the following questions, please keep your answer to 200 words maximum unless otherwise indicated; 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.

What specific aspects, components or activities of your work this year were instrumental to making progress? Why was each important? (Up to three answers, 200 words maximum each)

	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

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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 two answers, 200 words maximum each)

1.
2.

Which of the three elements of the community innovation process—inclusive, collaborative or resourceful—if any, has been most important, relevant or valuable to making progress in your work? Why?

Are there key elements in your community process <u>other than</u> inclusivity, collaboration or resourcefulness that have contributed to your progress in your work? If so, please describe.

How has your process led to more clarity about the need that you defined in your grant application or about potential innovations to address that need?

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?

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

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Instructions: Consider the project funded by your Community Innovation Grant and place an X in the primary focus area(s) for each timeframe.
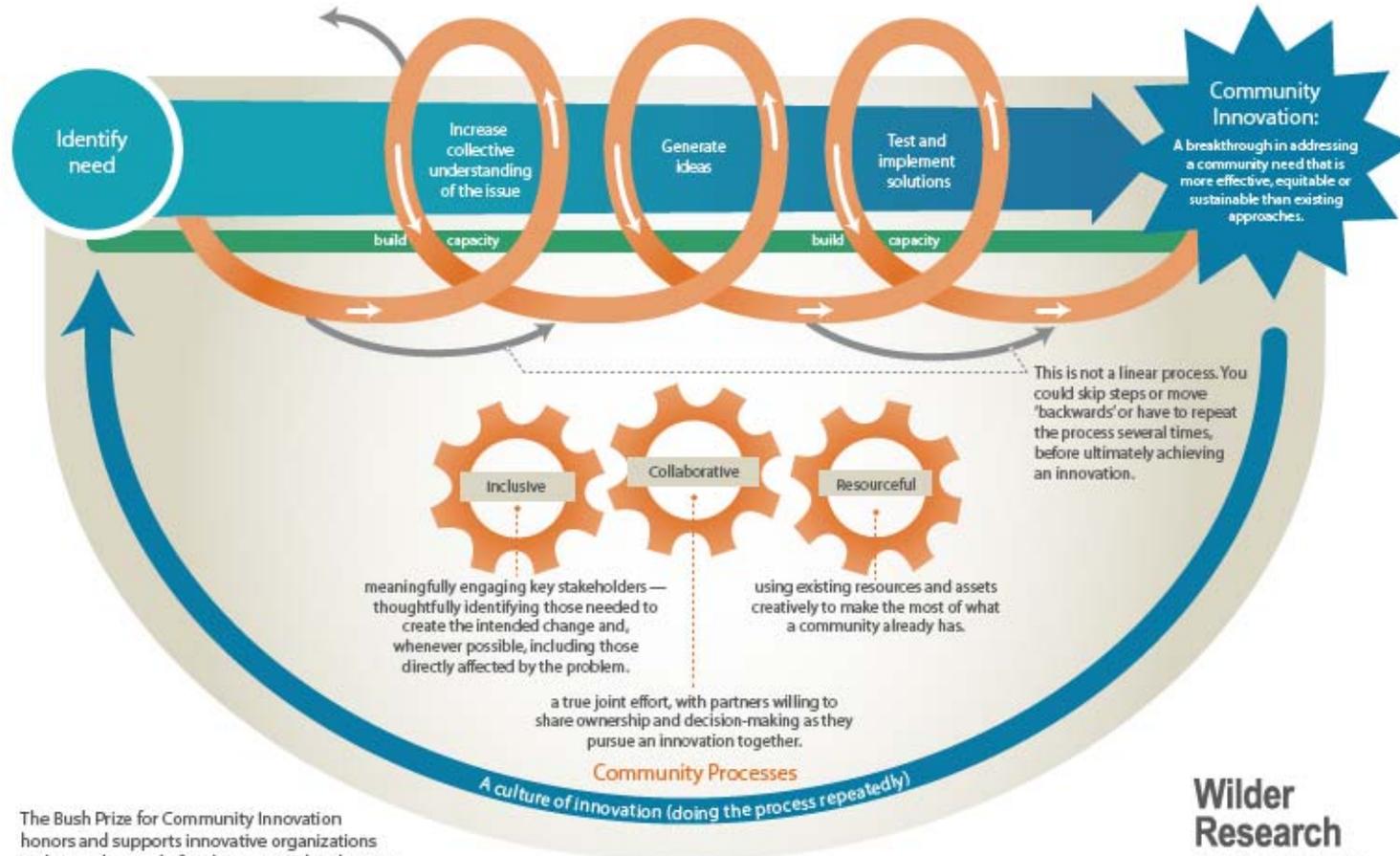
Our project has focused on…	We did this prior to this grant reporting period	We did this during this grant reporting period	We plan to do this in the future, during this grant	We plan to do this in the future, after this grant	We do not plan on doing this
Identifying a community need					
Engaging stakeholders to increase collective understanding of the issue					
Generating possible solutions to the issue or problem					
Testing or beginning to implement possible solutions to the issue or problem					

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

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Identify need

Increase collective understanding of the issue

build capacity

Generate ideas

Test and implement solutions

build capacity

Community Innovation:
A breakthrough in addressing a community need that is more effective, equitable or sustainable than existing approaches.

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

Collaborative

Resourceful

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

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

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

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.