

Engaging with ALBERMARLE COUNTY / CHARLOTTESVILLE



STORIES OF IMPACT

Local Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and 4-H Extension agents use the Ag in the City program to teach Charlottesville youth about agriculture, how it relates to them, and how they can make healthy decisions as consumers. Youth participate in a variety of agriculture- and nutrition-related experiences and interact with local professionals in the field.



Charlottesville youth hold a chick they incubated as part of the Ag in the City program.

Through our partnership with James Monroe's Highland, Charlottesville Parks and Recreation, and the Albemarle County Fair, Ag in the City allowed students who were unfamiliar with agriculture and its relevance to their daily lives to gain a deeper understanding of this field. This year, 80 Charlottesville youth showed a 30% increase in basic agriculture knowledge after just 20 hours of hands-on instruction over a six-week period.

AN AGENT OF POSITIVE CHANGE

“ Albemarle’s agricultural community is very diverse. Extension supports that diversity with programs and services including well water testing, pesticide applicator trainings, pasture management workshops, soil analysis, crop disease and weed identification, livestock husbandry and nutrition advice, on-site farm visits, and more. Master Gardener volunteers provide advice on home gardens and lawns. ”



Carrie Swanson
Extension Agent
Agriculture and
Natural Resources

COMMUNITY VOICES

“ VCE’s engaging and delicious cooking demonstrations at the Michie Market add energy and are drawing more people from the international community. We especially appreciate their willingness to incorporate vegetables from the market into their dishes. Activities complement our food access mission, and customers are excited to see VCE return each week! ”



Alex Haas
Coordinator
New Roots Program

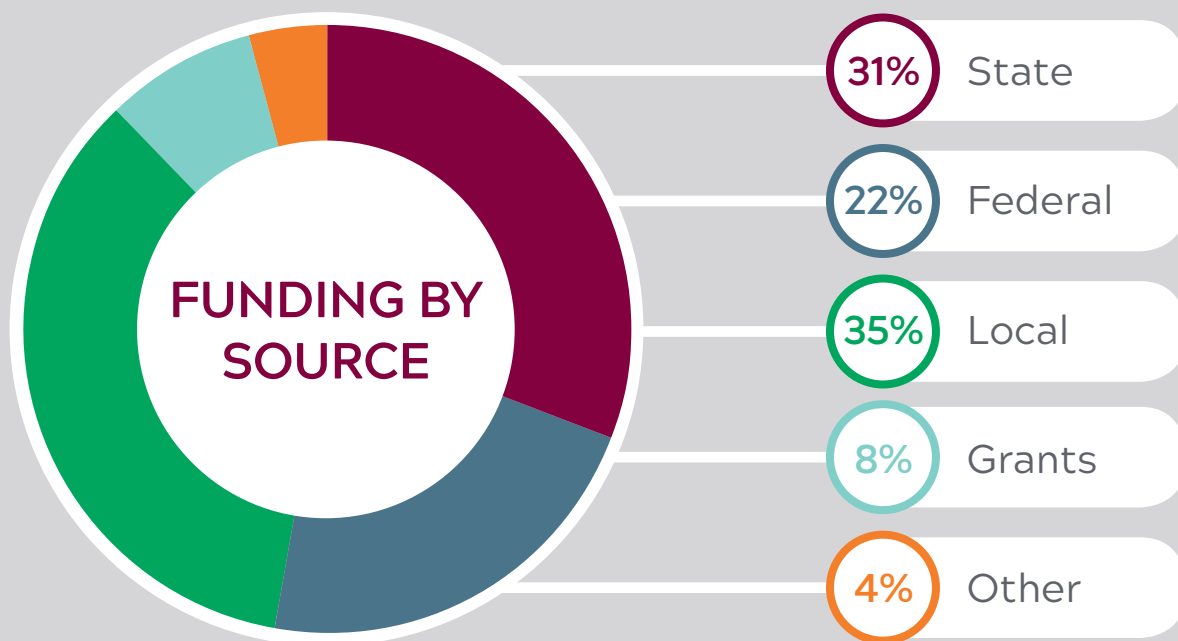
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BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$733,053



OUTREACH BACKED BY RESEARCH

Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station researchers and specialists work in Blacksburg and at the state's 11 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers to create knowledge that benefits the commonwealth. They then share this knowledge with Virginia Cooperative Extension agents, who share this information with the citizens of Virginia to help individuals, businesses, and communities thrive.



\$7.95

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED BY THE COUNTY IN ALBERMARLE COUNTY / CHARLOTTESVILLE

\$1,578,758

VALUE OF EXTENSION VOLUNTEER HOURS IN ALBERMARLE COUNTY / CHARLOTTESVILLE

