

### Section 1. Organizational Information

Organization Name

Mailing Address

City  State  Zip

Authorized Officer for this Grant  Individual's Email Address

Individual's Title

Individual's Phone Number

Have the grant funds been fully expended? Yes  No

If "No," stop here and contact The Joanna Foundation for consultation.

### Section 2. Grant Summary

Start Date (date on p.1 - mm/dd/yyyy)  Grant Amount

Project Title

Overall Purpose (select one)

Operating support

Matching funds

Administrative/technical support

Capital campaign

Seed money/startup funds

Facilities/equipment

Specific project/program  (insert title or one sentence summary below)

Were major changes made to the project after the grant was received? Yes  No

If "Yes," please explain why and summarize the changes as part of your Summary of Impact.

### Section 3. Summary of Impact

Separately, using software of your choice, write a concise summary of how the grant helped achieve the objective of the request. For example, you may mention activities to date, progress toward milestones, participation by volunteers, partners or audience members, and/or significant achievements. You may use metrics to show change or anecdotal examples to illustrate impact. You may use bullets or lists. Describe the difference that The Joanna Foundation grant made to your organization in this time frame. We recommend one page of text or less. You may add items that showcase your work, such as a photo, graphic, chart, media article, testimonial, or link to a short video.

**When you are satisfied with your draft, save your Summary of Impact in pdf format, attach any additions, insert your material after this page, and submit the combined file (consisting of this 2-pg form + your materials) as a single pdf file.**



Joanna Foundation Members & Staff,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the \$2,500 grant which was awarded to the Root Down Building Collective – it has been instrumental in getting us off the ground! With this grant, we were able to launch our first natural building workshop in Charleston County, which focused on training new facilitators.

April Magill, our Director, led the workshop and provided a hands-on learning experience, presenting a variety of natural and climate-smart building methods. On Saturday, we had 12 participants in our 'Teacher Training' portion of the workshop. Participants learned how to build a pizza oven, which was a fun and engaging way to introduce these methods on a smaller scale. On the second day, newly trained facilitators were paired with small groups of students to construct five mini ovens. April provided guidance while allowing the facilitators to teach and lead their groups. This approach helped strengthen their confidence in sharing these methods with their students and in teaching others interested in natural building. A total of 20 participants were taught on Sunday by our teachers-in-training. Participants came from the Charleston/Lowcountry region, from other parts of SC, and from as far as Chattanooga, TN! Many networks were formed and this work has already been replicated by participants in their own communities!



Our main objective is to spread awareness of sustainable building methods so that demand for healthier homes increases. We were able to offer a total of 5 free scholarship spots for financially-challenged individuals. We brought in videographer Aaron Pate to document the workshop; his work can be viewed in the links below. The event was a HUGE success and we look forward to replicating this event, as well as others, in the Charleston region!



View photos from the event: [Click Here!](#)

View these videos by videographer Aaron Pate from the event:

[Natural Building Empowers Community in SC](#)

[Natural Building For Climate Solutions](#)

[Natural Building is Accessible to Everyone](#)

[The Natural Building Demand is Huge](#)

### Methods Taught:

- Climate-Smart & Resilient Building Methods:
  - cob/earthen construction methods
  - hempcrete insulation
  - straw-clay insulation
  - clay-hemp plaster
  - insulation vs. thermal mass ; thermal dynamics
  - soil identification and modification techniques
  - learn how to build a mini cob oven at home
- Cooperative Learning and Building Together
- Team Building



### Workshop Details:

- Workshop Location: Awendaw Green
- September 16 + 17, 2023
- Lunch and beverages were provided
- Fee to attend = \$150/person tax-deductible donation
- Total people taught = 32

More information about the Root Down Building Collective can be found through [our website](#).

A direct link to our 'Pitch Book' can be found [here](#), where you can learn about all of the programming we have designed and are currently executing.

We appreciate your support of our new non-profit organization, and we look forward to seeking further assistance through the Joanna Foundation, to help spread our mission of **'Advancing Regional, Climate-Smart, & Equitable Housing Solutions!'**

Sincerely, April K. Magill, Executive Director, Root Down Building Collective