

## Forest Grove Sustainability Commission Mini-Grant Application

### Grant Guidelines:

- Provide seed money to local organizations offering sustainability projects addressing equity, economic, and/or environmental issues Forest Grove at **no charge** to the community.
- Preference is given to groups:
  - Serving underrepresented portions of the community such as children, seniors, low-income, and Latinos.
  - Providing a substantial in-kind contribution; volunteer support and/or donation of goods and services.
  - Demonstrating reuse, repurpose, recycled or local materials
- Eligible activities consistent with the Sustainability Commission's Action Plan
- Non-profit organizations and schools are eligible to apply
- Organizations are not required to be registered as a non-profit.



**Please print clearly or type your responses.**

Sponsor (organization, school, committee): **Adelante Mujeres – Forest Grove Farmers Market**

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Signature: ***Cecelia Warner***

A. Project Title: **Durable Drinkware for FG Farmers Market**    Amount Requested: **\$500**

B. Mark all of the goals below which your project meets and explain how:

	Goals	How project meets this goal (be clear & specific)
X	Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community	A recycling crisis developed when China stopped accepting the US West Coast's plastic waste. The Forest Grove Farmers Market (FGFM) Waste Center had been recycling single-use plastic cups to start throwing away the single-use plastic cups the food vendors used for beverages. When the China ban went into effect, hundreds of plastic cups generated at the FGFM went to the landfill. By replacing the single-use cups with durable drinkware, this waste will be significantly reduced, improving the environmental quality of our city.
X	Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste	As stated above, durable drinkware will reduce the amount of waste created by single-use plastic cups. The toxicity is in plastics manufactured with estrogens. The cups we purchased is made by Tritan. No hormone disrupting chemicals are used to make the, (More on the below)
X	Increase reuse and recycling opportunities	Clearly, reusing durable drinkware instead of single-use plastic cups reduces waste.
	Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Service code	N/A

X	Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or <b>improve the public awareness</b> and the opportunities to enjoy them.	As Market visitors adjust to the durable drinkware it reinforces the idea they can enjoy a beverage without a disposable plastic cup. It encourages public awareness about durable drinkware and people will eventually realize drinking from a durable, washable cup is superior to a disposable one.
	Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs	N/A
	Result in improvement in safety	The Tritan cups are manufactured from a resin that uses no estrogens. Estrogens are hormone disrupters such as Bisphenol A, (BPA) that have been proven to interfere with the production, secretion, transport, action, function, and elimination of natural hormones. This is especially important during childhood development.
X	Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons and/or underserved populations.	Youth directly benefit with this addition to the dinnerware fleet by reducing their exposure to estrogens. It also teaches a positive behavior: choosing durable over single-use options can become a lifelong habit.

Note: The Forest Grove Sustainability Commission makes every effort to ensure that a representative will participate in a project or attend events sponsored in part by the commission.

C) Brief Description and Explanation of how the CEP funds will be used:

*Proposed schedule:* Project Start Date: **March 1, 2019** Project Completion Date: **May 30, 2019**

D) Estimate how many residents will benefit if this project is funded: **3,000+**

Who will benefit if this project is funded? **Our average crowd count last season was 3,000 visitors to the market each week. Customers will benefit by consuming from safe reusable drinkware. Vendors will also benefit from reducing their cost of disposable single-use plastic cups.**

E) Projected Budget: \$ **728**

Total Estimated Costs: **\$500**

How were these costs estimated (quotes, catalog, previous projects, etc.)? Finding these cups at an affordable price took many hours of research online. Several options were considered before finding them at Costco on sale. List the payee(s) name and address (if known): We will purchase signage from Miracle Signs, drinking vessels from Costco and stickers from Sticker Mule.

Categories	Mini-Grant	Sponsor *	Other * (specify)
<b>Personnel Services (explain):</b> Farmers Market Waste Center Director volunteer time: 15 hrs. @ \$23/hr = \$345			\$345*
<b>Marketing &amp; Publicity (explain):</b> Obtain new signage for existing A-frames, purchase banner, newspaper and social media ads plus BYOC discount given by vendors.	\$253		
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies (explain):</b> 300 Tritan cups in two sizes. Print stickers to identifying cups belong to FGFM.	\$375 \$100		
<b>Sub Total</b>	\$728		\$345*
<b>Funds from Sustainability Commission carried over from previous funding period</b>	-\$228		
<b>New potential total</b>	\$500		

% of Total Budget provided by Sponsor? **0%**

\* In-Kind Contribution

F) Name of organizations that will partner or collaborate with this project:

**Vol Master Recyclers from Metro voluntarily manage the Waste Center at the FGFM.**

G) Is there secure funding for Sponsor's share of the total costs including funding from other public or private agencies and what are the sources of funding?

**Funding for the FGFM is secure through Adelante Mujeres.**

H) Will the project be completed with the proposed funding or will future funding be necessary?

**The project will be completed with the proposed funding. In the future, there may be a need to replace cups or signage, but is not anticipated anytime soon.**

I) Explain how the project would enhance sustainability in Forest Grove, either economically, environmentally, or socially?

**Before the Waste Center started in 2011 the Market generated at least eight full 30 gal garbage bags. Because of the Waste Center's efforts to move the market toward durables the FGFM has never filled even one to gallon garbage. This is a significant reduction.**

**This grant will pay for durable drinkware to add to the fleet of existing washable dinnerware: Hot food vendors already serve on washable plates plus offer utensils and cloth napkins. This will move the FGFM to a sustainable Zero Waste Market environment.**

Application needs to be submitted 10 days prior to a regular Sustainability Commission meeting (held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month) to be considered. Applicants should plan to attend the meeting to present the request and answer questions (10 minute presentation and 10 minutes for questions).