

- Provide seed money to local organizations offering sustainability projects addressing 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): Oak Grove Academy (part of Forest Grove School District)

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Signature: Jennifer Parrow

A. Project Title: School Garden and Landscaping 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)
	Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community	With this grant, we plan on purchasing shrubs and flowers to plant in the flower beds around the school in an effort to beautify the environment. Oak Grove Academy (OGA) is held in the former Gales Creek Elementary School. The residents of Gales Creek have been using the school as a community center for generations. They open the library weekly to the community, have Halloween parties and Christmas Bazaars, to name a few events. This school is very special to the community and it is our goal to make it as appealing as possible.
	Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste	Our culinary class uses produce from the garden so they don't have to purchase as much produce from the grocery store which eliminates packaging materials and transport time and resources. As the students become more proficient in the skills of gardening and take seed starts home to grow their own gardens, they too are preserving these resources.
	Increase reuse and recycling opportunities	We acquire used seed trays and pots from nurseries. When we send seed starts home with students and give plants to community

		members we encourage them to bring the trays and pots back so we can reuse them. Our containers are also gleaned from another source and not purchased new.
	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	We consider it an incredible upgrade to our property to plant the shrubs and flowers in the flower beds. We also plan on using funds to purchase and plant fruit trees and grape vines. This will create a wider variety of produce that we are able to offer our culinary class, for the students to take home, and community members.
	Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.	N/A
	Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs	N/A
	Result in improvement in safety	N/A
	Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons and/or underserved populations.	Our school garden benefits all of the populations mentioned: OGA is a therapeutic school that helps students with social-emotional needs, behavioral concerns, and developmental disabilities. Most of the students are living in group homes and are on free and reduced lunches. The students are always welcome and encouraged to take the food grown in our garden to share with their housemates. We also use the fruits and vegetables for our culinary class where we help the students learn how to make healthy and affordable recipes. We provide plants for the students to take home and start their own gardens. We serve the seniors in our community by making the produce from our garden available to our neighbors free of charge.

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:

We intend on using the funds to improve the appearance of our school by purchasing and planting shrubs and flowers along the perimeter of the school. We will also purchase fruit trees, grape vines, seed packets, and soil. Our existing "Free Produce" stand is stationary and inadequate in size. If we are awarded this grant money we will build a produce stand that is on wheels so it can be used in a variety of ways. We will use recycled materials as much as possible.

Proposed schedule: Project start Date: February 15, 2018 Project Completion Date: October 31, 2018

D) Estimate how many residents will benefit if this project is funded:

40 students and unlimited community members.

Who will benefit if this project is funded?

Students who qualify for special education services and community members who wish to partake in our free produce stand.

E) Projected Budget

Total Estimated Costs: \$500.00

How were these costs estimated (quotes, catalog, previous projects, etc.)?
 Previous experience with similar projects. Verbal estimates. Online estimates.

Categories	Mini-Grant Funds	Sponsor *	Other * (specify)
Personnel Services (explain):	0 (School staff will assist the students in these projects so no grant money will go toward paying personell)		All staff is employed by Forest Grove School District
Marketing & Publicity (explain):	0 (We use social media to advertise so there is no cost for publicity)		
Materials & Supplies (explain):	\$500.00 (These are items and projects that have gone beyond the allotted school district budget)		
Other (explain):			
Total	\$ 500	\$	\$

% of Total Budget provided by Sponsor? 0 %

* In-Kind Contribution

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

Forest Grove School District

Jennifer Parrow



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