

## 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): Eden Acres Environmental Education, Tom McCall Roots&Shoots

Contact Person: Charlie Graham Contact Phone: 503-679-4444

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Signature: Charlie Graham

A. Project Title: **Exploring Sustainable Food and Our Community** 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	Children will learn about and participate in sustainable gardening and living practices that reduce waste and provide habitat for native pollinators and other fauna
X	Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste	Children will learn about vermiculture, composting, eating fresh and local, and organic gardening methods
X	Increase reuse and recycling opportunities	Students in this program will see examples of how to repurpose household things. Examples: egg cartons for seed starts, newspapers in worm bins, plastic containers for storing seeds
X	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	Children will participate in service learning project during each visit that will contribute to the site's overall maintenance
	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.	

	Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs	
	Result in improvement in safety	
X	Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons and/or underserved populations.	54.5% of students at Tom McCall identify as Hispanic. 65.3% qualify for the National School Lunch Program

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: April 2018 Project Completion Date: May 2018

D) Estimate how many residents will benefit if this project is funded: 30 at minimum

Who will benefit if this project is funded? The most apparent beneficiaries of the project are the 5th and 6th graders in the Roots&Shoots after school club (25 in the 17/18 school year and another 25 if we extend to Fall 2018). The service learning projects the students will participate in will continue to benefit students and community members who visit Nana Cardoon for years to come. Hundreds of adults and children visit Nana Cardoon each year. Eden Acres brings 300+ students to the site annually.

**E) Projected Budget**

Total Estimated Costs: \$ 1,590.80

How were these costs estimated (quotes, catalog, previous projects, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Categories	Mini-Grant Funds	Sponsor *	Other * (specify)
<b>Personnel Services (explain):</b> <i>2 paid EdenAcres Outdoor Educators for instruction</i>	252.64		
<b>Marketing &amp; Publicity (explain):</b>			
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies (explain):</b> <i>snack / food items / supplies (\$3 per day/per child x 3)</i> <i>site fees (\$20 per day x 3)</i> <i>Insurance</i>	90.00 60.00 100.66		
<b>Other (explain):</b> <i>CLC / TMUES funds for transportation</i> <i>curriculum design / project development</i> <i>volunteers (6 hrs. @22.50)</i>		157.50 180.00	750.00 bus (approx)
<b>Total</b>	\$503.30	\$337.50	\$750.00

% of Total Budget provided by Sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_ %

\* In-Kind Contribution

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

Tom McCall Upper Elementary, EdenAcres Environmental Education, Foodways at Nana Cardoon Urban Farm Learning Center

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?

Yes. Funding for Transportation will be provided by CLC/TMUES from Tom McCall Upper Elementary. Volunteer hours for curriculum development and volunteer time during each visit will be provided by EdenAcres Environmental Education

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

**\_\_Project will be completed \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**\_This project will provide 5th/6th grade students with service learning experience, give them the opportunity to see and participate in sustainable living and food practices, and will allow them to make deeper connections to their community. Forest Grove benefits when it's youth are active, engaged, and thoughtful citizens. Opportunities like this promote stewardship and provide the knowledge needed make healthy and sustainable choices. Environmental literacy for our youth is a key component to a sustainable society.**

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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).