

## Northeast District Innovative Programs Proposal

**Project Title:** Fond du Lac County Urban Gardens Coordinator for Community Gardens/Youth Gardening Program

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Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Program  
Fond du Lac County 4-H  
Fond du Lac, Ripon, Oakfield and North Fond du Lac School Districts  
ADVOCAP, Salvation Army and Cobblestone Day Care

**Situation Statement:**

The Urban Initiative Community Garden Program started in Fond du Lac in 2000 with 32 growers. In 2003 there were 110 growers with 242 garden plots. The community gardens are a diverse group of gardeners, comprised of 43% Hmong, 2% Hispanic, 2% African American, and 53% Caucasians. Garden site educational programs have been developed, to acquaint the different gardeners with new gardening techniques. In 2002, youth gardening component was added to the community garden program. Fond du Lac County added the Junior Master Gardener program and school involvement through the 21st Century Grants which involves Nutrition, 4-H and Urban Gardens. We started with 18 youth in 2002 and we estimate we will reach over 150 youth in 2004 through expanded programming as a request from various organizations in Fond du Lac County.

With reduced funding through the Urban Initiative Program, we are seeking additional funding to continue expanded programs in the Community Gardens and the Youth Programming areas.

**Evaluation Plan:**

- ❖ Educational programs at the Community Gardens will be evaluated.
- ❖ Community Gardeners will answer a survey pertaining to the Community Garden.
- ❖ A Community Gardens Advisor Committee will work with Gardeners to evaluate the gardens.
- ❖ Youth will answer survey questions pertaining to the program.
- ❖ Youth will keep journals relating to the vegetable of the month and what they are learning.
- ❖ Follow-up meeting for the instructors, discussing the program and how it meets the needs of the youth.

**Detailed Budget:**

## Expenses:

## Community Gardens

Salary 375 hours x 10.50/hour	\$3937.50
Fringes (19%)	<u>\$ 748.13</u>
	\$4685.63

## Youth Gardening Program-

In school and after school programs,

## Junior Master Gardener Program

Salary 175 hours x 10.50/hour	\$1837.50
Fringes (19%)	<u>\$ 349.13</u>
	\$2186.63

Mileage Expenses	\$ 250.00
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## Garden Costs

Tilling-labor, gas, etc.

Port-a-Potty

Equipment	\$1200.00
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Total Estimated Annual Expenses	<b>\$8322.26</b>
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**Income**

Garden plot rentals	\$3250.00
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Donation from FDL Master Gardener Association	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3750.00</b>
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<b>Net Loss (Expenses minus income)</b>	<b>-\$4572.26</b>
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We are requesting the amount of **\$4572.26** fund the Fond du Lac County Urban Gardens Coordinator for Community Gardens/Youth Gardening Program.