

Eastern District Funding for Innovative Programs

Application Form

Project Title: COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Project Timeline: March-October 2005

Funding Requested: \$ 4870.00

Project Lead/Grant Applicant: Community Garden Partnership
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Project Collaborator(s) (if applicable):

UW-Extension Calumet County
UW-Extension Outagamie County
UW-Extension Winnebago County
Goodwill Industries North Central Wisconsin, Inc.
Salvation Army Fox Cities
Outagamie/Winnebago County Master Gardeners
Bridges Cooking School
Calumet County Groundwater Guardians

Situation Statement:

The COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTNERSHIP is a catalyst for developing civic green space and resources that provide individuals and families the opportunity to engage in gardening and sustaining their food resources while providing food education/nutrition. It is also a means for creating civic green space as a form of community building and it represents a reinvesting in the potential for small farm/business development.

In addition, the gardens provide opportunities for collaborations to begin and thrive. This will be achieved by offering a means for addressing local environmental issues and the potential development of community based solutions to those issues. In short, the sustainable future for Community Gardens is rooted in the value we place on creating a more livable and socially equitable civic community. Community Gardens have proven to make neighborhoods (whole communities) a better place to live.

PROJECT (S):

#1 At two of our gardens (GVCasaloma, Appleton and Goodwill Industries, Menasha) a total of 10 (individuals and families) will be provided garden sites by both Goodwill Industries/Salvation Army. Each will receive on-site educational information about growing food and food Preparation and nutrition along with a sample meal of fresh produce with additional recipes for easy to prepare meals with 4 basic vegetable groups: corn, carrots, green beans and tomatoes. UWExtension Family Living Educators and the Community Garden Coordinator will conduct sessions. Outagamie County and Winnebago County Master Gardeners will act as mentors for

initial garden set-up and planting. Community Garden Coordinator and Family Living educators will provide additional assistance/support throughout the growing season.

#2 At the UWFox Community Garden, a perennial/annual demonstration site will be established in collaboration with Winnebago County Master Gardeners. This site will focus on the horticultural arm of gardening by featuring techniques that promote sound environmental stewardship such as: composting, mulching, proper use of fertilization. Two educational events will be scheduled at this garden with community groups such as: church groups, civic groups, scout groups among others.

#3 Calumet County UWExtension in collaboration with Calumet County Groundwater Guardians and the Community Garden Coordinator will develop 2 demonstration sites in different areas of the county. These demos will feature water conservation practices and water quality/quantity issues. Techniques will include composting, mulching, rain barrels and rain garden development. This area has been experiencing considerable difficulty with these issues as it relates to their topography and existing wells. Again, a minimum of two educational events would be conducted at both sites. Highlighting the how-tos.

EVALUATION PLAN:

Items #1-#2-#3 would involve a pre-program questionnaire with a follow-up questionnaire taken at the end of the educational session or in the case of the gardens, season's end. Outcomes may offer data on any changes in how the individual identifies with their ability to impact the issues addressed: whether that be increasing food resources or impacting the local environment.

FOOD COOPERATIVE: Initial work has begun with Bridges Cooking School for developing a plan for a Food Cooperative/Market in the Fox Cities. The collaborations that will be evolving are exciting and dynamic and sure to strengthen the future of community building at it's best.

PREVIOUS FUNDING: 2004 GRANT FOR "OUTAGAMIE/WINNEBAGO COUNTY URBAN GARDEN COORDINATOR" DOLLARS COMMITTED: \$6,500.00

OUTCOMES: Community Gardens developed new garden site at Goodwill Industries campus In the City of Menasha.

Received Community Foundation for the Fox Valley region funding to build 2 tool sheds, 2 shelters for garden gatherings at GV/Casaloma and UWFox Gardens.

All garden sites were rented and there was a broad/diverse range of gardeners Including 20 3-5 yr old gardeners, 4 wheelchair bound gardeners and 23 special Needs gardeners.

A total of 8 raised garden beds were built in the city, for seniors and special Needs gardeners. Done collaboratively with Winnebago County Master Gardeners, Kimberly Clark Employees, UWFox Valley, Pioneer Village and THE ARC of Outagamie County.

NEW OR DIFFERENT FOR 2005: Increased focus on capacity building and inclusion.
Expansion to Calumet County

- ✓ Please attach a 1-2 page proposal including your project description, goals, expected outcomes, and evaluation plan. Also include a detailed budget breakdown, specifying the amount requested from Resource Management funds, and clarifying the source and amounts from other funds.
- ✓ If you have applied for Resource Management funds in the past, include the following information:
 - Clarify your past experiences with resource management grants. Was your project funded? What was the project title?
 - What were the outcomes of your program efforts?
 - How is this project proposal new or different?

Signature:

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Grant Applicant/Lead



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DEVELOPMENT *

EXPENSES:

Staff Salary (.035FTE)		
320hours(10hrs per week) x\$10.38/hr.		\$3321.60
Staff Fringe		
\$3321.60x.18		\$ 597.88
Travel		
.385x2tripsx26weeksx30miles		\$ 600.60
Miscellaneous Administrative Expenses		
Supplies		\$100.00
Printing and Publicity		\$50.00
Postage		\$100.00
Signage		\$100.00
TOTAL:		\$4870.08

OTHER FUNDING:

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	\$150.00(5 garden sites and garden supplies/tools)
SALVATION ARMY	\$150.00(5 garden sites and garden supplies/tools)
UWEXTENSION	\$250.00(clerical support for mailings/training materials)
	(Outagamie County/Winnebago County in-kind support)
MASTER GARDENERS	\$200.00(5volunteersx8hrsx\$5.00per hour)
	(Outagamie County/Winnebago County)
GROUNDWATER GUARDIANS	\$375.00(5 volunteersx15hrsx\$5.00per hour)
	(Calumet County)

TOTAL:	\$1125.00
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