

# Eastern District Funding for Innovative Programs

## Application Form

**Project Title:** Fond du Lac County Family Gardening Program

**Project Timeline:** March 2005 to October 2005

**Funding Requested:** \$ 2647.10

**Project Lead/Grant Applicant:**

Michelle Tidemann Fond du Lac County UW-Extension Family Living Educator/WNEP Coordinator

**Project Collaborator(s) (if applicable):**

Advocap Agency  
Evenstart Program  
Headstart Program  
Ripon School District  
Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners  
Fond du Lac County WNEP Educators  
Michelle Batterman, Fond du Lac County 4-H Program Assistant  
Patty Percy, Fond du Lac County Urban Garden Coordinator  
Sharon Woolhether, Fond du Lac County WNEP Educator

**Situation Statement:**

Low income families in Fond du Lac County are in need of educational programs and opportunities to assist them in raising produce and properly preparing the produce for immediate consumption by the families and storage practices for eating later to increase the quality of family diets. The program will focus on families working together to properly grow and care for the food that they are raising in a garden. The families will learn about harvesting the food and increase their diet quality by increasing vegetable consumption and proper safe handling of food in the preparation process.

- ✓ 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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**Project Goals and Expected Outcomes:**

**Goals**

1. Provide low-income, culturally-diverse gardeners the opportunity to raise nutritious, culturally- appropriate produce.
2. Provide an opportunity for culturally diverse low-income parents and youth to develop an opportunity to learn about the proper methods of growing, harvesting, and processing vegetables from the garden.
3. Provide low-income culturally diverse families the opportunity to properly prepare and utilize nutritious produce while following the new dietary guidelines.
4. Development of a demonstration plot that would focus on vegetables that represent the diversity of the gardeners.
5. Program participants will learn proper food safety procedures in handling and storage of vegetables.

**Outcomes**

1. Families will learn about planting, care, and harvesting of crops.
2. Families will learn how to properly prepare and utilize the nutritious vegetables grown while following the new dietary guidelines.
3. Families will be able to view and gain an understanding of different cultures of vegetables grown.
4. Families will learn about food safety and proper food handling for eating and storage.

**Project Timeline:**

March	Develop plans of different vegetables to be grown in the demo gardens Educational programming on Hand washing Safety
April	Recruit gardeners and hold information programs Educational programming on a vegetable of the month not grown currently in the garden.
May	Prepare soil and assign garden plots Educational programming on a vegetable of the month not grown currently in the garden. Educational program on vegetable growing – planting

- June Educational programming on vegetable cultural practices – weeding, watering  
Educational programming on a vegetable of the month not grown currently in the garden.
- July - Aug. Educational programming on vegetable cultural practices – weeding, watering and harvesting. Programs on how to prepare and utilize the vegetables grown.  
Gardeners will be able to view and sample the different vegetables grown in the demonstration gardens.
- Sept. – Oct. Continue to harvest vegetables and then prepare the gardens for winter  
Programs on how to prepare and utilize the vegetables grown.

### **Evaluation Plan:**

1. Families will participate in a pre and post evaluation questionnaire.
2. Survey gardeners to determine how produce is being used.
3. Follow-up meetings for the instructors and representatives from participating agencies to discuss the program and how it meets the needs of the families.

### **Detailed Budget:**

#### Salaries

Patty Percy, Community Garden Coordinator (60 hours x \$10.50 per hour)	\$630.00
Fringe 19%	\$119.70
Michelle Batterman, 4-H Youth Assistant (60 hours x \$16.07 per hour)	\$964.20
Fringe 19%	\$183.20

Urban Imitative Dollars are no longer available for this position

#### Supplies

\$ 750.00

Garden equipment  
Potting soil  
Containers  
Plants  
Educational handouts  
Food and plant demonstration materials

Total requested \$ 2647.10

### **Applied and Received Resource Funds Before?**

Yes, the project collaborators, Michelle Batterman, Patty Percy, and Sharon Woolhether received \$4,572.26 in 2004 for the Fond du Lac County Urban Garden Coordinator position. The coordinator worked with the Community Gardens. There were a total of 180 plots planted last year. The percentages of people who uses the gardens: 56% White, 41% Hmong, 2% Hispanic, and 2% African American. A community garden newsletter was developed along with a garden and neighborhood advisory committee.