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School Garden



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APPLICATION INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Job Title

Phone Number

Email Address

Your specific Grant Title (Grant cannot be named Educator Initiative Grant or EIG)

School Garden

Number Of Students anticipated to be impacted

20

School *

School Type *

Elementary

Grade level(s) of Students impacted

K-5

Number of years teaching in the district

- 5-10 years





GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Provide a brief description of your Grant project that can be used for publication.*

The purpose of my grant request is to implement a school garden at . This school garden will be grown by a select group of special education students for the betterment of our entire Family, while also teaching these students important skills. I firmly believe that the establishment of a school garden will not only benefit our students but also contribute positively to the community by promoting healthy living, environmental awareness, and community engagement. We kindly request your support in making this project a reality.

Purpose: (Explain what you hope to achieve. What will be different or better if successful? Why is it needed? What inspired you to apply?)*

Incorporating a small school garden into the educational environment can provide students with valuable social and emotional learning experiences that complement traditional classroom instruction. It offers a space for personal growth, emotional development, and a deeper connection to both nature and the school community.

Measurable Objectives: (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Based (SMART) Goals. How will you know it is successful?)*

We will know that the garden project is successful based on increased levels of self-esteem (as reported by students in pre and post surveys), and observed increases in social skills, team building, and problem solving in the students participating by the Fall of 2024.

How will your grant embrace the Core Values of Growth Mindset, Relationships, Equity, Engagement, Whole-Well Being?*

The school garden embraces our core values in the following ways:





Stress Reduction: Interacting with nature and engaging in gardening activities has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety. The peaceful and calming environment of a garden provides an excellent setting for relaxation and emotional well-being.

Sense of Achievement: Gardening allows students to witness the entire growth process of plants, from seed to harvest. This sense of accomplishment can boost self-esteem and self-confidence, especially for those who may not excel in traditional classroom settings. A never give up attitude.

Responsibility: Caring for plants requires regular attention and responsibility. Students learn the importance of commitment, accountability, and the consequences of neglecting their duties in the garden.

Teamwork: Collaborative gardening projects encourage teamwork and cooperation among students. They must work together to plan, plant, maintain, and harvest the garden, promoting a sense of unity and shared purpose.

Problem Solving: Gardening presents students with challenges such as pests, weather conditions, and plant diseases. They learn problem-solving skills as they diagnose issues and develop strategies to address them.

Emotional Regulation: Gardening provides a safe and nurturing space for students to manage their emotions. The act of tending to plants and watching them thrive can be emotionally rewarding, helping to regulate moods.

Connection to Nature: In an increasingly digital world, a school garden allows students to connect with the natural world. This connection fosters a deeper appreciation for the environment and can instill a sense of responsibility for its preservation.

Observation and Mindfulness: Gardening encourages students





to observe closely, be present in the moment, and engage in mindfulness practices. These skills can help improve concentration and reduce stress.

Empathy and Compassion: Watching plants grow and nurturing them can lead to greater empathy and compassion as students recognize the needs of living organisms. This can translate into improved relationships with peers and a greater sense of empathy for the natural world.

Sense of Ownership: A school garden provides students with a tangible space that they can call their own. This sense of ownership can lead to increased engagement and a feeling of belonging within the school community.

Cultural Awareness: Gardening can be a way to explore and celebrate cultural diversity through the cultivation of plants from different regions and traditions. It promotes an understanding and respect for different cultural practices and foods. The garden will be open to all.

Joy and Connection: The simple act of growing and nurturing plants can bring joy and a sense of wonder to students' lives. It fosters a sense of connection to the cycles of life and the beauty of the natural world.

Implementation of Strategy: (e.g., instructional procedures, steps of implementation)*

Fall/Winter 2023/2024: I will take classes and research how to begin and sustain a school garden. All supplies will be bought in time for the portable garden to begin in Spring. Students will be selected by March 2024 to work in the garden project. Seeds will be planted in the Spring/Fall 2024. If successful, steps will repeat in 24/25 school year. If it is successful, we might need to additional portable gardens and more





volunteers to help work the gardens when students are not in building.

Timeline: (Provide outline of your grant from beginning to end. Sustainability plan: will additional resources be needed in the future?)*

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Evaluation Procedures: (Explain how you will measure the success of your program. Will you conduct a survey, interview, or request feedback from participants?)*

Pre and Post questionnaires of students and observations by staff working the garden.

School/Community partners involved in grant, if applicable list the partners and a brief explanation of their involvement (e.g., financial support or volunteer). (is not required)

We do not need community partners at this time as we are starting this out in a very small scale.

BUDGET QUESTIONS

Budget Narrative: (Explain what is being purchased and how it relates to the goals of the project.)*

We are playing on purchasing two portable garden planters, soil, gardening tools, seeds, books on how to grow a school garden. These are all necessary items to make a school garden.

How many budget items would you like to list such as Equipment/Supplies and other items?*





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INSTRUCTIONS:

When entering your budget amounts please refrain from using dollar signs

Item

How to build a school garden

Total cost for the item \$

\$26.81

Description

Curriculum

Item

How to Grow a School Garden

Total cost for the item \$

\$6.99

Description

Book

Item

Survival Garden Heirloom Seeds Non GMO - 105 Varieties of Herb, Fruit and Vegetable Seeds for Planting Home Garden Plus Seed...

Total cost for the item \$

\$138.99

Description

Seeds-Variety

Item

Organo Republic 25 Winter Vegetable Garden Seeds Variety Pack for Outdoors & Indoor Home Gardening 6500+ Non-GMO

Total cost for the item \$

\$63

Description

Winter Seeds

Item





Back to the Roots All-Purpose Potting Mix 6 Quarts (Best Value), 100% Organic & USA Made for Herbs, Veggies, Flowers, w/Nutri...

Total cost for the item \$

\$200

Description

Potting Soil

Item

Aimerla Gardening Tools Set of 9 Heavy Duty Garden Tools with Non-Slip Rubber Grip with Large Garden Bag for Tools Durable H...

Total cost for the item \$

\$35.99

Description

Gardening Tools

Item

Tudoccy Garden Tools Set 83 Piece, Succulent Tools Set Included, Heavy Duty Aluminum Gardening Tools for Gardening, Non-Slip...

Total cost for the item \$

\$23.99

Description

Gardening tools

Item

Best Choice Products Raised Garden Bed 48x24x32-inch Mobile Elevated Wood Planter w/Lockable Wheels, Storage Shelf, Prote...

Total cost for the item \$

\$200

Description

Garden Planters

Item

SPACEKEEPER Rolling Storage Cart 3 Tier Bathroom Cart Organizers with Wheels Laundry Room Organization Mobile Shelving Unit Utility Cart Storage Shelves Multi-Functional for Office, Home, Gray





Total cost for the item \$

\$36

Description

Storage

Item

homenote Plant Pots, Set of 15 Plastic Planters with Multiple Drainage Holes and Tray 6 inch Indoor Plant Pot for All Home Garden

Total cost for the item \$

\$23.99

Description

Pots

Total Amount Requested \$:

\$755.76

Total amount requested (Grant requests cannot exceed \$1,200.00)

\$800

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