

City of Seaside Grant Donation Request Update

Updates in Red

Seaside Community Food Forest (SCFF) was formed in the wake of the need to move the current community gardens. The Sunny Hunt Pool Gardens needs to be moved for the construction of an expanded softball field by Seaside School District (SSD). In discussions, The Railroad Park Gardens have become less than pleasant and usable due to the encroachment of the highway closer to the gardens. The traffic creates pollution of the vegetables grown there, and the noise makes it less pleasant to spend time tending the garden plots.

Our efforts to this date have included building relationships with Sunset Empire Parks and Rec District, The American Legion Post 99, The OSU Master Gardeners, and the Seaside School District. Through these discussions, Seaside Community Food Forest was formed to provide a “custodian” of the community gardens in a new location. Our planned arrangement will be that SCFF would obtain a lease of the American Legion property to design and maintain a garden for the American Legion on their property. The Sunset Empire Parks and Rec District would be hired to perform maintenance duties for the gardens. OSU Master Gardeners plans to provide education and learning opportunities on the site. Members of City of Seaside, SEPRD, American Legion Post 99, and OSU Master Gardeners sit on the board of Seaside Community Food Forest.

We are asking for the original \$15000 that was requested last year, and was adjusted down by the budget committee based on the proposed projects to be funded at that time.

After months of work by all entities involved, an agreement was reached for SSD to fund approximately \$75000 to renovate the existing gardens at Railroad Park to make those gardens more appealing before the 2024 growing season is lost, and to replace the lost garden beds when time allows. A plan was developed by SEPRD, Clatsop County Master Gardeners Assn, and SCFF to enhance the Railroad Gardens doing the following:

- Replace all deteriorated beds and fencing. (Funded using SSD funds)
- Expand the area of the gardens to reduce city maintenance requirements around the gardens. (Funded using SSD funds)
- Increase the number of ADA accessible beds. (Funded using SSD funds)
- Plant native pollinator shrubs along highway side of gardens to reduce road pollution on the site and perennial fruit-bearers on Irvine St side to produce accessible food sources for residents, and pollinators. (To be funded by Seaside Community Food Forest)
- Create smaller Flower beds for our local service/ volunteer organizations to participate in the garden at no cost. (To be funded by Seaside Community Food Forest)
- Plant native plants on West side of gardens up to ODOT right of way, to beautify the entrance to our city. (To be funded by Seaside Community Food Forest)
- Provide annual scholarships to families in need that would like to participate in OSU Extension Service Seed to Supper program, and fund those garden beds at no participant cost. (To be funded by Seaside Community Food Forest)

- Fund Box Rental for Additional boxes to be used for Grow a Row program to produce food for our local food pantries . (To be funded by Seaside Community Food Forest)

Remaining Funds will be used to develop and launch a program to fund a citywide garden bed initiative that will provide a significant number of garden beds for our residents at no charge to them. We have already had requests from Suzanne Elise to build some garden beds on their location for their residents. We hope to work towards creating 100 garden beds per year to be placed within our city, improving the livability, food security, health and physical fitness, and beauty of our residents and the city.

~~Our request for funding is to expand the gardens beyond what will be funded by Seaside School District. We have presented a project budget to SSD for funding, and SSD intends to fund the replacement of the gardens that are lost due to the softball field. There are other improvements to the space that would be beyond what the School District is expected to fund. I have not included the costs of the main relocation, to be funded by SSD, in the attached pro forma budget. The requested funds will be used for these two pieces of the project:~~

- ~~1. Additional Community Garden beds to replace and relocate the Railroad Park Gardens and provide some no-cost beds that will supply food to the Food Bank and to our Homeless residents, as well as to the Seaside High School Culinary Program.~~
- ~~2. Tool Library
 - ~~a. This would have a supply of hand and electric tools for Seaside residents to check out to complete their projects. Many tools are very specialized and are purchased and not used more than once or twice. This would give residents a way to borrow these rather than purchasing them. Many residents would like to be able to garden, in the yard or in containers, but don't have the necessary tools due to budget or space constraints.~~~~

~~The cost of Tool Library Storage Unit is approximately \$8000 and the cost of the additional beds is \$7000. We want to invest about \$5000 into the tools and equipment for the tool library. We will have ongoing utility, insurance, maintenance expenses.~~

We have already obtained a micro-grant of \$500 and will be applying for several other grants to help fund operations of the gardens beyond what garden bed rent will provide. We intend to also develop some fundraising events to help fund further expansion **and improvement** of the space ~~to include a learning garden and teaching amphitheater, as well as adding a greenhouse to the space. The completion of this space will free up the space in Railroad Park as those beds can be replaced in the new location.~~

Seaside Community Food Forest
2024 Pro-Forma Budget Update

Revenues

Private Donations- Cash	\$2,000	
Private Donations- In-Kind	\$500	
Fundraising Events	\$14,000	
Non Profit Grants-Other	\$2,500	
Community Garden Space Rental		
Seaside Budget Grant	\$15,000	
		\$34,000

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Expenses

Tool Library and Community Garden

Conex Container and Placement		
Computers	\$500	
Office Supplies	\$300	
Community Garden Maintenance		
Utilities (Water/Sewer/ Power)		
Insurance		
Rent		
Student/Food Bank Garden Beds	\$2,500	
Tool Acquisition		
Volunteer Uniforms	\$200	
		\$3,500

Other Projects

Pollenator Project	\$3,000	
Container Garden Projects	\$500	
Service Organization Boxes	\$2,000	
Perrenial Berry Plantings	\$1,000	
Highway Side Beautification	\$3,000	
Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	
100 Beds Projects	\$20,000	
		\$30,500

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GRANT DONATION REQUEST FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Seaside Community Food Forest
DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION: Non-Profit Foundation
CONTACT PERSON: David Posalski PHONE #: 503-536-5396
E-MAIL ADDRESS: Seasidecff@gmail.com
MAILING ADDRESS: 1659 Whispering Pines Dr., Seaside
FEDERAL NON-PROFIT TAX ID#: 92-0845446
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$15000 DATE FUNDS NEEDED BY: 10/31/2023

SIGNATURE OF REQUESTOR:  DATE: 04/09/2023

***REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:**

- Please include a summarized copy of your Organization's annual budget for review.
- A statement indicating why the funds are needed
- A statement that indicates how the funds will specifically be used for the benefit of the City of Seaside.
- You may include a page with supporting metrics and analysis
- Each of the above documents may be no more than one page

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST BEFORE 5:00 P.M. APRIL 12TH, 2023.

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD April 19TH, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Requests can be mailed or delivered to:
Re: Fiscal Year 24 Grant Donation Request
City of Seaside
989 Broadway
Seaside, OR 97138

- OR -

Emailed: zfleck@cityofseaside.us.com
"Subject: Grant Donation Request"