Application for State Revenue Sharing Funds

Organization Name: Good Earth Community Garden

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Requested amount of state revenue sharing funds: $ 3,500.00

Describe your organization and how it benefits the City of Bandon community.

The Good Earth Community Garden rents plots to residents wishing to organically grow vegetables, fruit and flowers. The Garden provides each member a 4' x 12' plot of soil, water, amendments, use of tools, and free seeds. This year we're offering free classes taught by a Master Gardener and a mental health professional. The classes are open to all of Bandon and focus on growing and the mental and physical health benefits of gardening. In addition, the Bandon community is invited each year to our summer garden party.

In each of the past two years, Good Earth donated over 400 pounds of produce to the EAT and Good Neighbors programs. We maintain two plots dedicated to donation growing, plus individuals also contribute from their own plots.

We work with Bandon school teachers to support their horticulture programs and offer no-charge plots for school groups. We gratefully welcome the cleanup labors of high school students on their annual service day. Bandon High School artists are painting a garden-themed mural on the fence along our eastern property line.

Good Earth just recently consulted with the Bandon Library to help get its seed exchange program going and gave them an assortment of seed packets to supplement their kick-off collection.

Provide an overview of your budget and what funding sources are used to support the organization.

Each season the Good Earth Community Garden nets $30 per plot in rental fees which with 40 plots is a total of $1,200. This income needs to cover expenses for water and electric, garbage service, post office box rental fee, publicity, and the purchase of fertilizers, amendments and new tools.

We appreciate cash donations from individuals but they account for a small fraction of our income. A member who runs a screen printing business prints tote bags and t-shirts that we sell as a fundraiser.

Detail how the state revenue sharing funds would be used to support the organization.

We seek $3,500 to supplement our annual plot rental revenue. This grant will cover the costs of professional tree work to be done on the property. With this work we aim to reduce potential windfall damage and allow more growth enhancing sunshine into the garden. The work will be completed by Savage Tree Care and has been approved by the City's Tree Subcommittee.

In addition we hope to replace deteriorating railroad ties in the parking lot with rubber tire stops, and repaint our shed building. Our overriding goal is to maintain the property as an attractive, productive and safe place.

Additional information (optional)

Good Earth is a member of the South Coast Community Garden Association whose mission is to provide guidelines and support for community gardens on the southern Oregon coast.

We are a volunteer run organization and in 2024 logged 748 volunteer hours. Our board meets monthly and we hold monthly work parties during which all members work together to keep the garden in tiptop shape.

This is a special place. It's a spot of peace, beauty and possibility. It's a place to witness changing seasons; the hope of spring and the glory of summer. It's a home for wildlife, and a place to learn and experiment. It's where we not only grow food for our tables but also build friendships and community. Our motto says it all: Grow a Garden, Cultivate Community.

Thank you for considering our proposal for the Revenue Sharing Program.

Signature: Judith Jackson Digitally signed by Judith Jackson Date: 2024.03.25 11:08:36 -07'00' **Date:** 03/25/24

Note: If the space provided is insufficient, additional documents may be attached to this application.