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DIRECTOR

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

April 29, 2015

JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER
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Dear Grant Committee,

GREEN Corps Fresh Start is an educational program in Oregon City that provides valuable training in work and life skills, as well as horticulture and small business management for at-risk youth. The program was established in 2011 as a partnership between the Clackamas County Juvenile Department and Oregon State University Extension Service-Clackamas County. The program engages youth in community-based food production and landscaping, physical activity, nutrition, safe food handling, and business management. Youth plant, grow and harvest organically-grown produce in a quarter acre garden on the Clackamas County Red Soils campus. Youth sell the produce from the garden, honey harvested from hives located near the garden, as well as fresh smoothies and coffee drinks, at the Oregon City Farmers Market.

Funding is being requested through Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant to expand current program offerings. GREEN Corps is seeking funds to support the building of a shed near the garden, establish a worm farm, provide pro-social activities and excursions for GREEN Corps youth, and provide stipend funds to be earned by youth to pay restitution to their victims.

The projects being proposed meet five of the ten goals outlined:

- Increasing attractiveness /market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.
- Improves safety with the City.
- Increases recycling efforts to provide a reduction in solid waste.
- Increases employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
- Provides work or training opportunities to benefit youth, seniors and low-income residents.

The program is requesting \$9,120 in funding from the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant, with matching funds totaling \$2,555, for a total project budget of \$11,675.

We appreciate the committee's consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Rachel Pearl
Coordinator, Community Connection and GREEN Corps
Clackamas County Juvenile Department



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**Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant
Application for Funds
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

Before filling out this form, please read the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant Application Information for complete submittal instructions and to be sure that your proposal qualifies for funding. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 to be considered for funding. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Liability insurance coverage may be required. Limit answers to the space provided.

Title of Project GREEN Corps Fresh Start Expansion

Organization Clackamas County Juvenile Department

Is this a Non-Profit Organization? Yes ☐ No ☒

Non-Profit Federal tax exempt ID Number _____

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Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable) _____

Phone _____

Signature *Ellen Crawford*

(The person authorized to represent the organization must sign the application with a digital signature or actual signature on a hard copy.)

*****Complete the budget sheet on page 7 first.**

Amount totals from that sheet will auto fill into this table

Grant Amount Requested:	\$9,120
+ Matching Funds (Cash):	\$300
+ In-Kind Matching Funds:	\$2,255
= Total Cost of Project:	\$11,675

Proposal Information

1. Is this your first grant application to the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Committee?

Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Have you received an Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant in the last 3 years?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please describe the projects/programs for which you received funding.

Last year the GREEN (Growing Resources for Economic and Equitable Nutrition) Corps/Fresh Start program received \$14,977.80 to fund the building of fourteen raised garden beds, the purchase of additional beehives and equipment for the collection of coffee grounds.

3. If you received an Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant last year, what is the status of the project?

Two of the raised garden beds were built in the fall of 2014. The remaining twelve beds will be completed in May.

The two new hives will be installed in May.

Collection of the coffee grounds began August 21, 2014 and to date GREEN Corps youth have collected 1,760 pounds of coffee grounds.

Youth donated 3,900 pounds of produce and earned \$12,600 in stipends.

4. Will this grant-funding request be used for the first phase of a project, with possible grant requests for future phases?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain.

The funds requested are for the expansion of the existing GREEN Corps program, through the addition of new components.

5. Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting funds.

The Clackamas County Juvenile Department is requesting funds through the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant to support the expansion of the GREEN Corps Fresh Start program. The GREEN Corps Fresh Start program was established in 2011 as a partnership between the Clackamas County Juvenile Department and the OSU Extension Service. A major goal of GREEN Corps is to provide youth offenders with opportunities to develop positive social skills and transferable work and life skills. The program operates as a youth employment training program that provides training in horticulture, organic farming, forestry and small business management. The program engages at-risk youth in community-based food production and landscaping, physical activity, nutrition, safe food handling, and business management. The youth plant, grow and organically-grown produce on a quarter-acre garden located on the Clackamas County Red Soils campus in Oregon City. Youth sell the produce and honey harvested from the program's bee hives, as well as fresh smoothies and coffee drinks at the Oregon City Farmers Market from May through October each year. The program has a goal of becoming self-sustaining through the sales of goods produced.

GREEN Corps is seeking funding to build a shed near the garden to safely and securely store the supplies and equipment utilized in the garden area; start a worm farm that will produce a rich, chemical-free soil for the garden and allow for the recycling of food and other non-food waste thus reducing waste that would otherwise be sent to the landfill. Additionally, funding to provide guest speakers and field trip opportunities to youth, and to pay youth stipends is being requested.

The funds requested would provide the financial resources necessary to: 1) purchase materials and supplies to build a shed; 2) purchase supplies to establish a worm farm; 3) purchase supplies for the collection of food and other non-food waste; 4) enhance youth exposure to GREEN Corps related topics by providing experiential activities and field trips; and 5) provide stipends to GREEN Corps youth, which will be used to pay restitution owed to victims.

6. Describe why this project was selected and the community need(s) to which it will respond.

The Clackamas County Juvenile Department is dedicated to community safety; with the goal of holding youth offenders accountable by facilitating victim and community restoration. CCJD collaborate with community partners to assist in positive youth development and strengthening families. The department has developed and implemented many community service, employment training, work experience and skills group programs for youth.

Youth that have become involved in the juvenile justice system face significant barriers to education and employment. The GREEN Corps Fresh Start program was developed to address these barriers and provides youth opportunities to: 1) integrate into the community in a positive and restorative manner; 2) develop skills; and 3) gain meaningful job training and experience; while enabling them to repair harm in the community through community services work and produce donations to food banks.

GREEN Corps encourages the development of pro-social relationships with positive adult mentors and community organizations/agencies and cultivate these relationships to develop references to obtain employment. In an effort to foster this relationship building and reducing the barrier to pursuing an education, youth are introduced to Clackamas Community College. Youth are enrolled and familiarized with CCC and are eligible to earn college credit for their hours in the program. Additionally, many of the program's partners are local farmers who provide training days on their farms and have offered internship opportunities to GREEN Corps youth.

7a. Identify and describe how your proposal meets one or more of the goals for funding (check those below that apply and describe by item number below).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Increase attractiveness/market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Increase recycling efforts to provide a reduction in solid waste.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian, wetlands, forests or river areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Rehabilitate or upgrade the market value of housing or commercial property.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Improve safety within the City.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Provides work or training opportunities to benefit youth, seniors and low-income residents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of the City.	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Enhance art and culture within the City.

7b. List by item number in 7a and describe how the project meets the each goal.

1. Replacement of an existing shed that is in poor condition, with a shed that is more attractive, sturdy and secure will complement the other improvements that have been made to the garden area.

4. The Clackamas County Juvenile Department is committed to community safety. Its goal is to hold youth offenders accountable by facilitating victim and community restoration. CCJD collaborates with community partners to assist in positive youth development and strengthening families. CCJD has implemented many community service, employment training, work experience and skill group programs for youth. The department utilizes evidence-based, positive youth development programs to reduce crime and recidivism among youth.

6. Food and other non-food waste will be collected in the Juvenile Department's lunchroom, eliminating waste that would otherwise be destined for the landfill. This waste will be used as the food source for the worm farm. GREEN Corps will also continue to recycle plant waste from the garden into compost, which is returned to the garden as fertilizer; and collect 1000-2000 pounds of coffee grounds from Clackamas County offices which is also recycled into compost.

7. Youth in the GREEN Corps program get work experience, serve in internship positions with local small businesses to develop job skills and a solid work ethic, and earn stipends. Youth are also receive instruction in business management skills and create their own social enterprise.

9. GREEN Corps is a workforce development program for at-risk youth in Clackamas County.

8. Project Period: Twelve months

(Number of months in duration)

Beginning Date: July 1, 2015

Ending Date: June 30, 2016

9. What is the geographic area of Oregon City where the project will take place?

The GREEN Corps program is located at the Juvenile Department on Clackamas County's Red Soils Campus in Oregon City.

10. How will the community benefit by your project? What is the estimated number of people affected and anticipated outcome(s)?

The many community benefits of the GREEN Corps Fresh Start program include: 1) providing at-risk youth with a positive means to perform community service with practical, social, health and environmental benefits; 2) training for youth in horticulture, food safety, and business skills; 3) building community and encouraging inter-generational teaching and learning; 4) enhancing landscape features of the Red Soils Campus and providing habitat for beneficial insects, birds, etc.; 5) providing site-based educational opportunities through public garden sites; and 6) model organic food production, healthy eating, and active life-styles in high-profile settings.

It is estimated that at minimum 20 youth and 25 adults (including staff, interns and volunteers) will participate directly in the program during the 2015-16 GREEN Corps season. Youth will interact with the thousands of attendees of the Oregon City Farmers Market and other community events. Last year, in addition to the 30 Market days, GREEN Corps youth participated in 16 other community events. Additionally, scores of visitors will see the gardens on the County's Red Soils campus.

11. What community resources will be used as support for this project (i.e. community, city-owned property, city departments, transportation services or other civic groups)?

There are many partnerships and community resources that make the GREEN Corps program and its related projects possible, including Clackamas County's Juvenile and Facilities departments, Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service, Schoolyard Farms, Clackamas Service Center (CSC), Oregon City Farmers Market, and numerous small business and farms in Clackamas County.

The garden is located on county-owned property and OSU Extension provides the salary for the garden educator from Schoolyard Farms. The educator works with youth to plan and manage the garden, train the youth in urban horticulture, and manage the GREEN Corps bank accounts. Youth glean produce from the OSU Extension Service farm to donate to the CSC food bank, and the Oregon City Farmer's Market provides space for the GREEN Corps Fresh Start Market at for a minimal charge. Additionally, small businesses and farms provide life and job skills training and work experience opportunities for youth.

12. Briefly describe prior experience managing similar projects, including any past enhancement projects.

GREEN Corps utilized grant funds for program enhancement and expansion. In addition to the enhancement grant awarded for 2014-15, the program also received a grant award to fund the construction of a covered wood storage area. The covered area houses the wood prepared for sale by GREEN Corps youth as part of the forestry component of the program.

13. List anticipated project milestones and dates (e.g. groundbreakings, significant facility improvements, large gatherings of volunteers, public meetings, conferences, special activities and events).

Summer 2015 - Purchase work farming equipment and supplies

Prepare area for shed

Introduce food scarp collection practices and goals to Juvenile Department staff

Late Summer & Fall 2015 - Begin collecting food waste from Juvenile Department lunchrooms

Build/assemble shed

Fall 2015 - Spring 2016 - Collect and weigh food scraps

Provide experiential opportunities for youth (ie. activities/field trips)

14. An exit report will be included as part of the OC-MEC agreement. Describe the measurements you will use to assess the program/project effectiveness. In other words, how will the effectiveness of the program/project be tracked and evaluated (i.e. number of people served; improvements and/or beautification; number of volunteers attracted; amount of area cleaned or rehabilitated, etc.)? Be sure to describe project goals, changes and noticeable benefits that will come about as a result.

1. Shed building project, including cost, time line of construction and number of youth participating

2. Status of worm farm

3. Weight of food scraps collected

4. Weight of produce harvested from the CCJD garden, amount sold and amount donated

5. Number and description of activities and field trips made available to youth

6. Number of hours contributed by volunteers to the GREEN Corps program

7. Youth involved in the GREEN Corps program, including hours worked, stipends and college credits earned

15. List sources of support for in-kind matching support (e.g. volunteer hours and donations). In order to estimate the value of donated volunteer time, use \$22.55. (This is the value of volunteer labor time as of 1/10/15, according to the Independent Sector and The Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
<i>Volunteer hours</i>	<i>CCJD Volunteers</i>	<i>\$2,255</i>

16. List all grants applied for in support of this project and commitments confirmed to date.

GREEN Corps has not applied for other grants to support the project proposed in this grant application.

17. What is the percentage of OC-MEC funds to be used for personnel services or administrative costs? 0%

18. Will the administrator be a paid position? Yes ☒ No ☐

19. Proposed Budget—on the following page please complete the proposed budget. Modify line items as needed to reflect proposed expenses.

- Column A: Show grant monies needed for the program/project.
- Column B: Show cash matching funds.
- Column C: Show donations or in-kind volunteer labor (from question 15).
- Column D: Totals for each category.

*****These figures will be transferred to the table on the first page of this application.*

Proposed Budget

Suggested List (not inclusive)	(A) OC-MEC Grant Dollars	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total
Personnel Services (salaries, administration)				\$0
<i>Volunteer hours</i>			\$2,255	\$2,255
Project Administration costs (clerical, advertising, graphics, printing, postage)				\$0
				\$0
Materials	\$1,750	\$300		\$2,050
				\$0
Equipment/Supplies	\$520			\$520
				\$0
Construction Costs				\$0
				\$0
Event Costs <i>Activities/field trips</i>	\$850			\$850
				\$0
Transportation Costs				\$0
				\$0
Insurance Costs (if needed)				\$0
Additional Costs (List) <i>Youth Stipends</i>	\$6,000			\$6,000
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
Totals	\$9,120	\$300	\$2,255	\$11,675



Members of the Committee:

As an on-going community partner with Clackamas County Juvenile Department, I am pleased to support the GREEN Corps Fresh Start Expansion project. GREEN Corps Fresh Start provides a valuable community service to connect at-risk youth with community-based food production and business management. Through this program youth gain hands-on experience in horticulture and other social enterprises, while learning valuable employment skills, getting physical exercise and eating healthy food.

For the expansion project, I will provide technical support. Also, OSU Extension Service will continue to provide on-going support for the GREEN Corps by paying Schoolyard Farms to provide horticulture education for the youth.

Thank you for your consideration of GREEN Corps Fresh Start program expansion for the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant. This project improves the Oregon City community and will contribute to the on-going success of the GREEN Corps program.

Sincerely

Weston Miller
OSU Extension Service

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Weston Miller".



May 4, 2015

Dear Committee Members:

As a partner of the Clackamas County Juvenile Department, Schoolyard Farms is pleased to express support for the GREEN Corps Fresh Start expansion proposal. The GREEN Corps program provides educational and employment training opportunities to at-risk youth in Clackamas County.

Through the program youth are provided training in horticulture, organic farming, forestry and small business management.

For the last two years Schoolyard Farms has served as the Garden Educator for the Fresh Start Youth Farm, providing horticulture education for youth. In addition, Schoolyard Farms is the project operator for the First Step program, the young offender stipend-earning program piloted in August 2014.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal from the Clackamas County Juvenile Department for GREEN Corps Fresh Start program expansion. This expansion, funded through the awarding of an Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant, will offer additional opportunities for youth to connect to and explore their communities, learn valuable skills and live healthier lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Leeds", with a stylized, flowing script.

Courtney Leeds
Executive Director

From: [Russell, Angela](#)
To: [Michele Beneville](#)
Subject: OC-Metro Enhancement Grant Cover Letter and Application
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 3:47:04 PM
Attachments: [OC-Metro Enhancement Grant Application.pdf](#)
[OC-Metro Enhancement Grant Cover Letter.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon Michele,

Attached please find the cover letter and application for the Oregon City-Metro Enhancement Grant from the Clackamas County Juvenile Department.

Thank you

Angie Russell
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