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Enhancement Grant Program Application

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Title of Project Community Orchard Initiative Project (COIP) Phase 2

Organization Home Orchard Society (HOS)

Is this a Non-Profit Organization? Yes X No

Non-Profit Federal tax exempt ID Number 93-0666934

Address P.O. Box 607

City, State, Zip Oregon City, OR 97045

Project Coordinator Tonia Lordy Phone (786)863-9507

Email arboretum@homeorchardsociety.org

Chairperson of Governing Board (If Applicable) Joanie Cooper

Phone (503)434-7643

Signature Joanie Cooper

(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:	\$	13,159
+ Matching Funds (Cash):	\$	1,125
+ In-Kind Matching Funds (See question #15):	\$	4,848
= Total Cost of Project:	\$	19,132

Proposal Information

1. Is this your first grant application to the Enhancement Grant Committee?

Yes _____ No X _____

2. Have you received an Enhancement Grant in the last 3 years? (Include past Metro Enhancement Grants)

Yes X _____ No _____

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

In 2016, we received funding for the first phase of our Community Orchard Initiative Project. During the first phase, we launched a successful outreach program to increase community engagement, purchased tools for utilization by community members, installed new trellising systems to increase fruit growing diversity, rejuvenated larger trees on our site for greater productivity, beautification and safety, removed multiple diseased trees, implemented processes to attract and support additional pollinator and beneficial organisms, renovated our dilapidated kiwi arbor and enlarged our existing building to allow more storage space for equipment and to provide additional indoor workspace during inclement weather.

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

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

Yes _____ No X _____

If yes, please explain.

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

In order to better support and serve the needs of a growing number of diverse community members, we seek the Oregon City Metro Enhancement grant to assist in completion of Phase 2. We believe the significant improvements to our infrastructure will better support our educational programs and the local community. Funds sought in this Phase 2 grant will result in the following:

- Expand our Nursery Propagation Zone to include construction of a 198 sq. ft. passively-heated propagation house. This will enhance our plant production capability. Community needs will be better served with this additional education space and the increased revenue from future plant sales will enable further development of the HOS Arboretum.
- Design a brochure to guide visitors' exploration of the Arboretum. Weatherproof boxes for the brochures will be placed strategically throughout the Arboretum.
- Install new signage to enhance the visitor experience as well as being an educational tool for program participants.
- Install a Honey Bee Demonstration Site with educational display kiosks positioned throughout a new pollinator garden. Several bee hives with signage will describe and

demonstrate the function of beneficial organisms and their impact on fruit growing, the environment, and people.

- Remove diseased trees and prepare sites for future re-plantings that will increase diversity in our orchard.
- Acquire rain barrels to provide a necessary water supply in winter.
- Procure a cart, ladder, harvesting tools and storage crates to help support COP participants, volunteers and students.

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

Phase 2 of our COIP will continue to increase educational outreach, broaden community awareness of the Arboretum, and encourage further participation and involvement with students, Oregon City residents, tourists, and surrounding communities. Classes, workshops, events, and volunteer opportunities are available to the general public. Having a community orchard in Oregon City has increased access to locally grown organic fruit for community members of varying socioeconomic backgrounds. Fruit from the Arboretum is donated to local food banks and organizations that serve low-income populations in Oregon City and the Portland Metro Area. We also provide donations of plants and fruit to other local non-profits in support of their efforts. Community members who participate in our programs are empowered with hands-on training and education focusing on organic food production/gardening and environmental stewardship. In addition, our diverse programs are designed to encourage a sense of community and teamwork by providing a family-friendly recreational outlet enriching the lives of all who participate.

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

1. Result in significant improvement in the cleanliness of the City.
2. Increase reuse and recycling efforts or provide a reduction in solid waste.
3. **Increase the attractiveness or market value of residential, commercial or industrial areas.**
4. **Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c) (3) status under the Internal Revenue Code.**
5. **Enhance new or existing wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands or marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.**
6. **Preserve or increase recreational areas and programs within the City.**
7. Improve safety within the City.
8. Increase employment or economic opportunities for City residents.
9. **Provide work or training opportunities to benefit youth, seniors and low-income persons or underserved population.**
10. Enhance art and culture within the City.

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

3. The Arboretum's North property line runs the length of Marjorie Lane, which is adjacent to the Berry Hill Shopping Center and Kingsberry Heights Apartment complex. As a good neighbor, HOS Arboretum program participants help maintain the cleanliness and park-like setting of the 634 feet-long right-of-way between our fence line and Marjorie Lane.

4. Rehabilitation will include repurposing of old creosote-treated railroad ties, diseased tree removal, stump grinding, replacement of outdated signage and the addition of waterproof display boxes for brochures. Upgrading of facilities will include installing a propagation house for plant production and educational space, Honey Bee Demonstration Site, additional garden beds, and improvements in water capture and management by utilizing rain barrels.

5. The Arboretum is a natural refuge for wildlife and is situated adjacent to the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center which is the headwaters for Newell Creek. Our current diversity of over 500 fruiting trees, shrubs, vines, and other perennials provide habitat and feed a wide array of birds, bees, and other beneficial organisms. Installation of an additional pollinator garden and Bee Demonstration Site will increase public awareness among Arboretum visitors of the importance of sustaining bee populations as critical and endangered pollinators.

6. The HOS has been offering fruit-growing classes for more than 40 years. Over the last five years, these classes have increased in popularity from 253 students in 2015 to 478 students' year-to-date. Beyond the existing series of family-friendly events hosted at the Arboretum throughout the year (*e.g.*, harvesting parties, community picnics and cider pressing), the addition of the proposed propagation house and expanded nursery will allow us to increase the current number of workshops offered annually to the community and enable increased fundraising capability.

9. Through the Community Orchard Program (COP), our community events, and educational workshops, HOS provides training and educational opportunities for members of the local community and visitors. In 2018, more than 1700 volunteer hours were logged by participants in these programs, providing these individuals with guided, hands-on training that serves as experience in organic gardening and basic landscape maintenance. A significant fraction of participants in the COP are seniors, for whom the physical activity and socializing offered by the COP are invaluable for their health. We also provide service opportunities for youth from the Clackamas County Juvenile Rehabilitative Justice Department. By working at the orchard, these youths learn the importance of teamwork, environmental stewardship, and community participation. The Horticulture Department at Clackamas Community College (CCC) utilizes the orchard as an outdoor laboratory for a number of classes. The Arboretum serves as a work-site for CCC horticulture students fulfilling their Cooperative Work Experience requirements. Other educational outreach supported includes acting as a host site for recurring horticulture classes from Portland Community College, the International Society for Arboriculture, and a yearly Oregon State University Small Farms Conference.

8. Project Period: 10 months
(Number of months in duration)
Beginning Date: 8-1-2019
Ending Date: 6-13-2020

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

The Arboretum is on the CCC campus in Oregon City at 19600 Molalla Ave. we lease a 1.6 acre area of the campus that sits on the corner of Beaver Creek Road and Marjorie Lane.

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

The Home Orchard Society and its Arboretum has touched countless lives over its 40-plus year history. In 2018, our events and classes were attended by over 2700 people. During the past four years the number of hours logged by volunteers at the Arboretum has increased dramatically from 648 in 2015 to 1718 in 2018. This growth in volunteer participation is linked directly to the funding we received in 2016 for Phase 1 of our COIP. Receipt of further funding under this Phase 2 application offers the opportunity for further growth.

This grant will allow us to reach more people through increased awareness and added educational opportunities. With our COIP we expect to be able to significantly expand the number of families in Oregon City and the surrounding community who participate in activities at the Arboretum. Our space serves as an outdoor classroom for diverse audiences of local civic groups, educational programs, schools, and residents. With Phase 2 funding we seek to broaden our outreach to the community with plans to serve several thousand local residents. We are currently in discussions with Mudbone Grown LLC, which is a women, minority owned small business promoting land stewardship among the African-American community and veterans in the Metro area. We are creating a program to train their instructional staff and program participants. Madison High School, in NE Portland, has asked for our support and guidance in the creation of their new urban agriculture training center. The enhanced HOS Arboretum will be used as a template for future agriculture related programs at area K-12 schools.

The HOS is a unique organization serving an otherwise unmet need within the greater Portland area. By inviting nature into the urbanized environment and providing a refuge in which it can flourish, the Arboretum provides an essential and vital green-space in an increasingly developed area. Bringing people together around the garden makes our area a better place to live and improves human well-being while maintaining and nurturing biodiversity. By increasing access to fresh nutritious fruit and promoting an active lifestyle involving growing and harvesting of garden produce, we help reverse the trend of 'food deserts' that many low-income individuals face in urban areas which lack access to fresh quality produce.

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)?

We currently have working partnerships with the Horticulture Department at CCC, the Clackamas County Juvenile Corrections Department, Lewis and Clark College, and Portland Community College. We will be working with Clackamas Print, Oregon City News, The Oregonian, Willamette Falls Community Media, Mount Hood Territory, Nextdoor, and Friends of Family Farmer to promote and advertise our events and programs.

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

Tonia Lordy has been the Manager for the HOS's Demonstration Arboretum in Oregon City since 2012. As manager she handles volunteer coordinating, event marketing, training new program participants, curriculum development, classroom instruction, fundraising efforts, and accounting as well as assisting with website development. In 2016, she oversaw the implementation of Phase 1 of our COIP. Over the past few years she has supervised multiple volunteer groups of 40-50 participants on upgrades to the Arboretum. She has served as the volunteer director for the HOS Fruit Propagation Fair and All About Fruit Show, directing 30-45 volunteers. She also managed a \$17,000 irrigation installation project at the Arboretum in 2015. She previously has been a retail garden center manager, where she led a complete reset of her department each spring, trained several seasonal employees, and engaged hundreds of customers on a daily basis. Tonia spent five years working in community television, where she taught classes in video production and trained volunteers to run audio/visual equipment. All productions required thorough attention to detail, a high degree of organization, and the ability to direct several people simultaneously.

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

Aug 3, 2019 - HOS Annual Potluck Picnic and Open House
Sept 1, 2019 - Completion of rain barrel installation
Sept 14, 2019 - Harvest Festival and Open House
Sept 30, 2019 - Tree removal and stump grinding completion
Oct 5, 2019 - Completion of plant nursery expansion
Oct 8, 2019 - Groundbreaking for the Honey Bee Demonstration Site and Propagation House
Jan 25, 2020 - Introduction of new Arboretum brochure
Apr 8, 2020 - Grand Opening of the Honey Bee Demonstration Site and Propagation House
Jun 6, 2020 - Open House and guided tour

14. An exit report will be required once the project is complete, per a signed Enhancement 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.

The measurements used to assess effectiveness of the COIP will include before and after pictures of construction and beautification projects. All volunteer hours will be tracked, and the number of visitors and participants that attend our classes, workshops, and events will be recorded. Our exit report will be in the form of a MS Power Point presentation which will demonstrate the impact grant funding has had on our organization and our community.

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 refer to the Enhancement Grant Program Information sheet for current value.

Item	Source of Support	Estimated Value (\$)
Stump grinding	Volunteer labor	247
Rain barrel installation	Volunteer labor	70
Ground preparation for greenhouse	Volunteer labor	869
Nursery expansion	Volunteer labor	579
Honey Bee Demonstration site installation	Volunteer labor	1086
Arboretum brochure design	Volunteer labor	724
Signage installation	Volunteer labor	1014
Plants for bee garden	Cash- HOS	200
Soil	Cash- HOS	125
Event Refreshments	Cash- HOS	500
Marketing/printing	Cash- HOS	300

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

Portland Community College Horticulture Department - sheet mulching - Aug 3, 2019

CCC Horticulture Department - ground prep - Aug 21, 2019

Community Connections - spreading gravel – Sept 2019

Lewis and Clark - spreading gravel, ground prep for pollinator bed - Sept 2019

17. What is the percentage of Enhancement will be used for personnel services or administrative costs? 15 %

18. Will the administrator be a paid position? Yes X 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) Grant Dollars Requested	(B) Matching Funds (Cash)	(C) In-Kind Matching Support	(D) Total
Personnel Services (salaries, administration)	2000			2000
Project Administration costs (clerical, advertising, graphics, printing, postage)	550	300	724	1574
Materials	8541	325		8866
Equipment/Supplies	1068			1068
Construction Costs	1000		4124	5124
Event Costs		500		500
Transportation Costs				
Insurance Costs (if needed)				
Additional Costs (List)				
Totals	13,159 ✓	1125 ✓	4848 ✓	19,132 ✓



Growing Good Fruit At Home

Home Orchard Society

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May 17, 2019

Enhancement Grant Program

Lori Bell

625 Center Street

Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Ms. Bell,

The Home Orchard Society Demonstration Arboretum in Oregon City is requesting a grant in the amount of \$19,132 that will be used to complete the second phase of our Community Orchard Project. The Home Orchard Society serves the Pacific NW community by providing accessible resources and hosting learning events for fruit growers of all skill levels. We support the basic human needs of Oregon City residents by providing vital greenspace and fostering a sense of community through education and recreation.

The Home Orchard Society was established as a 501(c3) in 1975. Our mission is to promote the science, culture and pleasure of growing fruit at home via educational outreach and assistance. The demonstration Arboretum is located in Oregon City and directly serves residents of the South Metro Funding area and beyond. This project will promote awareness and utilization of a valuable resource within Oregon City limits. Further upgrades to our facility will enhance our ability to provide training opportunities for youth, seniors, and underserved populations, increase habitat for wildlife and beneficial organisms, and promote recreation for Oregon City residents and the surrounding area.

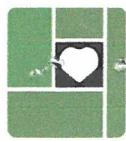
Community is the basis of a healthy functioning society. Sharing, learning and working with our neighbors to achieve a common goal nurtures a sense of connectedness that our communities so desperately need.

Sincerely,

Tonia M. Lordy

Home Orchard Society, Arboretum Manager

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5727 SW Macadam Avenue
Portland, OR 97239

POLICY NUMBER: 2019-35557

RENEWAL OF NUMBER: 2018-35557

NAME OF INSURED AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Home Orchard Society
P.O. Box 12
Molalla, OR 97038

POLICY PERIOD:

FROM **03/01/2019** TO **03/01/2020**

AT 12:01 A.M. STANDARD TIME AT YOUR MAILING ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION: Resources for home orchard enthusiasts

**IN RETURN FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM, AND SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS OF THIS
POLICY, WE AGREE WITH YOU TO PROVIDE THE COVERAGE AS STATED IN THIS POLICY.**

THIS POLICY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING COVERAGE PARTS FOR WHICH A PREMIUM IS INDICATED. THESE PREMIUMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT.

	PREMIUM
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART - OCCURRENCE	\$821
COMMERCIAL AUTO LIABILITY COVERAGE PART	Not Covered
IMPROPER SEXUAL CONDUCT AND PHYSICAL ABUSE COVERAGE PART	Not Covered
SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL COVERAGE PART	Not Covered
COMMERCIAL LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE PART	INCLUDED
TERRORISM COVERAGE (Certified Acts)	Not Covered
TOTAL:	\$821

FORM(S) AND ENDORSEMENT(S) MADE A PART OF THIS POLICY AT TIME OF ISSUE.*

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*Omits applicable forms and endorsement if shown in specific coverage part / coverage form declarations.

These declarations and the common policy declarations, if applicable, together with the common policy conditions, coverage form(s) and forms and endorsements, if any, issued to form a part thereof, complete the above numbered policy.

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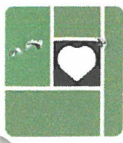
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(AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

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LIMITS OF COVERAGE:

GENERAL AGGREGATE LIMIT (OTHER THAN PRODUCTS - COMPLETED OPERATIONS)	\$2,000,000
PRODUCTS - COMPLETED OPERATIONS AGGREGATE LIMIT	\$2,000,000
PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY LIMIT	\$1,000,000
EACH OCCURRENCE LIMIT	\$1,000,000
DAMAGE TO PREMISES RENTED TO YOU	\$500,000 ^{any one premises}
MEDICAL EXPENSE LIMIT	\$20,000 ^{any one person}

ADDITIONAL COVERAGES:

PREMIUM

\$821

FORMS AND ENDORSEMENTS APPLICABLE TO THIS POLICY ARE INCLUDED IN COMMERCIAL LINES COMMON POLICY DECLARATIONS

01/29/2019

BY

Samuel C. Q.

(AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

THESE DECLARATIONS AND THE COMMON POLICY DECLARATIONS, IF APPLICABLE, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS, COVERAGE FORM(S) AND FORMS AND ENDORSEMENTS, IF ANY, ISSUED TO FORM A PART THEREOF, COMPLETE THE ABOVE NUMBERED POLICY.

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Education That Works

May 10, 2019

Lori Bell
Community Enhancement Grant Program
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Ms. Bell,

The Community Garden Initiative's vision of engaging the local community by offering classes, workshops, events and volunteer opportunities aligns with Clackamas Community College's mission, which is to serve the community with high quality education and training opportunities. The Home Orchard Society Demonstration Orchard and CCC have worked side-by-side since 1986, and we have a long history of partnership.

CCC supports improvements to the Home Orchard site. The improvements will increase the functionality of the site and also provide educational opportunities for our classes and the community that we serve.

If you have any questions you may contact me at (503) 594-6790.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Robert Cochran', written over a light blue horizontal line.

P. Robert Cochran, P.E.
Dean, Campus Services

May 10, 2019

Lori Bell
Community Enhancement Grant Program Committee
City of Oregon City
625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

As a full-timer faculty member in the CCC Horticulture Department, I have been partnering with Tonia, arboretum manager, and Home Orchard Society for six years. In that time, I have witnessed clear improvement in the quality of educational opportunities offered, expansion of the vision for community involvement, and renewed volunteer support for programs and facilities maintenance. Tonia's long tenure in the position, passion for the subject matter, and commitment to education are important factors in creating these changes. Further support is needed to maintain the current services and continue to improve and expand them.

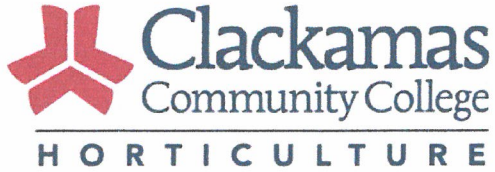
HOS plays many important roles in the CCC campus community; it beautifies the campus environment, offers free and reduced cost learning opportunities for CCC students, creates community engagement through volunteerism, demonstrates responsible fruit growing practices for the public, and maintains many rare varieties of fruit, as well as populations of native pollinators. However as an educator in a "Career Technical" program, one of the most important benefits of HOS is the student internship opportunities, both formally through Cooperative Work Experience, and informally through volunteering with the organization. In the past 6 years I have had nearly 20 students complete CWE at HOS. Not all CWEs are created equal. As a former student and CWE participant herself, Tonia understands the program and takes the learning objectives seriously. Students leave with a better understanding of fruit production, non-profit work, and marketable skills in fruit tree pruning, pest management, and propagation that many businesses in the horticultural industry are looking for.

In addition, the arboretum is indispensable as a land lab for many horticulture courses. Among the many courses that use the facility each year are 'Organic Farming Practicum (Fall, Winter, and Spring)', 'Fruit and Berry Production', 'Edible Plant Propagation', 'Food Harvest and Handling', 'Integrated Pest Management', and 'Pruning'. Without the arboretum, the CCC Horticulture Department would be at a significant disadvantage in providing practical, hands-on skills to students in these courses. Not only do they get a

hands-on opportunity, but they also get clear, to-the-point explanations of concepts and personal attention and feedback from Tonia. Student feedback from these courses regularly list their experiences with Tonia at HOSA as an important part of achieving course learning objectives. It is in the best interest of CCC students to offer continued support to HOS to maintain this high level of service and student involvement. Furthermore, I believe there are numerous opportunities for engagement with students in other departments on campus. Collaboration with faculty and students in Art, English, Science, and Welding, for example, all seem like obvious possibilities for campus partnerships that have yet to be explored.

The HOSA is a vital community resource for students, faculty, and community members. From offering CWE, to teaching job skills to improved environmental quality on campus, CCC and the community benefits in many ways from an ongoing relationship with HOS. Thank you for your consideration of the opinions expressed here.

Sincerely,
Chris Konieczka
Horticulture Faculty
Lead Instructor – Organic Farming



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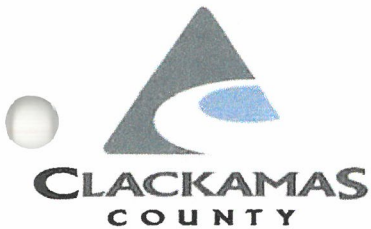
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May 15, 2019

Lori Bell
Community Enhancement Grant Program Committee
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As a department we strive to provide a diverse and hands-on experience exploring all facets of the horticultural and agricultural fields, only limited by our imagination and the resources available. Having a loved and well-functioning orchard as a resource on the same grounds as the college has offered a plethora of opportunities for the students. These include but are not limited to pruning methodology, agricultural ecology, food production systems and propagation, pest and disease identification, career exploration, polyculture strategy, climatic relativity, cooperative work experiences/internships... Without the orchard and the dedicated help of Tonia we would be at a loss to immerse our students in such a broad and important spectrum of fruit and berry culture.

Sincerely,
TJ McDonough
Horticulture Lab Assistant
CCC Horticulture Department



CHRISTINA L. McMAHAN
DIRECTOR

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER
2121 KAEN ROAD | OREGON CITY, OR 97045

05/15/2019

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a brief description of how Home Orchard Society has supported our youth throughout the years.

Home Orchard Society is one of our community partners, offering community services to our youth. We have always appreciated the way they communicate clear expectations of our youth. They support the youth through education and hands on experience while they complete various tasks to help maintain and improve the 1.6 acre demonstration orchard.

Home Orchard has been consistent in their ability to follow through with our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We can count on Home Orchard to be responsive to our request of taking our youth and a quick turnaround in sending weekly attendance.

We highly recommend Home Orchard for the Oregon City Enhancement Grant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Vikki Allen, MSW, CSWA
Clackamas County Juvenile Department
2121 Kaen Rd
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 650-3146

Attn: Lori Bell
Enhancement Grant Program Committee
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Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Grant Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. The Home Orchard Society (HOS) Arboretum, situated on the grounds of the Clackamas Community College, is applying for Metro Enhancement Grant this year and I am writing for you to consider approving our grant application. The Community Enhancement Grant Program would enable us to increase access to educational opportunities, improve the function of our "outdoor classroom" and community space, and so much more.

HOS is a non-profit that over the last 44 years has a proven track record and during that time has fulfilled a unique niche by providing education and outreach to the public around promoting perennial food crops, namely orchard fruits. Teaching people the skills to grow their own food is to teach them about one of the most fundamental activities we can engage in. Beyond that our community is healthier when we have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Around the country right now, community food initiatives are often seen as actively revitalizing community by providing vital green-spaces that offer sanctuary from the bustle of the city and help bring us together to break bread around the table.

Tonia Lordy, our Arboretum Manager, has worked relentlessly to expand access and foster collaboration with many community partners to meet our mission of providing education and greater awareness of the "science, culture and pleasure of growing fruit at home". Your approval of our project would be the "wind in our sails" to make a positive impact in many more lives.

Humbly yours,

Chris Homanics
Board Member of HOS - Stayton, OR
May 15, 2019

Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Program

Oregon City, OR

The Home Orchard Society is applying for a grant for projects at their Arboretum located on the Clackamas Community College campus. HOS is an asset to the community and offers many learning opportunities to local citizens of all income levels. The requested grant funds would allow expansion of classes and expansion of the number of neighbors able to participate.

Home Orchard Society is a non-profit actively sharing knowledge and enhancing our community. I hope you will endorse the request for grant funding -- to enable the proposed projects at the Home Orchard Society Arboretum.

Yours Truly,

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May 10, 2019

Lori Bell
Community Enhancement Grant Program Committee
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Re: Letter of Support for the Home Orchard Society's Application to the Community Enhancement Grant Program

Dear Ms. Bell:

I am very pleased to offer my enthusiastic support for the application from the Home Orchard Society (HOS) for the Community Enhancement Grant Program. I have been a participant in the Community Orchard Program (COP) at the HOS arboretum since March 2018. When I moved to Oregon City in August 2017, I began seeking opportunities in which I could engage in community activities that reflect the collaborative spirit of the Metro area as well as make a positive impact of the well-being of this area and its citizens. My experiences volunteering at the HOS orchard have allowed me to address in part these goals and been enjoyable personally.

My participation in the COP has provided me both formal education—through classes offered on horticulture of fruit trees and shrubs by the HOS—and informal training in best practices for organic gardening that have allowed me to better manage the landscaping around my house in Oregon City. For example, I learned the importance of maintaining a diverse environment for pollinators and beneficial organisms. As a relative newcomer to this area, volunteering at the HOS arboretum also has offered me opportunities to engage socially with others through teamwork on orchard projects. Tonia Lordy works tirelessly as the orchard's manager to promote an inclusive atmosphere that welcomes all participants and helps meet both the orchard's and our own personal needs.

In summary, I hope that the grant committee will support financially the project proposed by the HOS to increase the orchard's impact on Oregon City and its residents.

Sincerely –



Paul A. DiMilla

The Home Orchard Society has made successful home grown fruit a reality for my family. The affordable events and materials along with the community of knowledgeable folks that the HOS attracts are a real highlight of the Portland area gardening and culinary communities.

This year I am participating in the Community Orchardist program, contributing effort and some \$ in exchange for access to experts at the Orchard as well as classes, plant materials and of course fruit.

The Orchard hosts very many exemplary varieties of a wide range of fruiting plants. It is an endlessly fascinating place to see how fruit is grown in the PNW. Tonia offers a range of work options to suit everyone who may appear. I have just begun logging hours in the program, but already feel compelled to recommend it to any plant and food lovers I know or meet. I also appreciate that the arboretum is open to the public. So truly, the HOS is part of what makes this area a desirable place to live.

-Stephanie Buddenbaum, 5/12/2019

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May 12, 2019

Lori Bell
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Re: Letter of Support for the Home Orchard Society's Community Orchard

Dear Ms. Bell:

I wish to show support for the grant application for the Home Orchard Society Community Orchard Program. Off and on I have helped at the orchard for almost 8 years. Recently the HOS started a Community Orchard program. For 45 hours of my time and a \$75 fee I get a share of the crop at the orchard.

While I have been with the community orchard program, I have seen students, other HOS members, other Community Orchard people like me, and teens that have had a run in with the law all benefit from the program offered. Students in the Horticulture program get hands on experience in the orchard. My daughter helped me last year get my 45 hours in and the Orchard manager donated two boxes of fruit for her to get to the Oregon food bank. The teens get a positive work experience and learn they need to be on time, pack a lunch, and notify the orchard manager when they can't make their shift.

I have seen probably 4- 5 dozen people who benefited from the orchard last year and I was only there for about 50 hours. I'm fairly certain 5 times that many are involved. I see this orchard as a great asset to the community and I wanted to show my support for their grant application. If you have time come visit the orchard. It's a fun place to visit and I see people from all over the world brought to the orchard by their friends who know what a special place this is.

In summary, I hope that the grant committee will support financially the project proposed by the HOS to increase the orchard's impact on Oregon City and its residents.

Sincerely –

Marty Ebner

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May 10, 2019

Lori Bell
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Dear Ms. Bell,

I am a volunteer at the Community Orchard Program and am writing to ask your support for a grant application submitted by the Home Orchard Society Arboretum manager, Tonia Lordy. The arboretum provides such a unique learning opportunity for so many people. Along with providing regular hands-on classes on a variety of orchard-related topics, Tonia is also always available to anyone who drops by with questions or concerns regarding their own plants and trees. Her wealth of knowledge is a fantastic resource for the community.

Tonia is always striving to create more learning opportunities for the community, and with the grant money she would like to provide a honey bee demonstration site, as well as new signage throughout the orchard, and a brochure with a map. The orchard is such a wonderful place for visitors to see nature at work, and new signage would be very helpful. She would also like to buy some much-needed tools and equipment, which we volunteers would appreciate.

Of course, "the fruits of our labor" is the best part of the arboretum, with the amazing varieties of apples and many, many other fruits available to sample. Tonia has several community events to showcase the bounty.

Thank you so much for your consideration of the grant.

Susie Norman
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Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant Program
Oregon City, Oregon

I am writing to support the HOS grant application. As a Clackamas County citizen I have taken classes offered by the HOS learning to graft, prune and save old fruit trees. The produce benefited not only my family but the local food bank also. The HOS is a valuable part of our county and I heartily endorse supporting their mission.

Sincerely yours,
Nick Orfanakis

Community Enhancement Grant Committee
RE: Lori Bell
May 13, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I understand that the Home Orchard Society is applying for a grant from your organization. As a farmer in Clackamas County I know how much help the facility at CCC has been to both students and residents. The hands on programs in grafting, pruning and pollination. Your facility has helped small farms like mine with forty tree, to large Orchards as well as families with only a couple of trees. Not to mention your CSA (community supported agriculture) program efforts to provide healthy food for those who can't grow their own.

We have learned so much from your efforts. You are truly an asset to our community.

Patricia Tawney
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Hello,

My name is Bailey Marra and I have been interning at the Home Orchard Society [HOS]. I'm currently on my second term working in the orchard and I plan to go through the summer and continue to volunteer once I've finished school.

The amount of information and skills I get from being here are invaluable and I know that without the HOS I'd never have learned to properly use the skills I've been taught in the classroom setting. It's not just Tonia who teaches and guides me but all the community orchard members and volunteers as well; the interaction with all ages and experiences of people who either have spent their life in the horticulture field or just have a passion to learn and enjoy growing and caring for plants. The amount of knowledge that lives there is a wondrous and very willing to be shared as well by everyone.

I believe that there's so much more that could be done to benefit all members, volunteers, and anyone who walks through the gate. Creating spaces that can allow us to be more efficient and be able to teach people all sorts of skills that can be used at home and most importantly in the orchard. I'll happily prune as many trees, pull every weed, wheel around and clean up debris all the while knowing that the fruits of mine and everyone else's labor will reward us greatly in the end.

Bailey Marra
05/14/2019