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GARDEN FOR EVERY SCHOOL GRANTS

The purpose of The Environmental Center's Garden Grants program is to provide funding to public and private schools and youth organizations in Central Oregon to start, expand, improve or support a new or existing school garden or outdoor classroom. Gardens can be indoor or outdoor, edible and/or native/pollinator gardens. *NEW: There is no set minimum or maximum funding limit this year. Your proposal should accurately reflect the needs of your garden program for this school year. We may not be able to fund (or fully fund) larger requests, and we may have additional application steps and/or questions for larger requests.*

Eligibility & Priority:

- All public and private Pre-K-12 schools and youth organizations in Central Oregon.
- Applications can be submitted by: teachers, principals, school staff, student clubs and parents.
- You completed grant reporting for a prior year's garden grant you received.
- Our priority for funding are schools/orgs in communities where no one has applied before (currently only La Pine & Metolius) communities where only 1-3 grants have been awarded (Warm Springs, Madras, Culver, Prineville) or schools/orgs that serve marginalized students, in any community.

Selection Requirements:

- The application is complete and the project can reasonably be expected to start this school year.
- The application is approved by the school/org administration, and includes a complete budget.
  NEW: See website for a couple of budget examples.
- If this is a NEW outdoor garden within the Bend-La Pine or Redmond School District, you must already have completed a 'School Garden Development Application' and have it approved. *(If you are starting a garden this year, we can help you complete the application, and you can apply for a grant next school year.)*

What Can Be Funded:

- Garden Supplies: tools, seeds, starts, soil, compost, etc.
- Garden Infrastructure: fencing, irrigation, wood, grow lights, etc.
- Outdoor Classroom supplies: picnic tables, benches, work benches, shade sails, etc.,
- Garden Beautification: Art project supplies, flower bulbs, signage, etc.
- Maintenance: Stipend for teachers or parents who put in extra time on behalf of a garden.

Grants Timeline:

- ☐ Applications Due: Friday, November 17th, 2023
- ☐ Grants Awarded: Mid-January, 2024
- ☐ Progress Report Due: Friday, May 24th, 2024

APPLICATION FORM ONLINE>>>>>>>>>>>
www.envirocenter.org/schoolgardens
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