

## **Community Garden Program – Mini Grants Marion-Polk Food Share**

### **Overview:**

Marion-Polk Food Share is proud to support a network of 60+ community gardens across two counties. In an effort to ensure clear tracking of funds and equal distribution of resources – we are implementing a mini grant funding process. Our aim is that the mini grants will streamline the funding process and make it easier for you to get support for your garden. We are open to feedback and will be piloting the mini grant application process over the next six months. Please feel free to provide any feedback to Lexi Stickel or Leana Dickerson.

### **Funding Levels:**

#### Blueberry Fund (small: under \$100):

- Reviewed on an ongoing basis. Notifications within 2-5 business days.
- Open continually to Core and Supported Gardens – Core Gardens may apply multiple times and may be awarded up to \$250 per year; Supported Gardens may apply up to \$150 per year.
- Examples of Blueberry Fund request: new gardening tools/supplies (gloves, shovels, hoses, wheelbarrows, rakes, etc.), lumber to repair garden beds, etc.
- Requirements to apply: Mini Grant Application

#### Apple Fund (medium: \$100-\$500):

- Reviewed on an ongoing basis. Notifications within 10 days.
- Open only to Core Gardens – Core Gardens may apply up to 3 times year, with one award given to each garden annually.
- Examples of Apple Fund: top soil, mulch, lumber for new garden beds, repairs/expansion of irrigation, extra compost, small shed, etc.
- Requirements to apply: Mini Grant Application, estimated budget of costs

#### Watermelon Fund (large: \$500-\$1000):

- Reviewed quarterly (January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>). Notifications within two weeks after the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Open only to Core Gardens – Core Gardens may apply multiple times, but only one garden award is given each quarter.
- Examples of Watermelon Fund: a new fence, a large shed, pergola, concrete for a patio area, garden expansion projects.
- Requirements to apply: Mini Grant Application, estimated budget, letter describing impact of project on the garden

Please email the applications to Leana Dickerson at [ldickerson@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:ldickerson@marionpolkfoodshare.org)  
or drop off applications at  
Marion Polk Food Share  
1660 Salem Industrial Drive NE  
Salem, OR 97301

## Mini Grant Application

Garden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Fund Requested:

- Blueberry Fund (under \$100)
- Apple Fund (\$100-\$500)
- Watermelon Fund (\$500-\$1000)

Briefly describe what the funds will be used for:

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Have you solicited support for this purpose from other community partners?

- Yes
- No
- Not yet

If you answered yes to the previous question, please tell us what other support you have received and what other community businesses/partners/organizations have provided it:

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Briefly, provide a breakdown of costs:

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*If applying for the Apple Fund, please attach a budget. If applying for the Watermelon Fund, please attach budget and letter describing impact of project on the garden.*