

Food Equity Microgrant: Applicant Follow Up Information

Duplicate Applicants

- **HFP 09/Urban Bee**

- "It would be for two separate projects. The urban bee was going to be a community garden. Then covid happened. The micro grant was just for our personal backyard. But we do have bees and chickens and such."
- **RECOMMENDATION** – Consider applications separately

- **HFP 36/Carry the Water**

- "These are for completely separate projects. If I am awarded the Home Food Production sum of \$250, I will keep that entirely for my household's needs and produce receipts for reconciliation. In my organizing capacity with Carry the Water, however, it is my role to perform most of our groups' administrative tasks, including grant applications, social media communications, and coordinating logistics for the Garden. For this reason, I've listed Denae Shanidiin (denaeshanidiin@gmail.com or landback@carrythewater.earth) as the primary contact for the CTW application and myself as secondary; in other words, if CTW is awarded a Community Grant, please let Denae know and Cc me on your correspondence with her so I can ensure that she gets back to you in a timely fashion (this is just how our group works best).

Another person you could also have as a secondary or even primary contact is Kalama Ku'ikahi (kalamakuikahi@gmail.com or landback@carrythewater.earth). But because Kalama and Denae are both so incredibly busy with their work and roles in their respective Indigenous communities, again, please copy me on the correspondence with them so I can make sure everyone gets connected.

Also, I would not be one of the paid laborers for the CTW Garden; we would reserve those funds strictly for Indigenous Relatives who are laboring in that space, though the food we would buy to feed everyone who helps in the CTW Garden specifically on build days in that space. So while there is some overlap - such as I would be eating a Navajo taco or volunteering my labor to help make the tacos during build days alongside my Indigenous CTW Relatives - it would be minimal and kept entirely separate in each respective space (i.e., what happens in the CTW Garden stays in/benefits the CTW Garden, and verbatim with my home garden)."

- **RECOMMENDATION** – Consider applications separately

- **HFP 46/SLAM Ranch**

- "Essentially, we applied for the individual grant but then realized that we might qualify for the Community Grant as well, so we applied for that too. Obviously, it would be more helpful to us to get the Community Grant to implement the water system, but if there's not much chance we will get that one then we can pull it. A few things have changed/progressed at SLAM Ranch since we applied, and our partnership with Wasatch Community Gardens will likely soon become more official/structured as a demo farm."
- **RECOMMENDATION** – Combine applications and consider under Community Grant

- **HFP 49/Wonder Arts LLC**
 - “Those would be for two separate projects. The 250\$ grant application is for my home and family's personal garden. The 5000\$ herb class proposal would be for my business and the community.”
 - **RECOMMENDATION** – Fund only one project
- **HFP 54/First United Methodist Church**
 - “I would like to clarify that the applications submitted pertain to distinct projects. The Home Food Production microgrant is specifically intended for my personal plots and activities within Richmond Park's community garden.”
 - **RECOMMENDATION** – Consider applications separately
- **HFP 57/Jayhawks**
 - “They were two different applications. We didn't know that you can only apply for one or the other. Primarily, we prefer the Community Application funding opportunity versus the Home Food Production microgrant and appreciate your clarification.”
 - **RECOMMENDATION** – Combine applications and consider under Community Grant

Community Grant Project Clarification

- **People's Market/9th West Farmers Market**
 - “The garden would be in the Fairpark area of Salt Lake City. I have a large backyard that is never used for anything and I am planning to loan it to the market. As I have been with the market since 2009, and this year will be my 9th as it's president, I am pretty invested in keeping it going, providing fresh local food for the community...I forgot that one of thing we have done in the past is a seed swap/sale in early February where we have classes on gardening who teach on a variety of issues such as container gardening for those who live in apartments. We have also had classes on preparing food found at the market. Both of these we hope to bring back.”
 - Applicant clarified that the project would be to install a raised bed garden in her (the People's Market President) backyard in order to have reliable produce for the market so they can provide fresh, local produce to their clients. The market has had a hard time keeping produce vendors, especially through the pandemic. They currently have one producer who comes from Tooele, but he is aging and looking to scale back his commitments. Applicant is dedicated to keep the market going for the loyal client base they have (mostly low income and elderly folks on West Side) and doesn't want to see the market fail, but fears it will without any produce vendors. The group is a strong, community-involved group and plans to donate any remaining produce to other partners they work with such as the Valor House or local schools. The market has also had a hard time retaining food/meal vendors and the grant could help them support their free breakfast for kids program

- *Note* – I didn't ask this applicant about partnering with the Somali Community Self Management Agency because, after speaking with SCSMA, their project proposal is not to start a market farming program; they are just growing for the families they work with.
- **Somali Community Self Management Agency**
 - "Over the past 15 years, Somalia Community Self-Management Agency (SCSMA) has increased to its capacity through establishing community partnerships with limited financial resources. The overall number of clients has continuously increased each year, increasing the demand for services to meet client needs. The objective of this proposal is to increase funding for SCSMA in order to achieve goals and projected outcomes for capacity building and sustainability goals. Goals were generated by an analysis of the agency's services provided to clients. This analysis identified area of need, which were used to develop the following goals:
 - 1) Continue to effectively develop and sustain quality programs and services. In order for the agency to meet this goal, a considerable amount of time and commitment from the administrator and Executive Director, Abdirizak Ibrahim, is necessary to build capacity and sustainability. Abdirizak Ibrahim continues to oversee organizational operations, budget, expenses, documentation, data reports, public relations, website, community partnerships, and support successful implementation of programs and services. The administrator will ensure front line case management volunteers are supervised, trained, and performing their job duties and responsibilities as well as provide much of the direct, micro attention to community members.
 - 2) Assist refugees, residents and citizens gain access to basic needs services such as housing, food, and transportation. Case management services include weekly food pantry, and daily agency referrals, employment, education and training, child care licensing, citizenship and immigrations, court and criminal justice, household items and food, health care, housing, insurance, transportation and utility assistance. Transportation can also be provided to clients as needed, for up to 350 miles per month.
 - 3) Increase language acquisition, and opportunities for refugees, residents and citizens to attain self-sufficiency. To accomplish this, SCSMA will continue to offer English language classes to help bridge the language and cultural barriers. Classes are held in the evenings in a classroom at UNP Hartland partnership Center each week. This class is open for registration quarterly and is offered over a three- month period. Classes are free of charge to all residents and citizens of refugee backgrounds in Salt Lake County."
 - The agency's proposed project is to start a small farming/food production program and spend the funding on establishing and growing that project to provide food for the communities/families the organization serves. They have the farmers and knowledge to grow food, but don't yet have a space confirmed where they could locate farming activities. They are working with University Neighborhood Partners to potentially site the project on their land (the agency currently works with UNP's Hartland Center to use the parking lot as a distribution site for their pantry/emergency food efforts each week).

This would be a new program for the organization in addition to the other programs they currently operate (listed in the original application).

- If the site at UNP is unavailable for this program and/or as the organization explores other sites for the farming program, the organization would provide funds directly to their community to support home gardening and healthy food access. The organization would help to connect families with space where they could grow their own produce and with resources and information about making healthy food choices at retail locations. The organization currently hosts Food Bank distributions each week, but they would like to provide support to families in moving toward self-sufficiency and autonomy in food access and choices, rather than just relying on the emergency food distribution model.
- Budget listed below:

Income Statement

Name

Budget

Donations (Food equity)

5000

Net Charitable Donations

5000

Expenses

Family Garden Donation (\$250)

2500

Goal- 10 families

Community garden set up

1000

plot of land for 5-10 families

Garden Equipment

1500

shovels, hoes, water equipment

Total Expenses

5000

Net Operating

0