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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Acceptance of Grant Award between Care Oregon and Clackamas County Community Corrections, Community Service Program for a Community Garden Project

Purpose/Outcome	This Award allows Community Corrections, Community Service Program funding to create a teaching garden for Community Service and Transition Center clients.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	The Award is \$1,500.
Funding Source	Care Oregon
Duration	March 30, 2016
Previous Board Action/Review	New Agreement – no previous action.
Strategic Plan Alignment	Build Public Trust through Good Government Ensure Safe, Healthy and Secure Communities:
Contact Person	Captain Jenna Morrison, Director, Community Corrections – 503-655-8725

BACKGROUND: Community Corrections applied for a Sponsorship Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to help create a Community Garden prepared for and maintained by Community Service clients to supply healthy food baskets for clients of the Transition Center. The award will fund the purchase of seeds and starts, soil amendments, fertilizers, planters, fencing and drip irrigation. This will be a teaching garden utilizing Community Corrections employees with specialized knowledge of garden and horticultural practices with labor provided by clients sentenced to Community Service hours. These clients will have the opportunity to gain valuable life skills from our staff while helping provide healthy food to clients transitioning back into the community. Community Corrections intends to grow and refine the program each year adding fruit trees, winter crops, and optimizing for dense planting with high yields of nutritious foods.

RECOMMENDATION: Community Corrections respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners accepts this Grant Award from Care Oregon to provide Community Corrections, Community Service Program funding to create a Community Garden Project.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Jenna Morrison
Director, Community Corrections



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March 30, 2016

County of Clackamas, Oregon
Attn: Ryan Brown
2051 Kaen Rd.
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Ryan;

CareOregon thanks you for your commitment to improving the health and well-being of some of Oregon's most disenfranchised people. We are pleased to support the "Community Garden Project" in April, 2016. Please see the enclosed check in the amount of \$1,500.

Thank you for helping to ensure better health for all people at less cost.

Better together,

Martin Taylor
Director, Public Policy and Community Relations

Good Morning Martin,

My name is Ryan Brown and I'm the Community Service Coordinator for Clackamas County Community Corrections. I am writing you today requesting a sponsorship grant of \$1,500 for a community garden project we are beginning this spring. We have an approved garden site off Kaen Road near our county offices in Oregon City. The site is roughly one half acre.

The main purpose of the garden is to provide nutritious vegetables/fruits to individuals and families exiting our county jail and re-integrating into society. Immediately next to the garden site we have our Transition Center staffed by county employees and non-profit partners to help these folks gain access to housing, medical care, employment, and treatment services to optimally prepare them for productive reintegration into society. With the yields from this garden we hope to provide healthy food baskets to folks in transition; both symbolically and tangibly providing the means for a healthy new beginning.

This garden will be a teaching garden utilizing county employees with specialized knowledge of garden and horticultural practices. The labor will be provided by any number of the 1,500 individuals on my caseload each year that are sentenced by the courts to community service for restitution. Many of the folks maintaining the garden area will gain valuable life skills from our staff all while helping to provide healthy food to individuals/families in need.

If awarded, we intend to use these funds towards purchasing our seeds/starts, soil amendments, organic fertilizers, propagation planters, fencing, and drip irrigation. The program already possess most of the tools required, but we anticipate a small tool budget as well. We intend to grow and refine the program year over year adding fruit trees, winter crops, and optimizing for dense planting with high yields of nutritious foods. We would greatly appreciate these funds as we begin this endeavor which we hope will create healthier life choices for thousands of folks in our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out for any clarification and thank you for your consideration!

Best,

Ryan C. Brown