



Name of Program: “Green Thumb, Green World” by Kool Kids Childcare, Shelly McClain

Description of Program: In the childcare setting, a garden was developed by the facility and the children participated with planting, watering, and observing the garden’s growth. They learned about nutrition and the value of fruits and vegetables in their everyday living.

Outcome of Program: As anticipated, the garden was developed and started – with more time spent on raising beds and filling them with soil – not as much growth this first year was noted, but the children learned the basic principles of starting a garden and tending to it regularly.

Challenges Faced: Staff turnover made garden maintenance very difficult. New staff members were not as interested or vested in the project and therefore the responsibility rested on few. Also, they had documented their progress with a digital camera – which was suddenly stolen.

Monies Spent: A total of \$495.64 was spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – the total includes the cost of a camera they replaced after theirs was stolen plus a \$25 donation to the Community Garden Program, both expenses not originally budgeted.

Publicity: Picture included in the local newspaper with brief description – dated 7/5/09.

Plan for Future: Since the garden beds and soil are now in place, they will be able to start their gardening efforts earlier next year and hope to continue the project with community support.

**Grant Project #1
Kool Kids Childcare
Glendive, Montana**



Name of Program: “SACC Grows It the Green Way” by Helena School District Age Child Care Program, Susan Held

Description of Program: At Jefferson School, students were able to plant and grow vegetables in the Spring and then tended and learned more about the garden during the Summer, and then continued to harvest, eat, and even donate the produce to the local Food Share Program.

Outcome of Program: The program was carried out successfully with the added benefit of the students learning about recycling and collaboration in the community along the way. Susan Held, leader, considered the program a huge success – the students benefited immediately and then 63 pounds of food went to Food Share and then 25 more pounds went to another site.

Challenges Faced: The program needed more space – Jefferson School wants to the program to continue, so plans are underway to re-plan the space issue and offer more support to leadership. Through this project, all schools within the district have moved away from the use of Styrofoam cups and are now using earth-friendly products. Recycling has begun @ several locations.

Monies Spent: A total of \$500.00 was spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – the total includes all items originally budgeted by the program’s grant proposal.

Publicity: None specifically noted except the high visibility of the project within the neighborhood and to others passing by (both Jefferson and Broadwater School families).

Plan for Future: The SACC program and Jefferson School are in the midst of writing a grant proposal for other funds which have become available – hoping to continue their same efforts.

**Grant Project #2
Jefferson School SACC
(School Age Child Care)
Helena, Montana**



Name of Program: “Hawthorne Compost Program (HCP) by Hawthorne Elementary Green Team, Jenny Grossenbacher and Megan Ulrichs

Description of Program: A composting program is being planned by Green Team members with excellent teacher, parents, and student support. Interest in the project has been promoted with communication by leaders – the program was not approved until late in the summer, so is therefore still ongoing. Leadership has prioritized “PR efforts” during these past months.

Outcome of Program: Parents, teachers and student groups met and discussed the logistics of the composting program and what each group will need to do to make it happen. Students were educated about composting and the use of live worms and composting to promote sustainability.

Challenges Faced: Time limitations of the project did not meet the bureaucratic requirements set forth by the school – with late summer approval, the Green Team had to re-focus its efforts and therefore plan and prepare to initiate the project during 2010.

Monies Spent: A total of \$115.00 was spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – the total includes books/educational resources needed to learn and teach more about composting.

Publicity: Efforts were publicized at meetings with parents, teachers, and students within the school, yet media or other publicity would not be applicable thus far with the project.

Plan for Future: Most activities are scheduled for this coming Spring (2010).

**Grant Project #3
Hawthorne Elementary School
Bozeman, Montana**

(Summary/Report Not Received)

**Grant Report #4
Montessori Island School
Livingston, Montana**



Name of Program: “Recycle Bins for FBMS!” by Frank Brattin Middle School, Harry Cheff, Superintendent

Description of Program: Students at the middle school wanted to initiate a recycling program within their school, hoping the community at large would become involved and efforts could be consistent and ongoing by all persons with vested time and interest.

Outcome of Program: This grant initiated recycling efforts – from there, the school itself became even more involved and granted monies of its own. Students, parents, and staff members at the school also became involved and recycling efforts continue on a regular basis.

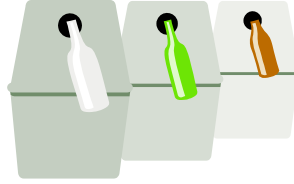
Challenges Faced: Not all persons were interested in the recycling program, so students needed to keep their own interest and efforts peaked in order to bring others “on board” with the idea. All recyclables have to be transferred to Billings, Montana – finding volunteers to take that step has been the biggest challenge. Rather than planning a separate trip for one individual, the students and families try to coordinate with who may already be going to Billings for other reasons. A school janitor (an avid recycler) has become a key individual to that ongoing communication which leads to items being transported in an effective, timely manner.

Monies Spent: A total of \$500.00 was spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – the total included containers and lids necessary to initiate the project. The school spent an additional \$953.13 on more containers/lids as the program became more successful.

Publicity: None specifically noted – except that the program was heavily promoted within the school and community of Colstrip.

Plan for Future: Efforts will be focused on the recycling itself and then the gathering of items to be transported to Billings by students and families.

**Grant Project #5
Frank Brattin Middle School
Colstrip, Montana**



Name of Program: “Completing the Circle: Community Research of Sustainable Composting Practices” by Salish Kootenai College Extension, MSU Flathead Reservation Ext., Rene Kittle

Description of Program: Emily Baker, an Americorps volunteer (has now moved on) prompted the construction of a 3-bin composter. Students enrolled in the summer Upward Bound” program came to help with construction and learned more about composting. Over the summer months, the students returned to compost and later, garden compost was added.

Outcome of Program: This project is still underway, as a new Americorps volunteer will be assigned to the program and efforts will continue during Spring 2010.

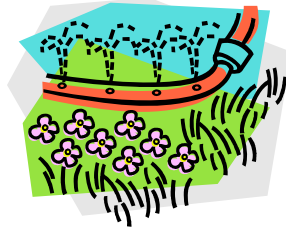
Challenges Faced: The Americorps volunteer assigned to the project was only available for a specific period of time and then moved on and therefore the composting program will begin again. Not having an assigned leader caused fluctuating involvement and a new timeframe.

Monies Spent: A total of \$200.06 was spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – the total includes lumber and supplies for the 3-bin composter – new dimensions will be added 2010.

Publicity: Pictures were taken and included with the grant project summary (see binder).

Plan for Future: Efforts will continue during Spring 2010 by Americorps Vista Farm to College Project with Salish Kootenai College Extension.

Grant Project #6
Salish Kootenai College Extension
Pablo, Montana



Name of Program: University of Missoula, FLAT Mandala Garden, Derek Kanwischer

Description of Program: A garden was developed using a 20 x 40 foot space on the FLAT home's lawn – nearly 200 pounds of food was grown and 12 students were involved in the design, construction and maintenance of the new garden space. The garden fits into the larger theme of FLAT's sustainability efforts (see www.umt.edu/umflat).

Outcome of Program: The project was highly successful – prompted community interest and an ability of FLAT members to promote gardening and teach the details of developing a garden. Their efforts brought in donations from vendors – including a push mower from Montana Ace. It also prompted future plans for solar-run fences and hotbed/horse manure heat to start seedlings for next year's garden.

Challenges Faced: Deer became a major obstacle – therefore a fence powered by a solar panel was put into place. Also, early frost became an issue – the garden team used rimay, buckets of water, and a sprinkler to keep the garden moist and above temperature until mid-October.

Monies Spent: A total of \$500.00 was spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – includes manure, compost, tools, straw, seeds, starts/transplants, fence, and building materials.

Publicity: The garden is featured in a video by the UM FLAT project at www.umt.edu/umflat, where Eat Right Montana is given credit for the funds used to prompt the gardening project.

Plan for Future: The garden will continue to be started and maintained on an annual basis. Plans are in place to increase productivity via a passive solar greenhouse – UM FLAT is hoping to produce more in order to donate produce to the local food bank, as well as meet the needs of those who dwell in and work at the UM FLAT home (6 residents, >12 workers).

**Grant Project #7
UM FLAT
Missoula, Montana**



Name of Program: “La Vida Local” by Departmental Educational Assistance Program (DEAP) Childcare Resource and Referral, Sarah Peterson

Description of Program: DEAP has started and offered a series of workshops, the first two entitled, “Getting’ Dirty” and “The 3 R’s” – for childcare providers who complete the workshops, they are given reusable grocery bags and access to Curbside Recycling for two (2) months. The workshops have become opportunities for childcare providers to further professional endeavors. Also, resources have been made available at the CCR&R library in the Miles City office.

Outcome of Program: The workshops have been developed and the materials have been purchased to support the workshops – they will continue to be made available to CC providers. Copies of the slides used during the lectures/workshops and the supporting evidence/facts were included with the grant summary and report.

Challenges Faced: The variability of participation may become a minor obstacle, as childcare providers do have the choice to participate in this program and may choose other options.

Monies Spent: A total of \$135.80 has been spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – with the budget summary submitted, this was the amount quantified yet the details are unclear.

Publicity: None specifically noted.

Plan for Future: The workshops will be ongoing and readily available as a continuing education options for childcare providers. Materials in the library will also remain available. How long reusable grocery bags and 2 months of curbside recycling can continue is unclear.

**Grant Project #8
Developmental Educational Assistance Program (DEAP)
Miles City, Montana**



Name of Program: “Container Box Gardening For Seniors” by the Flathead County Agency on Aging Advisory Council, Jim Atkinson (Director) with Ken and Mary Miers

Description of Program: Garden boxes and seeds were delivered to seniors at various locations within the Kalispell, Whitefish and Columbia Falls communities. Eleven (11) total container boxes were constructed by the collaboration of various groups to include “Restorative Youth Justice”, the “Montana Conservation Corps”, and “Farm Hands” among others. The project was promoted at a local (Spring) expo and several groups (ie Boy Scouts) and individuals (ie logger and businessman) became involved with the program at various levels.

Outcome of Program: Overall, the program was a success as more than expected became interested in the program and the container box gardens being offered. Seniors were able to care for their gardens and produce was bountiful during the summer months. Groups and individuals within the community at large are willing and able to continue this project every year – new partnerships were developed and a long waiting list of seniors who want boxes is ready to be met by those who want to remain involved.

Challenges Faced: The demand for boxes was greater than the program could keep up with. When the project did take off and become bigger than expected, communication was difficult between all groups, therefore in-person meetings were planned for larger group discussion and planning for next year.

Monies Spent: A total of \$145.83 has been spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – A total of \$354.17 is planned for next year as the Agency hopes to fill unfilled requests for boxes. The proposed budget and expenditures were completely different than proposed.

Publicity: An article was written and included in the ACTIVE SENIORS section of The Daily Interlake newspaper – entitled “Senior Complexes Get Compact Gardens” (see copy in binder).

Plan for Future: The project will continue as planned during Spring 2010.

Grant Project #9

Flathead County Agency

Kalispell, Montana



Name of Program: “Put a Freeze on Hunger” by West Yellowstone Food Bank, Kathi Arnado

Description of Program: In recent years, there has been an increased need for the food bank to store meat, donated by both local butchers and hunters who are willing to give their product to the food bank. In the past, the food bank has had to turn away those donations due to lack of freezer and storage space. They simply needed a freezer in order to readily accept donations and therefore meet the needs of more individuals in the community.

Outcome of Program: The WY Food Bank promptly purchased the freezer at Lowe’s and from that day forward, donations from butchers could be accepted and space was ready for the time hunting season arrives and hunters wanted to make donations as well. Local media – radio, and newspaper, helped spread the word to butchers and hunters that space would now be available.

Challenges Faced: The project identified no challenges, except the waiting period between the time the grant proposal was submitted and the monies were granted to their individual program.

Monies Spent: A total of \$500.00 has been spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – the “Community Help Fund” donated an additional \$366.97 to purchase the freezer.

Publicity: Local newspaper and radio were used to spread the word of the freezer purchase.

Plan for Future: An extended warranty was purchased (according to the receipt) in order to keep the freezer in top condition and as long-lasting as possible into future years.

Grant Project #10
West Yellowstone Food Bank
West Yellowstone, Montana



Name of Program: “Lake County 4-H Recycling Education Program” by Lake County 4-H Council, Nori Pearce

Description of Program: Recently, Lake County had requested that all county office begin recycling efforts and the 4-H Council was prepared by recently receiving the ERM grant. They purchased receptacles for the fairgrounds and began to use signage to promote the recycling of paper, plastic and aluminum. Receptacles were also placed within the county offices for a total of 8 containers, readily maintained by 4-H members and other volunteers for the program.

Outcome of Program: Recycling began immediately and there has been an ongoing effort to maintain the receptacles while educating 4-H members and their families about recycling at home and other offices. Informational sessions have been included for all levels of leadership and much discussion has been prompted on how the county can continue to improve efforts. The program started small and persistent efforts are being made to keep good habits going strong.

Challenges Faced: The manpower needed to maintain the receptacles is more than expected, but with proper communication and hours devoted to separating and delivering the items to recycling sights, the response by individuals had remained strong and it seems sustainable.

Monies Spent: A total of \$500.00 has been spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – an in-kind donation was also made to the 4-H council in the amount of \$118.85 to cover extra expense.

Publicity: None except for that promoted with in-house signage during the summer months.

Plan for Future: Recycling efforts will continue at the Lake County Fairgrounds for years to come. Education to members will continue in order to gather manpower for the ongoing project.

**Grant Project #11
Lake County 4-H Council
Ronan, Montana**



Name of Program: “The Garden Of Eaton” by The Joseph Residence at Maclay Commons, Poverello Center, Inc., Eran Fowler, Director of Supportive Housing with Kate Morsch

Description of Program: The program developed a plan for a children’s garden, which was implemented with the help of gardening tools – children learned about cooking in the classroom and composting in the garden as efforts began with the gardening project (ages 3 – 18 yrs old).

Outcome of Program: The garden was begun and the educational component became a core focus of the “Youth Enrichment Program”. Small, consistent groups of children participated by maintaining the garden and cultivating the produce. Children learned about nature, how food is used, and even took produce and sunflowers back to their families.

Challenges Faced: Keeping worms for compost proved to be difficult – therefore compost was purchased in order to be more sustainable (worms to die during the cold winter). Also, the children wanted more “hands on” experiences and less textbook and classroom learning.

Monies Spent: A total of \$500.00 has been spent of the \$500.00 granted for this project – since in-kind donations were received, the program leader decided to direct grant funds toward seeds for fruit and herbs, garden supplies and cooking class supplies > all still applicable to the goal.

Publicity: None specifically noted – the project remained in-house and the Poverello Center hopes to open the program up to children within the community by next season.

Plan for Future: The growing season will be planned for without a doubt – another cooking class, a cooking club and hopes for more family activities and fieldtrips are pending.

**Grant Project #12
Poverello Center, Inc.
Missoula, Montana**

**Eat Right Montana
Going Green Mini-Grant Program
2009**



Chairperson Planning Materials

- 1. ERM Grant Announcement**
- 2. ERM Grant Application**
- 3. ERM Media Template**
- 4. Committee Materials**
- 5. Committee Correspondence**
- 6. Misc. Materials**

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