

Global Grant Application

GRANT NUMBER
GG1870092

STATUS
Approved

Basic Information

Grant title

Urban Community Garden to Create Jobs and Fight Hunger

Type of Project

Humanitarian Project

Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes

Primary Contacts

Name	Club	District	Sponsor	Role
Jonathan Spillman	Downtown Greensboro	7690	Club	Host
Haresh Ramchandani	L.I.F.E Jamaica	7020	District	International

Committee Members

Host committee

Name	Club	District	Role
David Guise	Guilford (Greensboro)	7690	Secondary Contact
Eugene Parker	Guilford (Greensboro)	7690	Secondary Contact

International committee

Name	Club	District	Role
Ryan Geluk	Road Town	7020	Secondary Contact International
Vance Lewis	Road Town	7020	Secondary Contact International

Do any of these committee members have potential conflicts of interest?

No

Project Overview

Tell us a little about your project. What are the main objectives of the project, and who will benefit from it?

The project has 3 objectives.

1. Partner with a local university, North Carolina A&T State University and the Guilford County School System to train high school students (create job skills) in the production, marketing and distribution of fresh produce to area businesses and restaurants.
2. Build a community garden that will grow enough fresh food to sell to local restaurants, retirement communities, hotels and businesses and generate a profit to continue to maintain operations from year-to year.
3. Train students and families to establish and maintain gardens to enable them to create their own individual gardens at home or in the community.

Areas of Focus

Which area of focus will this project support?

Community economic development

Measuring Success

Community economic development

Which goals will your activity support?

Developing opportunities for productive work and improving access to sustainable livelihoods;

How will you measure your project's impact? You need to include at least one standardized measure from the drop-down menu as part of your application.

Measure	Collection Method	Frequency	Beneficiaries
Number of jobs created	Direct observation	Every three months	1-19
Number of individuals trained	Grant records and reports	Every month	50-99
Number of family gardens created.	Surveys/questionnaires	Every three months	1-19
Between 80 to 100 families in the neighborhood situated around the farm, received approximately 35 pounds of food every two weeks from Out of Garden Project warehouse. This part of the commitment from Out of Garden Project brings positive change to the neighborhood area around the farm. Local Rotary clubs will volunteer and provide support for this project starting in the fall.	Direct observation	Every two weeks	Added on Report
More than \$40,000 in additional grants have been received from local corporations and foundations to sustain and expand the Urban Teaching Farm. This is in addition to the over \$15,000 dollars generated from the project itself.	Grant records and reports	Every month	Added on Report
Additional Education Opportunities: 1. 2 Eagle Scout Projects 2. 1 Summer Camp 3. 1 Afterschool Youth Program 4. College podcasts, presentations, papers and group projects	Direct observation	Every month	Added on Report

Do you know who will collect information for monitoring and evaluation?

Yes

Name of Individual or Organization

Don Milholin, Executive Director Out of the Garden Project

Briefly explain why this person or organization is qualified for this task.

Mr. Milholin is the administrator in a large non-profit organization (Out of the Garden) which partners with local schools, volunteers, area corporate partners and non-profits and he is experienced in food distribution and production methods. In addition, Mr. Milholin will supervise a staff member who will collect production results and monitor the number of students trained and verify volunteer hours of Rotarians and community members contributed to this project.

Location and Dates

Humanitarian Project

Where will your project take place?

City or town

Greensboro

Province or state

North Carolina

Country

United States

When will your project take place?

2018-06-11 to 2019-06-14

Participants

Cooperating Organizations (Optional)

Name	Website	Location
Out of Garden Project	outofgardenproject.org	300 NC Highway 68 Greensboro United States

Supporting Documents

- RotaryAgreement.pdf

Do any committee members have a potential conflict of interest related to a cooperating organization?

No

Why did you choose to partner with this organization and what will its role be?

Out of the Garden Project is the leading provider and distributor of fresh food to children in Greensboro (Guilford County.) They maintain warehouses for food collection and distribution and already have partnerships in place with schools and corporate and non-profit organizations in the area.

Partners (Optional)

List any other partners that will participate in this project.

1. The Guilford County School System which has approximately 73,000 students and 22 high schools. Local high schools will provide interns and volunteers for project.
2. North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University is one of the leading agriculture universities in the United States. The professor who will be the coordinator at the university is Dr. Liang. Dr. Liang is a nationally recognized leader in providing sustainable agriculture solutions.

Rotarian Participants

Describe the role that host Rotarians will have in this project.

Local Rotarians will be involved in the production, selling and distribution of vegetables and spices.

Describe the role that international Rotarians will have in this project.

They will provide expertise in the growing of agriculture products along with monetary support.

Budget

What local currency are you using in your project's budget?

The currency you select should be what you use for a majority of the project's expenses.

Local Currency	U.S. dollar (USD) exchange rate	Currency Set On
USD	1	15/04/2018

What is the budget for this grant?

List each item in your project's budget. Remember that the project's total budget must equal its total funding, which will be calculated in step 9. Every global grant includes a match of at least \$15,000 from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund. Project budgets, including the World Fund match, must be at least \$30,000.

#	Category	Description	Supplier	Cost in USD	Cost in USD
1	Personnel	2 Farm Interns	Out of Garden Project	3500	3500
2	Equipment	Watering System	Home Depot	1500	1500
3	Equipment	Tiller Machine	Home Depot	1000	1000
4	Supplies	Wood Replacement	Home Depot	1500	1500
5	Supplies	Planting Trays	New Garden Nursery	1500	1500
6	Supplies	Seeds	New Garden Nursery	500	500
7	Supplies	Soil and Fertilizer	New Garden Nursery	500	500
8	Equipment	Hand Tools	Home Depot	500	500
9	Supplies	Packaging Advertising Material	Staples	1000	1000
10	Supplies	Training Materials	Staples	500	500
11	Supplies	Sink and Packaging Tables	New Garden Nursery	1500	1500
12	Supplies	25 Sustainable Garden Kit	New Garden Nursery	2500	2500
13	Equipment	Shed 10 x 16	New Garden Nursery	4000	4000
14	Equipment	Used Refrigerated Van	Local Car Dealership	15000	15000
Total budget:				35000	35000

Funding

Tell us about the funding you've secured for your project. We'll use the information you enter here to calculate your maximum possible funding match from the World Fund.

#	Source	Details	Amount (USD)	Support*	Total
1	Cash from Club	Guilford (Greensboro)	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
2	District Designated Fund (DDF)	7020	10,500.00	0.00	10,500.00
3	District Designated Fund (DDF)	7690	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00

*Whenever cash is contributed to the Foundation to help fund a global grant project, an additional 5 percent is applied to help cover the cost of processing these funds. Clubs and districts can receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for the additional expense.

How much World Fund money would you like to use on this project?

You may request up to 16,250.00 USD from the World Fund.

16250

Funding Summary

DDF contributions:	13,750.00
Cash contributions:	5,000.00
Financing subtotal (matched contributions + World Fund):	35,000.00
Total funding:	35,000.00
Total budget:	35,000.00

Sustainability

Humanitarian Projects

Project planning

Describe the community needs that your project will address.

Ranking above the national average, The Guilford County unemployment rate is currently 4.8%. Job losses created by the decline of the tobacco market and the loss of textile and furniture industries has created unemployment and underemployment in the Piedmont area of North Carolina. Partnering with a local university and local high schools, needed job skills in producing, marketing and distribution of fresh food will be taught to provide work skills and employment opportunities for local students.

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University is one of the premier agriculture universities in the country in which agriculture students receive hands on experience in their course of study. The Guilford County School System is the 3rd largest school system in the state and has high schools in Greensboro, which will be partnering in this project to train their students in agricultural job skills as well as practical application of these skills to enable students to create viable gardens at home and in their communities after they are trained.

This economic development grant project will train these high school and college students in the latest farming techniques as well as skills in marketing and distribution of produce. Students will use the latest agriculture tools, best practices and technology to grow 20 different vegetables and bring much needed fresh produce to the local areas in need as well as provide a profit to continue the training and provide the supplies for a garden year-to-year.

Greensboro (located in Guilford County) has many areas that have been identified as a food desert and lack access to fresh produce. Also, Greensboro has been ranked #1, #2, and #8 in food insecurity over the last 3 years according to the Feeding America studies. The economic development grant will teach needed skills to provide job opportunities for these students and also provide them with practical skills to use in home and community gardens.

How did your project team identify these needs?

Working with the local non-profit partner Out of the Garden Project, professors at North Carolina A&T State University, and the non-profit Community Food Task Force, these economic needs were identified. Several local Rotarians serve on the Community Food Task Force and initially alerted local Rotary clubs to the need to create opportunities for agricultural related skills. Additionally, analyzing and reviewing recent food studies from Feeding America indicated the need for economic assistance by improving job skills in areas that were needed in the community.

How were members of the benefiting community involved in finding solutions?

Rotarians met with The Community Food Task Force, local universities and several businesses and non-profits to confirm the job needs and market for these skills in this area.

How were community members involved in planning the project?

Local community advisors helped identify the items that will be planted and grown. Local Rotarians also met with grant partners to identify the local restaurants, hotels and retirement communities which would be potential customers for the garden produce. In addition, Rotarians involved community partners to identify sources for local interns, volunteers and instructors necessary to carry out the garden project and make it a sustainable project in the community.

Project implementation

Summarize each step of your project’s implementation.

Do not include sensitive personal data, such as government ID numbers, religion, race, health information, etc. If you include personal data, you are responsible for informing those whose personal data is included that you are providing it to Rotary and that it will be processed in accordance with Rotary’s [Privacy Policy](#).

#	Activity	Duration
1	Prepare Land for planting	1 week
2	Gather seeds and materials	1 week
3	Hire Summer interns and train them	1 week
4	Plant Seasonal Crops	ongoing process
5	Recruit and Train Class volunteers for each semester	2 weeks
6	Build Shed	2 weeks
7	Acquire Van	2 weeks
8	Acquire and maintain produce accounts	ongoing process

Will you work in coordination with any related initiatives in the community?

Yes

Briefly describe the other initiatives and how they relate to this project.

This garden project will dovetail with ongoing projects that NC A&T State University and Out of the Garden Project are conducting in the community. Specifically, NC A&T has a community garden in a different part of the community that allows us to gain best practices from their project. In addition, Out of the Garden Project has fresh mobile markets it provides to the local community and will allow us to partner and create more markets based on this working template.

Please describe the training, community outreach, or educational programs this project will include.

Rotarians will work with Dr. Liang at NC A&T who will provide student volunteers and interns to work on this project and create the partnership with a number of Guilford County Schools to establish training programs for high school students and community members in not only the establishment and maintenance of the garden, but marketing and distribution skills as well.

How were these needs identified?

The needs were identified through ongoing partnerships Rotarians have with Out of the Garden Project and the Guilford County School System. In addition, Rotarian contacts with NC A&T professors and the Community Food Task Force on food insecurity provided input in identifying the job skills needed to obtain employment as well as teach local skills community members can use to create home and/or community gardens.

What incentives (for example, monetary compensation, awards, certification, or publicity), will you use, if any, to encourage community members to participate in the project?

Rotarians will work with our media (TV) partners, Fox 8, WFMY and other local print media to publicize our project and raise awareness. In addition, Rotarians will leverage our school partners to help publicize our efforts and Rotarians will place identifying signage at the garden site as well as on delivery vehicles identifying the grant project.

List any community members or community groups that will oversee the continuation of the project after grant-funded activities conclude.

1. Out of the Garden Project
2. North Carolina A & T State University
3. Guilford County School System

Budget

Will you purchase budget items from local vendors?

Yes

Explain the process you used to select vendors.

Rotarians will work with local vendors in bidding to obtain the lowest prices on items to be purchased.

Did you use competitive bidding to select vendors?

Yes

Please provide an operations and maintenance plan for the equipment or materials you anticipate purchasing for this project. This plan should include who will operate and maintain the equipment and how they will be trained.

The van, shed and the tools will be maintained by Out of the Garden Project. They will follow the normal course of care for automobile, tiller and farming tools. The standard maintenance and replacement of these tools will be covered by the revenue generated from the sale of produce.

Describe how community members will maintain the equipment after grant-funded activities conclude. Will replacement parts be available?

Out of the Garden Project will be responsible for maintenance of equipment.

If the grant will be used to purchase any equipment, will the equipment be culturally appropriate and conform to the community's technology standards?

Yes

Please explain.

The van, tools and shed are culturally appropriate.

After the project is completed, who will own the items purchased by grant funds? No items may be owned by a Rotary district, club, or member.

Out of the Garden Project will own the equipment.

Funding

Does your project involve microcredit activities?

No

Have you found a local funding source to sustain project outcomes for the long term?

Yes

Please describe this funding source.

The revenue generated from the sale of vegetables and herbs will pay for the ongoing cost to maintain.

Will any part of the project generate income for ongoing project funding? If yes, please explain.

The project will produce about 20 different vegetables and herbs. The sale of these items will pay for ongoing operations.

Authorizations

Authorizations & Legal Agreements

Legal agreement

Global Grant Agreement

I confirm and agree to the following:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate.
2. We have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants ("Terms and Conditions") and will adhere to all policies therein.
3. The grant sponsors ("Sponsors") shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rotary International (RI) and The Rotary Foundation (TRF), including their directors, trustees, officers, committees, employees, agents, associate foundations and representatives (collectively "RI/TRF"), from and against all claims, including but not limited to claims of subrogation, demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses), awards, judgments, and fines asserted against or recovered from RI/TRF arising out of any act, conduct, omission, negligence, misconduct, or unlawful act (or act contrary to any applicable governmental order or regulation) resulting directly or indirectly from a Sponsor's and/or participant's involvement in grant-funded activities, including all travel related to the grant.
4. The failure of the parties to comply with the terms of this Agreement due to an act of God, strike, war, fire, riot, civil unrest, hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disasters, acts of public enemies, curtailment of transportation facilities, political upheavals, acts of terrorism, or any similar cause beyond the control of the parties shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement. In such an event, the Agreement shall be deemed terminated and the Sponsors shall refund all unexpended global grant funds within 30 days of termination.
5. TRF's entire responsibility is expressly limited to payment of the total financing amount. TRF does not assume any further responsibility in connection with this grant.
6. TRF reserves the right to cancel the grant and/or this Agreement without notice upon the failure of either

or both of the Sponsors to abide by the terms set forth in this Agreement and the Terms and Conditions. Upon cancellation, TRF shall be entitled to a refund of any global grant funds, including any interest earned, that have not been expended.

7. The laws of the State of Illinois, USA, without reference to its conflicts of laws principles, shall govern all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including, without limitation, its interpretation, construction, performance, and enforcement.

8. Any legal action brought by either party against the other party arising out of or relating to this Agreement must be brought in either, the Circuit Court of Cook County, State of Illinois, USA or the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, USA. Each party consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of these courts, and their respective appellate courts for the purpose of such actions. Nothing herein prohibits a party that obtains a judgment in either of the designated courts from enforcing the judgment in any other court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, TRF may also bring legal action against Sponsors and/or individuals traveling on grant funds in any court with jurisdiction over them.

9. This Agreement binds and benefits the parties and their respective administrators, legal representatives, and permitted successors and assigns.

10. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

11. Sponsors may not assign any of its rights under this Agreement except with the prior written consent of TRF. Sponsors may not delegate any performance under this Agreement without the prior written consent of TRF. Any purported assignment of a Sponsor's rights or delegation of performance without TRF's prior written consent is void.

12. TRF may assign some or all of its rights under this Agreement to an associate foundation of TRF. TRF may delegate any performance under this Agreement to an associate foundation. Any other purported assignment of TRF's rights or delegation of performance without the Sponsors' prior written consent is void.

13. Sponsors will comply with all economic and trade sanctions, including those implemented by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Department of Treasury, and will ensure that they do not support or promote violence, terrorist activity or related training, or money laundering.

14. This Agreement constitutes the final agreement between the parties. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in the form of a writing signed by the parties.

15. Rotary International (RI) and TRF may use information contained in this application and subsequent reports to promote the activities by various means such as The Rotarian, Rotary Leader, rotary.org, etc. Unless indicated otherwise in writing, by submission of the photos, the parties hereby grant to RI and TRF the worldwide right to publish and use the photos, including but not limited to, in RI and TRF publications, advertisements, and Web sites and on social media channels and to license use to others, including, but not limited to, media outlets and its partners and through RI's online image database, for the purposes of promoting Rotary. By submitting the photos, the parties represent and warrant that all persons appearing in the photos have given their unrestricted written consent to use their likenesses and to license use to third parties.

16. The Sponsors agree to share information on best practices when asked, and TRF may provide their contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar activities.

17. The Sponsors will ensure that all individuals traveling on grant funds have been informed of the travel policies stated in the Terms and Conditions and have been made aware that they are responsible for obtaining travel insurance.

Primary contact authorizations

Application Authorization

By submitting this global grant application, we agree to the following:

1. All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate, and we intend to implement the activities as presented in this application.
2. The club/district agrees to undertake these activities as a club/district.
3. We will ensure all cash contributions (as detailed in the grant financing) will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) or sent directly to the global grant bank account after Trustee approval of the grant.
4. Rotary International (RI) and TRF may use information contained in this application to promote the activities by various means such as The Rotarian, the RI international convention, RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine, etc.
5. We agree to share information on best practices when asked, and TRF may provide our contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar activities.
6. To the best of our knowledge and belief, except as disclosed herewith, neither we nor any person with whom we have or had a personal or business relationship are engaged, or intend to engage, in benefiting from TRF grant funds or have any interest that may represent a potential competing or conflicting interest. A conflict of interest is defined as a situation in which a Rotarian, in relationship to an outside organization, is in a position to influence the spending of TRF grant funds, or influence decisions in ways that could lead directly or indirectly to financial gain for the Rotarian, a business colleague, or his or her family, or give improper advantage to others to the detriment of TRF.

All Authorizations & Legal Agreements Summary

Primary contact authorizations

Name	Club	District	Status	
Jonathan Spillman	Downtown Greensboro	7690	Authorized	Authorized on 23/05/2018
Haresh Ramchandani	L.I.F.E Jamaica	7020	Authorized	Authorized on 23/05/2018

District Rotary Foundation chair authorization

Name	Club	District	Status	
Larry Lassiter	Troy	7690	Authorized	Authorized on 23/05/2018
Vance Lewis	Road Town	7020	Authorized	Authorized on 05/06/2018

DDF authorization

Name	Club	District	Status	
Vance Lewis	Road Town	7020	Authorized	Authorized on 05/06/2018
Joseph Marie Robert Léger	Cayes	7020	Authorized	Authorized on 12/06/2018
Larry Lassiter	Troy	7690	Authorized	Authorized on 23/05/2018
Lloyd Navarro	Sandhills (Southern Pines)	7690	Authorized	Authorized on 31/05/2018

Legal agreement

Name	Club	District	Status	
Vance Lewis	Road Town	7020	Accepted	Accepted on 05/06/2018
Lora Howard	Guilford (Greensboro)	7690	Accepted	Accepted on 23/05/2018