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Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees CARE Fund Special Projects Grant Program 2013-2014 Application Form

Please mail completed form to:
CARE Grants, c/o Sophie Rheinheimer
5933 McAndrew Drive
Oakland, CA 94611

Deadline: November 15, 2013
Award announcement: December 2, 2013

Applicant Information

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(or home phone if no campus phone is available)

Division or Department Children's Center

Name of Mgr/Supervisor Vanessa Cormier

Project Information

Name of project Garden Project

Amount of grant requested (max: \$1,500) 836.00 Expected completion date for project 6/30/14

Who will be responsible for completion of the project? Michelle St. Germaine

Description - Provide a brief overview of project plan:

Chabot College Children's Center and Lab school provides a practicum experience for approximately 60 students each semester. In their practicum experience students work 3 to 6 hours a week depending on the practicum or work experience course taken. One requirement of practicum courses is for students to create learning opportunities for the young children by designing developmentally appropriate lessons for children between the ages of 3-5. Each year, a number of students elect to create hands on gardening projects with the children. The request of garden supplies is to create a garden space at the Children's Center.

Outcome - Clearly state the outcome to be attained by the project. Be specific.

The ECE student teacher will benefit from having the garden because it will provide a dedicated space for them to plan and implement garden lesson for the children. Planning lessons is a key component of their laboratory experience. Gardening with young children is an excellent way for the student teachers to plan lessons that support science, math, social, and health education objectives. The student teachers then can plan follow-up lessons as they watch the garden grow and develop.

Budget - Expenditures must conform to this budget. Total budget should equal award request.

List each planned expenditure, showing: \$ amount, (to) payee, (for) description.
Example: \$56 to AcroScientific for laser pointer (Provide additional narrative if desired.)

Six 40 Gallon Sheep tank(galvanized water trough) \$67.49 each total of \$404.94 www.Agrisupply.com
24 bags of Potting Soil \$8.97 each for a total of \$215.28 Home Depot
12 Gallon pots of annuals \$5.99 each for a total of \$71.88 Home Depot
6 -6 pack containers of herbs/flowers \$2.99 each for a total of \$17.94 Home Depot
Gardening tools \$50.00 Home Depot
Grand total \$760.00 x .10 approximate tax rate = \$836.00

Benefits - Please briefly explain how the project will **improve service to the colleges** in your area of work responsibility. Describe what problem the project will solve, and how long the benefits will last. Be Specific.

It is essential that new early childhood teachers have well planned and equipped learning environments to practice the skills necessary to be an effective teacher of young children. Having a well planned and development laboratory school at Chabot College offers ECE students many diverse learning opportunities with young children. A permanent garden space will allow student teachers for not only the upcoming spring semester but for semesters to follow an additional space to conduct lessons they have created for the children. This in turn will enrich the students learning experience at the college and by in turn promote the ECE program at Chabot College and the surrounding community by creating talented new ECE professionals.

Agreements: I agree to complete the project as described above and then provide a one-paragraph outcome report including a digital photograph to CARE. (due: June 20, 2014 or by the above completion date.)
I understand that items funded by this grant will be the property of the College.

Applicant's Signature Michelle St. Germaine Date 11/15/13

I agree to provide fiscal oversight:
Mgr. / Supervisor's Signature [Signature] Date 11-15-13