



North Dakota Junior Master Gardener Program Grants

2015 Grant Application

Project name: Carrington Community Garden

County: Foster

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1. Briefly describe your garden project including its major goals. (150 words or less)

The Carrington Community Garden is a 9,000 square foot garden located on the campus of the Carrington High School. The Carrington Community Garden is meant to be an educational tool, thus the location on the campus of the Carrington High School.

Goals:

a. To promote healthy families and a healthy community while helping to provide food security for those most in need.

b. To teach youth the benefits of gardening and provide them with the knowledge and skills to become successful gardeners.

c. Donating fresh produce to the Carrington Senior Citizen Center, the Daily Bread Food Pantry, the Carrington School Hot Lunch Program and others in need of fresh vegetables.

d. To provide youth in the community an educational opportunity, under adults, to participate in a community service project.

e. Youth will have the opportunity to prepare vegetable exhibits for the Foster County Fair and the North Dakota State Fair.

2. How will your project make a difference to its *children*? (150 words or less)

Children/youth involved in the Carrington Community Garden will have the opportunity to become involved in a community service project. They will be exposed to service leadership at a young age. Local youth will learn resourcefulness, leadership, and generosity that will make them valuable members of their community.

Youth participants will learn the science of gardening. They will have an opportunity to learn more about vegetables. They will be encouraged to eat vegetables that they may not otherwise have tasted. The hope is that youth will get a better understanding of the health benefits of vegetables in their daily diets. The exercise gained from gardening is also very healthy.

Some spring and summer produce will be raised in smaller amounts to allow interested 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to prepare and exhibit some vegetables at the Foster County Fair and the ND State Fair.

3. How will your project make a difference in your *community*? (150 words or less)

The Carrington Community Garden will provide fresh vegetables directly to the elderly in the community through the Carrington Senior Citizen Center. Fresh vegetables will also be delivered to the Daily Bread Food Pantry, that in turn will distribute fresh garden produce to the needy in the community. Some of the fall produce will be implemented into the Carrington Hot Lunch Program.

Our hope is that the exposure of our young people to a community service project like the Carrington Community Garden will encourage them to participate in other community service projects. Adults and young people working together for a common community cause can only lead to future community involvement.

Our hope that the Carrington Community Garden will be a small step in encouraging people of the community to eat healthy, local grown foods. We would also like to see increased gardening in the community.

4. Please estimate the number of participants directly involved in the project:

Young children (3–12 years old): 8–10

Teens (13–17 years old): 10–12

Adults: 5–7

5. Briefly list any partners (such as 4-H, FFA, school or church youth group) that are involved and their role(s) in the project:

Youth groups that may be involved:

- a. Two Foster County 4-H Clubs: Pleasant Valley & Rural Raiders
- b. Carrington FFA Chapter members
- c. Carrington High School National Honor Society Members
- d. Master Gardener
- e. Adult Volunteers

These youth groups, under the supervision of adults and myself, will be responsible to seeding, weeding, watering, fertilizing, and harvesting the garden. They will also have involvement in the distribution of the fresh vegetable produce.

6. Budget

Please estimate how you plan on using the grant money if your application is accepted. Snacks, other food, labor, transportation costs, and major equipment are not allowed. See program announcement for details:

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bedding plants:	\$200
Seed/Seed potatoes/Onion sets:	60
Fertilizer:	40
Insecticides/Fungicides:	30
Tomato cages:	30
TOTAL	\$360

7. Reporting

Do you agree to submit a brief progress update and digital photo by June 20?

Yes No

Do you agree to complete a brief online survey and submit a digital photo by September 20?

Yes No