

# Elmer G Biddick

## CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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### GRANT APPLICATION

\*Must be received in our office on or before the due dates below

Due Dates April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>

Date: OCT 9th 2023

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Dodgeville Middle School

Address 951 W Chapel St

City, State, Zip Dodgeville, WI 53533

Phone 608-935-3307x 3056

Person Responsible for the Grant Brooke Wackerlin

Position in the Organization Agriculture / STEAM Teacher

Organization's Purpose TO prepare students for the future by fostering achievement through our commitment to academic growth and social and emotional well-being.

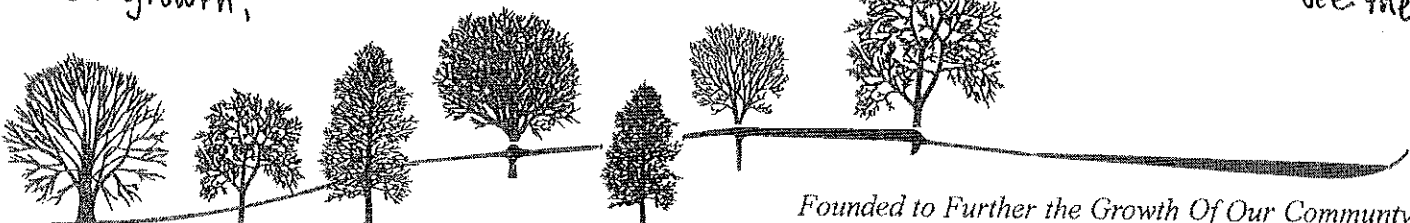
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 1345.00

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

To allow students a hands-on opportunity to grow vegetables. With these garden towers plants grow faster allowing students to see and be able to eat the final product in just 6 weeks when growing lettuce, which is something that would not be possible without hydroponics. Especially since the outdoor growing season is short during the school year here in Wisconsin this allows students to see the whole cycle of growth.

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

A. Supporting information.

1. Specific use of grant.
2. Time schedule.
3. Other sources of funding.
4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

The agriculture and STEAM program is new as of fall 2023 at the Dodgeville Middle school. As I am building and growing this new program I have been looking into ways to bring more hands-on experiences to all the class I teach. My goal is to build student knowledge of agriculture, and teach them skills they can use throughout there life.

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

**PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION TO ELMER G BIDDICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:**

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### **1. Specific use of the Grant**

This grant would be used to purchase a tower garden with a support cage to allow for a wider variety of plants to be grown. This is a hydroponic system where the plants can be grown year round. The mineral blend is needed to provide nutrients to the plants through the water they grow in. Finally the food dehydrator would be used to dry some of the microgreens grown at the top of the tower garden to then cook within the food science classes and to teach students about preserving foods.

Tower Garden Home Unit with Lights and Support Cage Bundle	\$1110.00
Tower Garden Mineral Blend	\$65.00
10 Tray Food Dehydrator	\$170.00

### **2. Time Schedule**

As soon as there is funding I would order the grow towers and dehydrator as soon as possible. I would like to have as many students as possible receive the experiences from using these pieces of equipment.

### **3. Other sources of funding**

I do not have any other funding sources at this time.

### **4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time**

If this was postponed less students would have the opportunity to grow their hydroponic garden plants and learn about how their food can be grown. Some students only take an agriculture course in middle school and never take a class in high school so they would miss out on the opportunity to learn about hydroponics.

### **5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of the grant be felt.**

This would affect the whole Dodgeville middle school community and it is a project that would be ongoing. It would even allow students to grow plants during the winter. Students would also experience a sense of pride being able to grow their own lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries and much more. The vegetables grown would then be used in our food science classes, school lunches, or to donate to those in need. All of these will help students to enjoy healthy food options and learn how simple it can be to produce their own food.