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Dear Kathy,

On behalf of the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of El Dorado County, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation to the Women's Fund for the grant we were awarded in 2016. It came at such an important time for the Sherwood Demonstration Garden. We had come so far, but we still had some essentials that were needed. Just as a refresher, our organization received \$5000.00. The requirements of the UCCE system mandate that \$833.39 of the grant needed to cover administrative costs, which we are quite grateful that the Women's Fund allowed. One of the reasons we are able to do so much good in our community is the support from our paid staff. In our grant application, we broke out our needs in the following way:

5. How will the money be spent? Provide a narrative description. Our three items are:

- 1. Plants (\$1,650.00)** - There are still a few gardens that are unplanted or incomplete, including the All Star Garden, which will feature plants on the UC Davis Arboretum All Stars list that are particularly well suited to our foothill climate, and the Bog Garden.
- 2. Electric Irrigation Timers (\$1,225.00)** - Because we did not have electricity, we have depended on battery operated timers, which give limited flexibility with settings. Now we will have solar power and electricity through an agreement with FLC/EDC, so we hope to purchase more sophisticated electric timers that can provide more options for how water is applied to the plants. Our SDG coordinator, Sheri Burke, is an expert on water calculations and will track our decreased water use.
- 3. Educational signage and handouts (\$2,125.00)** - Educational materials will be signage in the garden, particularly for trials that demonstrate different techniques being used, and handouts, some of which would be laminated to be reused and some of which would be taken home by visitors.

As you can see below, the final expenditures ended up more than projected in some categories and less than projected in others. If you would like an overall accounting, we would be happy to provide that. Here is the summary of the way the grant money was spent:

Plants	Irrigation	Signs	Indirect	Total
\$1,347.26	\$946.03	\$1,873.71	\$833.39	\$5,000.39

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter or the grant. Once again, we thank you for your financial assistance for us and for the good work that you do in supporting so many worthwhile projects in our community.

Sincerely,

Robin Stanley
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