



Final Grant Report

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6. Grant Name/Title

Sherwood Demonstration Garden Education Pergola Shade Cover

7. Award Date

March 17, 2022

8. Grant Amount Awarded

\$10,000.

9. Date Final Report Completed

January 30, 2023

PART I: PROGRAM NARRATIVE (not to exceed 4 pages)

1. List the goals and objectives of the project/program followed by the progress made toward achieving each goal and objective.
 - A. Plan to serve 2,500 people under the shaded pergola through field trips, classes and workshops.
 - B. Protection of projection equipment – The cover protects audio visual hardware from sun and other elements.
 - C. Diffuses light for better viewing - Allows the public to see presentations and speakers without glare and sun exposure.
 - D. Shade for relaxing while walking through the 16 themed gardens – the cover provides a cooler, shaded area for people to rest as they tour. It allows for a “staging” area for youth groups and a teaching space for field trips and classes.
 - E. Lunch area for school children on field trips – In addition to a space for groups to stage their field trips, the covered pergola allows for groups to have snacks or lunch in a covered area.
2. What difference did this grant make in your community and for the population you are serving? Please provide specific outcome results and/or data to support your impact (e.g. age groups, number of *unduplicated* clients, ethnic populations, etc.)

The cover was installed and finished in early November. Since installation, we have had Master Gardener Continuing Education meetings which was attended by 55 volunteers. We hosted 110 Indian Creek students through field trips who utilized the space for learning. There were two open garden events and one public class held under the covered pergola resulting in 18 participants using the space. Lastly, we have had 20 Motherlode Rehabilitation clients, eight times in the pergola where we teach them garden education and nutrition. The above results would not have been possible without the covered pergola in these winter months.

3. Did you meet any unexpected challenges during the project/program? If so, how did you handle them?

We had a bit of a delay with the fabric arriving but worked with the vendor and professional installer to be within 7 days of our planned time frames in completing the installation.

4. Describe lessons learned. What would you do differently?

The project was very straightforward. We would not make any changes. There have been global delays in shipping which we account the material delay to but we were able to meet our goal through good communication with the vendor.

5. Has this grant helped a) attract new funds? Or b) increase volunteer involvement? If so, how? Quantify as feasible.

The covered pergola has engaged Master Gardener volunteers who feel more comfortable volunteering time outdoors. In this post-covid reality, many committees now meet in this space for planning of events and

activities. In 2024, we will launch a training class for new volunteers and we hope to offer the entire course in the covered pergola!

6. Please provide at least one success story from the project/program that was a direct result of the WFED's funding. Stories do not need to be lengthy (250 words or less is typically sufficient) and should be written in third person. Please feel free to attach pictures.

Since 2018, Master Gardeners have partnered with Motherlode Rehabilitation (MORE). MORE'S vision is "Full Inclusion for All People", and the purpose is to support adults who are identified as Intellectual and Developmentally Disabled to be accepted like anyone else in the community but more important to have experiences in the community that provide them with expanded views of what this community has to offer to all its citizens.

This client group thrives in an outdoor classroom space and the shaded pergola allows them to visit and learn in a comfortable environment. The Master Gardener team have created "real life" experiences and learning for the people served by MORE that has had such an impact on their lives that not only are they learning about where and how their food comes from, but they have become healthier, happier and more productive people.

The information these clients have learned from the sessions at the Sherwood Demonstration Garden in regard to nutrition (including recipes), gardening (planting, caring for and harvesting vegetables) and the huge variety of vegetables that exist has been an inspiration to those of us who have watched them return from their sessions so excited to share with others.

PART II: PROGRAM BUDGET

1. Please provide a copy of your approved budget, a list of actual expenditures of the Women's Fund El Dorado grant funds during the project/program, and an explanation of any differences. **The expectation is that the WFED award amount and the budget reported will be the same.** (If a portion of your grant remains unexpended, please contact the Women's Fund prior to submitting your final report.) Please use the Excel spreadsheet Line Item Budget template provided.

See attached.

2. How will this project/program be sustained in the future?

Shade cloth will be maintained and cleaned as needed. With care it should last 25 + years. Because the cover was properly installed, even with the severe wind and storms in January 2023, the cover held perfectly in place.