

Grant Park Neighborhood Association

Grant Funds Application

The purpose of funds raised on behalf of the Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) is:

1. To fund the various committees as may be established within the GPNA organization;
2. To provide support and contributions to various projects and missions within the geographical confines of the GPNA;
3. To provide contributions to various projects and missions outside of the geographical confines of the GPNA but which nonetheless directly contribute to the betterment and enrichment of the region in which GPNA exists.

(These criteria are listed in order of priority (-1- being the highest priority) and will be utilized when disbursing funds)

Name of Requesting Organization: Grant Park Community Garden, Subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation of GPNA

Address Adjacent lot to 970 Grant Park, Atlanta GA 30315

Primary Contact Ed Hunt

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Alternate Contact Linda Jones

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Date of this Application Oct. 25, 2012 Distribution Period Mar Jun Nov

Purpose of Request Funds needed for development of & on going operations of garden.

How will these funds benefit the GPNA area? See description of purpose & benefits below.

(Attach additional pages, as necessary, to describe purpose and benefit. Also, attach a budget which includes a timeline for expenditure of these funds)

For Administrative Purposes Only: Date for Steering Committee Review _____

Steering Committee Recommendation #yes #no

Date of GPNA Membership Vote _____ Vote Count #yes #no #abst.

Grant Park Community Garden

We are a group of Grant Park neighbors who decided to garden together with the collective mission to

1. grow food organically and sustainably;
2. educate ourselves and others on how to do this;
3. build on and expand the sense of community within the neighborhood; and
4. lease private plots for neighbor's use and provide fresh food for food bank recipients through a plant-a-row program.

The garden is located in the vacant lot adjacent to 970 Grant St SE, Atlanta, GA. This property does not have an assigned street address. The property has 50 feet of frontage on Grant Street, & is the southernmost of four vacant properties (the other three properties are owned by different entities, & are not involved in this project). The property stretches back approximately 200' from the street, with significant inclines. All four vacant properties host significant amounts of kudzu, Johnson grass, & other invasive weeds.

Prior to our signing of a lease with Mr. Ron Zirpoli, all four properties were constantly cited by

city officials for overgrown weeds, dumping & other blight on the neighborhood. Now, our lot has not only beautified the area, but has created a place for neighbors to meet & grow delicious healthy food.

Since June, 2011 our group, with the help of 7 volunteer work teams organized by the Atlanta Community Food Bank, has developed much of the front 2/3's of the property that hosts the garden, & has accomplished some weed removal beyond this area. We have installed a walking trail that traverses the front 2/3's of the property, leading to hardscape steps that go to the uppermost section. We have also installed three large portable tanks for water storage, planted permanent fruit patches in areas of the garden, & have established ornamental & herb beds adjacent to an ornamental fence at the front of the property.

We have twelve (14) raised beds that are currently leased by Grant Park residents for private cultivation, with more planned. We anticipate having room for an additional 3-4 more private plots beyond the current 14. Our application & private plot agreements are attached. Although we are covered under the GPNA insurance liability, we have taken the extra step of requiring that our gardeners sign a liability waiver. We have scheduled work sessions on Saturday mornings & one weeknight evening, but gardeners can be found on site throughout the week, both tending to their own plots & maintaining common areas of the garden & the plant-a-row sections.

We are also giving back directly to the community. One-third to one-half of our growing space is dedicated to the Plant-a-Row program with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. As of October 25, 2012, we have donated 457 pounds of fresh fruits & vegetables to these programs (350 pounds so far this calendar year). We began donating to the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries & have recently added the Georgia Ave. Food Cooperative program of the Georgia Ave Community Ministry to our donation spots. We discovered that prior to our involvement with the Co-op, almost all of the food distributed on Thursdays was non-perishable & not fresh. We are excited to be the group to provide Thursday distributions with organic, fresh produce for our neighbors of need within 3-5 miles of Grant Park.

Every second Tuesday of the month, members of the garden staff the Ask a Gardener tent at the Grant Park Farmer's Market.

We've been incredibly lucky to receive donated materials such as

- composted material from a variety of sources (Cummin Landscape, Decimal Farm..)
- bamboo for fencing & covering a water tank
- lumber from Carolina Lumber for terraced beds
- tomato plants from Hope's Garden
- rain barrel from Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
- various ornamental, herb, fruit & vegetable plants & seeds from a variety of sources

We've also been resourceful in getting salvaged materials such as

- concrete blocks for use for steps & water tank supports
- concrete rubble for building retaining walls
- lumber & metal poles for building terraced plots & compost screener
- cedar wardrobe for use as a tool shed
- bales of straw/hay from local projects and events
- endless coffee grounds from Grant Park Coffeehouse for our compost piles
- wood chips from the demise of an neighbor's magnificent yard tree & utility work

- a few garden tools, a bulletin board & table & bench

BUDGET

Items with * indicate costs that neighbors have advanced for the garden but for which we are requesting funds for their reimbursement.

| Type of Expense (food, materials, supplies, etc.) | Timeline: When Needed | Amount requested | Details (purpose, timing, in-kind, etc) |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Material | In next 6 months | \$ 15 | Vegetable sets for upcoming spring planting for Plant-a-Row areas |
| Materials* | Immediate | \$ 31 | Vegetable sets for spring, summer & fall Plant-a-Row areas; buckwheat seed for slopes |
| Materials | Immediate | \$30 | Replace head in weed whacker |
| Materials | In next two months | \$100 | Materials for rain catchment system & cover for water tanks |
| Materials | In next two months | \$ 80 | Lumber for building raised beds (12 10' 2X6 boards) for future beds |
| Supplies | Ongoing | \$ 25 | Lime and Fish emulsion for Plant-a-Row area |
| Supplies* | Immediate & ongoing | \$ 12 | Yard waste bags for material we don't want to compost |
| Materials* | Immediate | \$ 22 | #9 wire for row covers |
| Materials | Immediate | \$ 25 | Plumbing for irrigation |
| Materials* | Immediate | \$ 36 | Wire & T-post supports & ties for bramble arbors |
| Supplies | Ongoing | \$ 39 | Organic pesticides for fire ant abatement |
| Supplies* | Immediate | \$ 24 | Decking screws & rebar for fence and raised beds |
| TOTAL COST | | \$439 | |

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As a representative of the requesting organization, I, Ed Hunt, understand:

Applications must be submitted no later than the first day of the month in which distribution occurs. *(I have discussed this issue with Michell Botwinick and Chris Newman)*

This application must be completed in full and if any information is not provided the application may be delayed and/or rejected until such information is obtained.

The steering committee may recommend less than requested but not more than requested.

Funds recipients will agree to provide a final report and expense receipts to the GPNA treasurer.

Any funds not utilized by the recipient will be returned to the GPNA and placed in the pool of available funds in subsequent distribution periods in the same budget year or placed in the general fund for the next year of operations.

Application for Funds may be submitted at any time but funds will be distributed three times each year; March, June and November.

Signature of Applicant _____

Print Name of Applicant Ed Hunt

Date Oct. 25, 2012

Signature of Alternate _____

Print Name of Alternate Linda Jones

Date Oct 25, 2012

If organization is a 501c3 please provide FIN # _____

GPNA Steering Committee

Signature of President _____ Date _____

Signature of Treasurer _____ Date _____

Signature of Steering Committee Member _____

Title _____ Date _____