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Sacred Heart Community Service Evans Lane Community Garden

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B. Project Description

Project Overview

1. Grant Category (check all that apply)

- Environmental Stewardship and Restoration
- Parks, Trails, and Public Access
- Environmental Education
- Urban Agriculture / Food Systems

2. What type of project is this (check all that apply)

- Capital improvement
- Planning
- Program

3. Project Location: Address

If the project will be in multiple locations, please list all addresses. If there is no street address, please describe the area(s).
The Evans Lane Community Garden will be located on a portion of the 5.9-acre project site comprised of two parcels (APNs 455-31-055 and 455-31-055) located on the east side of Evans Lane, north of Curtner Avenue, between Almaden Expressway and State Route (SR) 87, in the City of San Jose.

4. Project Location: Neighborhood

If unknown, please enter "N/A."
The project will be located in the Guadalupe Canoas neighborhood in San Jose.

5. Project Location: OSA District (check all that apply)

A detailed map of the OSA Districts can be found under the Library tab, or online at <http://www.openspaceauthority.org/about/boardmap.html>.

- OSA District 1
- OSA District 2

- OSA District 3
- OSA District 4
- OSA District 5
- OSA District 6
- OSA District 7

6. Are there any project partners?

If there are project partners, please list each partner and describe their roles. Required - upload letter from each partner describing their role.

Abode Services will contract with the City of San Jose to build and operate a transitional housing complex consisting of 60 modular homes designed to house up to 120 previously homeless individuals. Abode will sublease a half-acre portion of the Evans Lane site to SHCS for community garden space. Abode is a nationally recognized leader in evidence-based approaches to ending homelessness for those most in need, including Housing First, rapid re-housing, and supportive housing. Its mission is to end homelessness by assisting low-income, un-housed people, including those with special needs, to secure stable, supportive housing; and to be advocates for the removal of the causes of homelessness. Abode administers more than \$14 million in rental assistance each year, partnering with local cities and counties to place vulnerable people experiencing homelessness into housing, and help them maintain that housing by connecting them to supportive services. See attached Letter from Abode Svcs.

7. Project Abstract

(Brief, 3-4 sentences)

The Evans Lane Community Garden will transform blighted, vacant land into a vibrant community hub where Evans Lane transitional housing residents and neighbors can work side by side to grow healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables. With oversight by La Mesa Verde, the project will increase access to healthy food through urban gardening, develop community leaders, and build solidarity for food justice across socioeconomic lines.

Community Engagement / Stakeholder Support (10 points)

8. Describe the community support and/or community engagement process.

When applicable, the application should include letters of support from local jurisdiction(s), particularly for capital improvement projects. Please submit letters using the Documents Upload tab.

As active partners and participants in on-going food justice projects, LMV enjoys wide support from the food justice community in San Jose. Attached please find letters of support from the Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County, the San Jose Garden Club, the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, the Health Trust, Backwater Arts and Gallery, Farming Hope, Santa Clara County Agriculture and Environmental Management, and San Jose City Councilmember Dev Davis, in whose district the project will be located.

The community garden is a welcome addition to the Evans Lane neighborhood. The Housing Department's Place-Based Neighborhood program staff conducted extensive community engagement in the Evans Lane neighborhood when the project was first proposed. Residents living near the site identified a community garden, dog park, and library as the most desirable community amenities. Abode intends to develop the infrastructure for all three aspects in conjunction with the housing development. LMV garden beds will be available to them. Any remaining space will be made available to low-income families in the broader community who otherwise have no space to garden. For the past few years, LMV has seen an increase in the number of families interested in gardening but who do not have access to land. As garden plots become available in subsequent years priority will be given to Evans Lane residents and community members.

Project Planning (20 points)

9. Describe the proposed project

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10. What is the lifetime of this project?

For capital improvement projects, applicants must state how long the project would remain on the site AND demonstrate that they have appropriate permissions. Please submit the Land Tenure form and documentation using the Documents Upload tab.

- 5 Years (minimum for capital improvement projects)
- Other time period - explain: The San Jose City Council authorized a 15 year ground lease with the developer of the site where the community garden will be located
- Perpetuity
- Not applicable

11. Describe your plans for operating and maintaining the project over the next 10 years, and indicate your source of funds for ongoing management.

This question is required for all capital improvement projects. For planning and program projects, please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."

LMV recruits fifty new families each year who receive gardens, education and mentoring, and participate in leadership and community building events. LMV invites families that graduate from its first-year gardening program to become members of the LMV network. Eight committees offer LMV network members opportunities to train and organize volunteers to build new gardens, deliver classes, provide mentorship, and plan events, creating a pipeline of sustainability and leadership. As communal leadership is one of the goals of the proposed project, LMV expects to work with participating gardeners in creating positive agreements, resolving conflicts, and building a sustainable community that can thrive for ten years and beyond. SHCS is committed to the long-term vision and success of the LMV program and will continue providing full operational and financial support to the program over the next ten years and beyond. With more than 50 years of experience in providing services and maintaining programs vital to our community, SHCS has an unparalleled track record in providing consistent and responsive programs for low-income families and individuals in Silicon Valley. The organization maintains a diverse base of funding to ensure its long-term financial health and sustainability. SHCS aggressively pursues funding from all sectors of the community, and relies on the generous support of government, corporate, foundation, civic, and individual donors to fund vital programs to help people in need and address the root causes of poverty. SHCS has demonstrated success in obtaining ongoing program funding for new programs. In addition, SHCS raises over \$2,000,000 in private funding from individual donors, foundations, and corporations each year, significantly leveraging its public funding.

12. Describe the project's readiness for implementation.

Please include the status of any planning, design, or funding development necessary for project completion. This includes the status of CEQA compliance and any permits required for this project. REQUIRED: CEQA form, if applicable.

In August 2016, the City of San Jose approved the development of an affordable interim housing community to house formerly homeless residents for the Evans Lane site (Resolution 77909, attached). The Council selected Abode Services (Abode) as the developer and operator of the site, and authorized the Housing Department to enter a ground lease with Abode (in process).

The CEQA process was conducted and the conceptual project was approved with a Mitigated Negative Declaration (attached) and an Initial Study (attached) during the General Plan Amendment Process. The Initial Study gave specific guidelines for project development parameters which the design team has dutifully complied with. As part of the final entitlement review process, the environmental consultants will include an updated amendment, ensuring that everything remains compliant with the Initial Study.

The City Council could approve the final plan as early as February 2018. (Draft plan attached) Abode is working to secure grant and loan funding for the entirety of the transitional housing site from a variety of government sources, which will fund the infrastructure costs of the garden. Abode intends to break ground on development of the project in Fall of 2018, pending final entitlement and San Jose City Council Approval. SHCS will be granted access and management of the land as early as Summer 2018 and is currently included as an active participant in the design development process. (Abode letter attached)

Project Budget (15 points)

13. Budget Summary

This is a budget summary only; a detailed Project Budget must be submitted using the Documents Upload Tab. Please note: after the application is submitted, the software will automatically total all lines. This additional TOTAL will not be used.

148883	Grant request: Personnel
486381	Grant request: Contracted Services
30765	Grant request: Supplies/Materials
0	Grant request: Other Direct Costs
4755	Grant request: Indirect Costs

100000	TOTAL GRANT REQUEST
570785	TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS
670785	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (grant request + matching funds)
571	PERCENT MATCH (matching funds / grant request)
2,012,925.00	TOTAL

Project Goals (15 points)

14. Describe the specific problems, issues, or unserved needs the project will address.

LMV builds food access in San Jose, and works to ensure that everyone has access to good food, good health, and safe spaces in which to grow and thrive. LMV staff have found that in San Jose there is general knowledge about healthy food and gardening, but limited access to resources, land, and to peer and expert support. The cost of building a home garden can easily exceed \$1,500 for materials and labor. Many low-income families cannot afford even the \$100-400 fee for City-run community gardens (moreover, City gardens are heavily subscribed and have wait lists of over 300 residents). While LMV has built backyard gardens for over 600 families already, but must turn away dozens of families each year who live in apartments or whose landlords will not permit a garden. An LMV community garden would allow LMV to expand its proven model to include any family, regardless of their housing situation.

Community and backyard gardens create alternative food sources in areas where access to healthy food is difficult, and poor health indicators among these populations is well documented. LMV was started as an effort to increase access to healthy food among low-income families living in the Guadalupe/Washington neighborhoods in San Jose where Sacred Heart Community Service is located. The demographics of this neighborhood are representative of LMV program members in general: 82% are Latino and 42% are immigrants. Abysmal health indicators reflect the need for healthy food access: at 185% of Federal Poverty Level, 44% of households qualify for Medicaid benefits, and 11% of households receive CalFresh benefits. Neighborhoods are plagued by a disproportionately high number of fast food, tobacco, and alcohol retail outlets, and few outlets for healthy food choices. Compared to countywide statistics, life expectancy is lower, and deaths from cancer and heart disease are significantly higher. The little park space that is available is often unsafe for children and the general public to visit, due to a higher amount of gang activity in the area.

Rather than operating as a traditional charity which solely provides services and resources, SHCS uses an asset-based leadership development approach in its programming. People belonging to marginalized communities do not always have access to safe spaces to gather, learn, and lead. Through a communal leadership model, which includes a formal committee structure, monthly meetings with facilitated discussion and decision making, and one on one and group trainings, LMV works with community members to lead the work of the garden network. This work will include managing the community garden, planning and executing community building events, and coordinating on-going work days. Beyond providing opportunities for community members to form trusting relationships with each other, this approach fosters long-term sustainability as more community members are invested in the project.

15. Please list the project's goals (both social and environmental).

These should be specific, measurable goals (e.g. 600 people participating in educational programs). Please see Appendix E of the Grant Program Guidelines for a list of sample goals.

Project Element: # Result

Site Development: 0.5 Acres of previously vacant land developed into new community garden space

Site Development: 54 Raised 4'x8' garden beds constructed with organic soil and compost and drip irrigation systems

Planting: 1728 Square feet of raised garden bed space planted with organic seeds and seedlings

People: 1 Mutually agreed upon policies and procedures created and displayed

Urban Farms / Community Gardens: 40 Gardeners receive organic seeds and seedlings in Year 1

Urban Farms / Community Gardens: 40 Gardeners receive organic seeds and seedlings in Year 2

People: 5-10 Trained to maintain compost system at community garden

People: 10 Community leaders participating regularly in community garden meetings to make decisions and plan events

People: 60 One on one meetings and trainings per year with community gardeners to develop leadership and communal management of garden

Urban Farms / Community Gardens: 2 Events per year open to the public for community building and environmental education

People: 300 Neighborhood residents contacted to join the community garden or participate in an event

People: 75% of gardeners will increase vegetable consumption

People: 75% of gardeners will increase their confidence in growing their own food

People: 75% of gardeners will learn to cook a new vegetable

People: 75% of gardeners will save an average of \$50 a week on groceries during peak harvest season

Impact (15 points)

16. Describe the lasting impact of the project.

This project, like LMV's broader work, will have a transformative effect on the families and communities it serves. The project will:

* Empower individuals and families to grow their own food and improve their self-sufficiency by reducing monthly expenses and increasing healthy food options. On average, families share 25% of their produce with friends, family members, neighbors, teachers, doctors, etc, so that their organic harvest provides benefits throughout the community;

*Increase access in low-income neighborhoods to local, healthy food options by creating a safe and secure space for new gardeners to grow their own food, to collaborate with like-minded families in a mutually supportive food production community, and to engage in fun, physical activity with other community members;

*Increase access to healthy options and increase vegetable consumption. In 2015, prior to harvesting vegetables from the garden, average intake of vegetables among LMV families was 2.0 cups per day. Average intake doubled to 4.0 cups per day when the majority were eating from the garden, which was during the peak of the summer growing season (June to September). As the network grows and participants share their experience and surplus produce, the reach of the gardeners also grows;

*Create a cohort of leaders able to address food issues that affect them most and increase the capacity of LMV members to address food justice and improve local food systems by building consciousness and increasing awareness of sustainability issues in conventional agricultural practices;

*Improve local land utilization, and add incremental gardening infrastructure to the community;

*Build capacity to create an alternative food system in which individuals support each other and rely less on national commercial food system;

*Improve health of the low-income individuals and families who participate. Gardening is considered a moderate to heavy intensity physical activity, and has been linked to significant beneficial changes in total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, and systolic blood pressure. In addition to the benefits of exercise and eating more vegetables, LMV gardeners have reported other health benefits, including decreased stress, decreased depression (one member no longer uses antidepressants), decreased symptoms from diabetes (one member has regained vision that had been faltering due to her diabetes), decreased allergic reactions (due to consuming organic foods not treated with pesticides), and an increase in overall well-being;

*Improve public safety. Gardens in a neighborhood increase "eyes on the street," increasing security and public engagement, and investment in caring for a block or neighborhood.

Leadership & Innovation (10 points)

17. Describe how this project employs innovative approaches or encourages collaboration and partnership in the field of parks, open space, urban agriculture, land conservation, or environmental education.

From its inception in 2009, LMV has embraced innovation to address vexing problems of food insecurity and injustice among the low-income immigrant populations in the fast-food swamps that surround SHCS. Its original approach of backyard gardens and education is unique in the nation and expanded healthy food production throughout this community. Its adoption of leadership development and a member-driven model put program participants at the forefront of project design and implementation. Committee-led operations afford members opportunities for personal and entrepreneurial development that they would not otherwise have, including leadership, teaching, outreach, recruitment, management, and policy work.

The proposed Community Garden project continues this innovative approach through the development of a leadership framework that builds power and expertise among all participants, not just those with formal education. LMV creates a space where members can share the unique knowledge they bring from all over the world, and will democratize decision making and community space planning.

In this new community garden space, we will be able to promote public events through the City of San Jose, the property owner and a strong supporter of the community garden. In all of our environmental education, LMV employs interactive techniques to engage learners of all levels in Spanish and English to share knowledge on sustainable garden practices and the local food system.

Organizational Capacity (15 points)

18. Briefly describe the organization.

Please include the year the organization was founded and its mission and goals. If the applicant is a Fiscal Sponsor, please describe both the APPLICANT and the SPONSORED ORGANIZATION.

Founded in 1964, SHCS' mission is to build a community free from poverty by creating hope, opportunity, and action. For more than 50 years, SHCS has provided comprehensive services that meet basic needs, promote self-sufficiency, and develop leaders who work to address issues that affect their lives. Approximately 10,000 volunteers help us implement 13 programs that serve more than 60,000 low-income individuals each year. Across all program areas SHCS creates opportunities for customers and volunteers to work together to shape programs and improve their communities.

SHCS created LMV in 2009 to build access to healthy food through home organic gardening and education for the low-income, immigrant community in San Jose. The project evolved into a mutually supportive network of gardeners who work together to create food justice in their communities. LMV's model is to engage deeply with urban gardeners and volunteers to build free home, school, and community gardens, provide effective and accessible education on growing food sustainably, and develop community organizers who address systemic limitations to healthy food access through policy campaigns. The goal is to create a network of gardeners who can lead real change in their neighborhoods and communities, whether through building garden sites, involving new families, or advocating for policy change. To date, LMV has built more than 600 home gardens for San Jose families and is supported by more than 120 active members.

19. Describe the organization's ability to successfully implement this project. This might include successful past projects, staffing levels, financial resources, etc.

If applicant cannot otherwise demonstrate its capacity, expertise, and experience, please provide names and contact information of individuals knowledgeable about the organization's work.

SHCS has a proven track record of developing and vetting innovative, successful programs that meet the evolving needs of its customers. In addition to the nearly 1,500 customers served daily through its food pantry, clothes closet, employment, and education programs, the agency operates several annual large-scale events that mobilize hundreds of volunteers to serve thousands of customers. Its holiday program provides toys and holiday food to more than 7,400 families; this year's Pack-a-Back program collected and distributed school supplies to more than 3,200 low-income students. Other large-scale projects have included mobilizing voters to approve a minimum wage increase in San Jose, and Day of Service events that mobilized hundreds of volunteers to refurbish a low-income trailer park. Each of these programs was started by SHCS in response to a community need, and continues to thrive and provide comprehensive and innovative services to help low-income people in Santa Clara County.

LMV grew from SHCS's long standing efforts to promote sustainable community leadership and have a real impact on people's lives. Over the past eight years, LMV has constructed garden beds for over 600 low income families throughout the City of San Jose, and run successful yearlong First Year Introductory Courses for fifty new families each year. In 2014, LMV created a formal membership structure for families who graduated from the Introductory Course, and now engages over 120 active members a year.

LMV has the capacity to mobilize hundreds of community volunteers, including many skilled volunteers, to build and install gardens. In addition to an annual Super Build day, where dozens of volunteers build and deliver garden beds to new First Year families, LMV hosts monthly events for its members ranging from gardening workshops to Plant Distribution to food justice summits.

LMV's bilingual and multicultural staff is experienced in working with the low-income immigrant populations it serves. Finally, LMV can draw on the depth and breadth of skills and expertise represented in the other 12 program areas operated by SHCS, including a vast Community Resource Development infrastructure, and a seasoned and successful Policy and Organizing team.

La Mesa Verde has built small versions of community gardens at schools and at Backwater Arts and Gallery (Letter of Support attached), working closely with parents and interested residents to build gardens, foster relationships with neighbors, and implement a successful cooperative environment for multiple gardeners to thrive in a single location.

20. Briefly describe key staff members and volunteers' qualifications and experience relevant to the project.

LMV Manager Jamie Chen received her Bachelor of Arts in History and Asian American Studies from Columbia University, and has studied permaculture and organic farming methods in South America, where she also became fluent in Spanish. Ms. Chen started at SHCS in 2013, and combines her passion for food justice and gardening with her ability to organize leaders, create systems for large numbers of volunteers, and conduct effective outreach in multilingual communities.

LMV Coordinator Efraín Delgado received his Bachelor of Science from the UC Davis in Environmental Science and Management. In previous roles, Mr. Delgado has created and coordinated trainings on garden techniques and outdoor education with Education Outside, Latino Outdoors, and Nature Bridge. Mr. Delgado is bilingual in Spanish and English.

LMV Evans Lane Committee has been planning for the opening of the Evans Lane community garden for over a year, and includes 8-10 active members who work on preparing the LMV network to work with a transitional housing population and research and implement best practices for community garden management.

Master Gardeners and Master Composters of SCC will provide technical assistance about sustainable, organic gardening and composting as well as adult education practices. Master Gardeners provide on-going, one on one, bilingual mentorship and workshops for LMV participants, while Master Composters will train and support community gardeners in compost maintenance.

BONUS POINTS: Underserved Communities (10 points)

21. Describe how the project addresses open space needs for sensitive populations such as residents of park-poor neighborhoods, underserved or disadvantaged communities, youth, seniors, or is located within a Deep Engagement Community (DEC).

A map of the DECs can be found under the Library tab of online at <http://www.openspaceauthority.org/urban>. This question is

optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."

The proposed project will be part of a transitional housing site in San Jose targeted specifically at formerly homeless residents. LMV has worked directly with Abode Services (the site developer) for the past two years to develop the community garden concept as part of the project. As part of this process, LMV members currently experiencing homelessness joined with other interested LMV gardeners to form the Evans Lane Committee, and have researched best practices in community garden management and working with an unhoused population. The Committee will continue to meet at least monthly for the duration of the project. Committee members who are homeless have provided an invaluable perspective to the committee in the design and planning process.

SHCS' continuum of services addresses the needs of low- and very-low income families in Santa Clara County; many of its homeless and recent immigrant populations are among the most vulnerable in the County. LMV was specifically designed to provide SHCS families with knowledge and resources to grow their own food. The current LMV cohort speaks nine languages, and ranges from young families with infant children to seniors living in low-income senior housing. 90% of current LMV members are low-income. Finally, LMV staff and many members are bilingual in Spanish/English and experienced working with low-income and immigrant populations.

BONUS POINTS: Community Building (10 points)

22. Describe how this project actively encourages community building by engaging or accommodating local residents in novel and creative ways.

This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."

This project enables LMV to build community among populations that it has thus far been unable to serve: those who lack space (homeless individuals and apartment dwellers) or who lack landlord approval for a backyard garden. LMV recruits through door knocking, canvassing, outreach events, and directed word of mouth efforts (on average, 30% of new participants are referred by current participants), and the community garden project will expand recruitment to landless tenants who have been asking for gardens for years.

LMV believes that creating a healthy, vibrant, and strong community is as important as building successful gardens. For that reason, it incorporates relationship-building activities into every event and workshop, encourages small group discussion and provides one-on-one mentorship. Program leaders will facilitate new community gardeners in team building activities, and meet one-on-one with each community gardener to uncover their skills and interests. All LMV members are invited to participate in volunteer committees that support the LMV program structure and food justice activities.

We intend to implement a community leadership model for the community garden, where a committee comprised of any interested community gardeners will meet monthly to deal with garden-related business, make decisions regarding the garden, and plan community events.

BONUS POINTS: Leverage Funding (5 points)

23. Describe how the project leverages funding with more than 25% match by grantee (cash or in-kind).

This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."

As an integral part of the Evans Lane transitional housing development approved by the City of San Jose, this project will leverage in-kind donations of land and construction labor from Abode Services and Bay Tree Design, along with countless hours donated by volunteers to support implementation and maintenance of the garden. LMV's ability to attract community resources, particularly community and skilled volunteers, leverages all financial donations it receives, and enables LMV to serve vastly more individuals and families than it would otherwise be able to do. The LMV program model, designed specifically to develop program leadership from within its membership, reduces the amount of staff time needed to operate the program and creates opportunities for scale and expansion.

Currently funded by grants from eBay (\$10,000) and Los Altos United Methodist Church (\$3,250) as well as support from SHCS' Community Services Block Grant, additional funding from SCV OSA would enable LMV to build additional capacity to strengthen and expand this model throughout San Jose.

C. Work Plan

C.1. Project Work Plan

Task Number	Activities	Timeframe	Outcome/Deliverables
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1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalize layout of 54 garden beds (5 of which are ADA accessible) based on Bay Tree Design April 2019 plans and with input from community gardeners. 2. Confirm donations and reduced pricing with vendors. 3. Order all necessary supplies, including redwood lumber, organic soil and compost, drip irrigation supplies, and tools/screws/nails. 4. Organize three volunteer work days to build and install garden beds, fill with soil and compost, and install drip irrigation systems. 5. Work with LMV Build Leads to create efficient and fun schedules for volunteer work days. 6. Recruit volunteers from LMV network, Sacred Heart volunteers, and greater food justice community. 6. Ensure quality control of all construction by experienced Build Leads. 	Sept 2018- April 2019	54 raised garden beds designed and constructed in new community garden space and installed in ADA accessible layout.
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with community leaders to research and discuss policies and procedures of other successful community gardens. 2. Interview members of other community gardens to determine common issues. 3. Undergo a collective decision making process to create policies and procedures. 4. Determine how to visually present these policies in the garden. 5. Research signage options. 6. Order and install relevant signage. 	Sept 2018- April 2019	Mutually agreed upon policies and procedures for the community garden, with signage to reflect these policies and procedures.
3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Petition partners such as the San Jose Garden Club, Master Gardeners, and other LMV members for extra tools that can be donated. 2. Petition local stores for tool donations. 3. Purchase tools that are not donated. 4. Host a volunteer day to label all tools and outfit tool sheds with organization systems. 5. Work with community leaders to create and train gardeners on system for the use of communal tools. 	Sept 2018- Jan 2019	Supply all necessary tools to community gardens and create a system for the use of communal tools.
4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with Master Composters to gather all necessary materials for a three-bin compost system, compost tumblers, and training. 2. Train and support community leaders and volunteers in building, installing, and maintaining various compost systems. 3. Create schedule for turning compost. 4. Confirm commitments by community leaders and volunteers to monitor, turn, and manage the compost systems. 5. Organize community gardeners in a work day at least twice a year a month before planting to apply compost. 	Jan 2019 onward	Implement on-going compost creation and application.
5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with Master Gardeners, Upstarts Organic Seedlings, and Renee's Seeds to confirm donations discounted prices for organic seeds and seedlings 2. Order and pick up seeds and seedlings 3. Host annual Spring and Fall Plant Distribution Days to distribute seeds and 	April and Sept 2019/2020	Organic seeds and seedlings distributed to 40 participating community gardeners for Spring and Fall Season each year.

seedlings to Evans Lane community gardeners
(as part of larger LMV network)

6	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Train existing Evans Lane Committee members on outreach methods.2. Recruit new community gardeners from the Evans Lane transitional housing and surrounding neighborhood through door knocking, tabling at community events, and online / on the ground posts.3. Confirm that all new community gardeners will join La Mesa Verde's network by sharing knowledge, attending workshops, and volunteering with the network (including volunteering in the community garden).4. Invite all community gardeners to monthly meetings which will include trainings on group dynamics, group decision making, and conflict resolution5. Work with interested community gardeners to develop their leadership through one on one meetings and trainings6. Provide at least five one on one meetings per month with key community leaders	Sept 2018 onward	On average, 10 community gardeners develop leadership to manage the community garden and make group decisions.
7	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Through one on one meetings, understand and recognize the strengths within our community leadership.2. Work with community leaders, with an emphasis on their strengths, to develop and plan community building and education events, and to set outreach and educational goals for each event.3. Outreach to the neighborhood, to the LMV membership, and to Sacred Heart volunteers to invite them to participate in events.4. Host events on site.5. Debrief community leaders on whether the events met our goals, what we did well and what we can improve.	Jan 2018-Dec 2020	Host two events open to the public per year to showcase the community garden, educate on sustainable gardening and compost practices, and build community.
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D. Documents Upload

Documents Requested *
Financial statements

Required? **Attached Documents ***
✓ [2016 Audited Financial SHCS](#)

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Authorizing Resolution from Governing Body download template	✓	SHCS-Board Resolution draft
Project Budget download template	✓	Evans Lane Project Budget
Acknowledgment Form download template	✓	Acknowledgement Form
Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement download template		
Land Tenure Form download template		Land Tenure Form-SHCS
CEQA Compliance Certification Form download template		CEQA Compliance
Letters of Support		Letter of Support-Dev Davis Letter of Support-Farming Hope Letter of Support-Master Gardener Letter of Support-Santa Clara County Letter of Support-San Jose Garden Club Letter of Support-UC County Extension Letter of Support-Backwater Letter of Support-The Health Trust
Letters from Project Partners		Letter from Partner-Abode Services
Maps		Evans Lane location-map
Other		Evans Lane Plan Draft Evans Lane Initial Study Evans Lane MND Evans Lane IS MND Supplemental City Resolution 77909 Garden Design - prelim

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