



October 14, 2024

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Office
Attention: Tia Hatton
419 N Mogollon St,
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

To our friends at the City of Flagstaff Sustainability Office,

I am writing to provide you with a brief update on the community garden project for which Indian Bible College was awarded a \$2,100 Neighborhood Sustainability Grant in 2023, and to request an adjustment to our budget for this project.

I am happy to share that three IBC students, four staff members, and one member of the community contributed to improving, maintaining, and growing food in the IBC community garden over the summer using funds from the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant. We grew crops such as squash, blue corn, peas, potatoes, tomatoes, strawberries, and chard, much of which we plan to share with the campus community through a harvesting event, most likely on October 17th.



We were also able to integrate composting into our Tuesday and Thursday lunch program using grant funds this semester. The composting system was introduced to our lunch volunteers via email over the summer, and to the student body during Orientation Chapel on September 3rd. We are working on improvements to the composting system to make it more workable for staff and students but have been encouraged to hear that students are using it to discard food scraps throughout the week!

I am also happy to share that we were able to install an above-ground drip irrigation system in our raised garden beds for well under the anticipated budget. Grant funds were used to purchase rain barrels for rainwater collection and to pay hourly wages for the staff who installed the system. The remaining hardware for the irrigation system, including the drip lines, was donated by friends of the school who had previously visited campus to help construct the shade house.

In total, \$1,068.76 has been spent on supplies, equipment, and administration for the community garden project. With your permission, we would like to use some of the remaining funds to host a harvesting event for our campus community (we anticipate spending about \$100 on food and supplies for the event), purchase frost cloths which will help preserve our crops in the early and late weeks of our short growing season (we anticipate these costing



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about \$200 total), and a storage container for our compost bins so that we can keep them outside our Student Center without attracting wildlife (we anticipate this will cost about \$50). This will leave about \$680 in the budget for additional supplies and administrative needs. If possible, we would love to take some time to discuss ideas with you for how these remaining funds could be used creatively.

Thank you for making this project a possibility, and for all the work you do to steward our beautiful community!

Gratefully,

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