

NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY GRANT FY24 REPORT

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NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS:

An annual grant program to fund creative projects that enhance community sustainability and promote healthy lifestyles through community partnerships.

In the FY24 grant year, **\$75,000 was allocated to 13 projects** across the following 4 categories: **Food, Climate Action, Waste, and Transportation.**



Bushmaster Park Community Fruit Orchard

Alexi Kimiatek



AWARD AMOUNT: \$7,500

CATEGORY: FOOD

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- attract and support pollinators
- provide shade and gathering space
- engage volunteers through planting effort
- provide public food access

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

29

FRUIT TREES PLANTED

Including Apricots, plums, and peaches.



20-30

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

assisted with constructing the orchard, including installing fencing & planting saplings.



DRIP IRRIGATION

INSTALLED

by Morning Dew to efficiently water all trees.



Hospice Home Olivia White Garden Expansion

Northland Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.



AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,000

CATEGORY: FOOD

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- expand the sustainable food garden and add a pollinator habitat
- provide a more productive source of fresh, organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs for hospice patients

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

UPGRADED

paths, fences, garden beds, and irrigation

1,670

volunteer hours

Assisted with constructing the orchard, including installing fencing & planting saplings

DOUBLED

the amount of visitors to the garden



Community Garden Expansion

*Indigenous Bible College
(formerly Indian Bible College)*



AWARD AMOUNT: \$2,154

CATEGORY: FOOD

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- increase students knowledge on how to grow, harvest, and prepare their own healthy food
- reduce food waste and begin a kitchen composting to build hyperlocal soil
- integrate with their fifth wind entrepreneurial program

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

REDUCED WASTE

by purchasing and using a compost tumbler and repurposing leaves collected on annual service day

GREW

squash, blue corn, snap peas, potatoes, strawberries, and more!

CELEBRATED

the end of the season with a harvest festival in October 2024



Gardener's Market

Lily of the Field



AWARD AMOUNT: \$2,400

CATEGORY: FOOD

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- increase access to locally grown food and native plants
- provide sustainability related education opportunities for community on the eastside of flagstaff
- reduce costs for local businesses and vendors



PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NINE

local workshops

provided for free to market attendees

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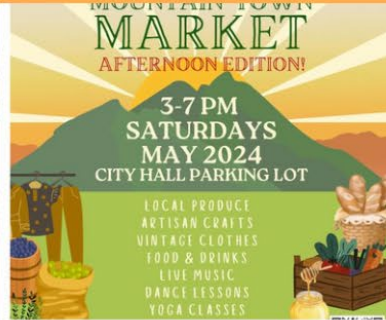
local growers provided

market space free of charge at these markets

NEW PARTNERSHIP

with the Flagstaff Mountain

Town Market



Farm to Food Center

Flagstaff Community Market



AWARD AMOUNT: \$6,700

CATEGORY: FOOD

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- support local and regional food producers
- increase local food security for food center participants
- reduce food waste at the end of market days

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TEN

Local and regional growers supported
by purchasing leftover produce at the end
of markets



PROVIDED FOOD

to the Flagstaff Family Food Center
Across fourteen weeks of the community market season



In Progress / Still Wrapping Up:

Forest Garden Foret

Flagstaff Junior Academy

Estimated project completion date: October 2025



AWARD AMOUNT: \$6,000

CATEGORY: FOOD

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- teach students how to plant, grow, maintain, and harvest from Flagstasfaff adapted plants at their new school campus
- support their school climate action plan goals
- build partnerships with surrounding communities, such as the nearby senior center

In Progress / Still Wrapping Up

Peaceful Valley Permaculture

Thaddeus Cates and The Factory

Estimated project completion date: January 2026



AWARD AMOUNT: \$7,500

CATEGORY: CLIMATE ACTION

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- demonstrate by example and through educational events, the benefits of permaculture practices
- engage volunteers and local partners in the project



Healthy Soils and Thriving Gardens Project

Restoration Soils



AWARD AMOUNT: \$6,000

CATEGORY: WASTE

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- supply quality compost from the Restoration Soils industrial composting facility for use in community and school gardens
- build a more circular local economy and improve the productivity of our local soils

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PRODUCED

HIGH-QUALITY COMPOST

from food waste diverted from local schools

ENGAGED

STUDENTS & TEACHERS

about the importance of diverting waste through compost

ENABLED

SCHOOL GARDENS

to access locally produced soil amendments



FAT C.A.Ts

Community Assistance
Teams of Flagstaff



AWARD AMOUNT: \$7,500

CATEGORY: WASTE

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- provide opportunities for unemployed and unsheltered relatives to learn skills and potentially earn income
- set up a woodworking and art shop where waste wood will be repurposed and upcycled by unsheltered community members, then sold on their behalf by Fat C.A.Ts

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COMPLETED

a new compost hub
for the Flagstaff Family
Food Center



RECEIVED

tool donations
from Quality Connections, the Coco
op, local contractors, and
community members



EXPANDED

to bicycle reburishing work
through merging with Lefty
Loosey and donations from
Adam Shimoni



Kitchen Composting Program

Flagstaff Family Food Center



AWARD AMOUNT: \$7,500

CATEGORY: WASTE

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- reduce food waste and educate the Sunnyside community on food waste
- create a new composting hub and host educational programs around composting, nutrition, and cooking



PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

7,500

POUNDS

of kitchen food scraps
diverted from the landfill

50

COMPOST BINS

handed out to community
members in outreach
efforts

75

PARTICIPANTS

engaged in sustainability
workshops on composting,
gardening, and cooking



Reducing Waste, Creating Value, Sustainable Shopping

*Sharon's Attic &
Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona*



AWARD AMOUNT: \$4,600

CATEGORY: WASTE

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- promote waste reduction through education and outreach about sustainability and second hand shopping, while increasing awareness of Sharon's Attic mission
- host hands-on workshops aimed at demonstrating how to repurposed reuse households items

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FOUR

community workshops hosted

Including sashiko stitching, mug rug weaving, visible mending, and patching/upcycling clothing.

PROMOTED

sustainability, reuse, and waste reduction

through outreach and educational materials

STRENGTHENED

partnerships

with Threaded Together, Habitat for Humanity, High Style Flag, and community members.



DIY Craft with High Style Flagstaff

Repair & Rewear: A DIY Upcycling Opportunity

December 21st | Drop-in 11 am to 1 pm
At Sharon's Attic Thrift Store

Join us for this FREE upcycling learning opportunity led by **Brette**, owner of **High Style Flagstaff** and a master in the art of creative upcycling!



Did you know?

"Shopping secondhand cuts down on carbon emissions by reducing the need for new manufacturing and transportation."

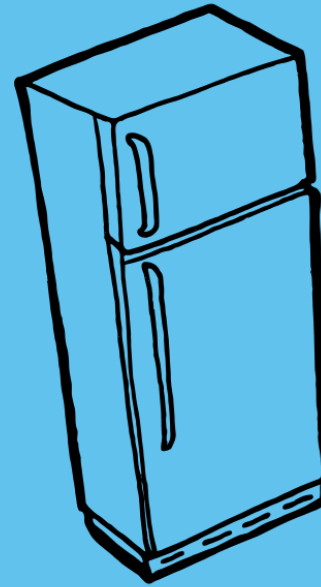
(Reference: The Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2021)

In Progress / Still Wrapping Up

Flagstaff Community Fridges

Well Deserved

Fridge is installed and accessible – project is now collecting more data



AWARD AMOUNT: \$7,500

CATEGORY: WASTE PREVENTION

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- reduce food waste
- increase food access with low barriers
- engage volunteers in a new-to-Flagstaff model of food access

In Progress / Still Wrapping Up Flagstaff Shelter Services' Bike Program

Flagstaff Shelter Services

Estimated project completion date: July 2025



AWARD AMOUNT: \$6,000

CATEGORY: TRANSPORTATION

PROJECT PURPOSE & GOALS:

- purchase bike racks for The Crown, FSS' 58-unit former motel property on Route 66 to allow residents to securely store their bikes when not in use for years to come.
- continue the collaborative, volunteer-led Bike Program equips Flagstaff residents experiencing homelessness with repaired bikes to provide transportation to and from work, job interviews, medical appointments and community resources.



NSG Discovery Stroll: Pathways to Sustainability

A community event to recognize, celebrate, and discovery sustainability projects and organizations.

Held on March 27, 2025 at the Market of Dreams from 5:00 - 7:00pm



NSG DISCOVERY STROLL

PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY

A Neighborhood Sustainability Recognition and Networking Event

Discover unique community sustainability projects and learn about the City's annual Neighborhood Sustainability Grant program!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! RSVP HERE!

→ March 27th
→ 5:00-7:00 PM
→ Market of Dreams (2136 N. 4th St.)

Refreshments will be served!



Current Grant Projects (FY24-25)

Climate Action

- Flagstaff Mountain -Town Market's Shared Solar Generator Project (\$7,500)
- Testing Biochar to Clean Up Reclaimed Water by Ward Davis (\$652)

Food

- Elevated Gardening's Grow Food at High Altitudes for People and Pollinators (\$7,500)
- Flagstaff Art and Leadership Academy School Garden to Community Table (\$7,500)

Resilience

- Coco-op Tool Library Update Project (\$7,500)
- Sustaining the Arboretum's Native and Edible Plant Production (\$7,500)
- Southside Community Association's Southside Service Corp Pilot (\$7,500)
- Townsite Urban Farm's Cultivating Connections (\$7,500)
- Community Acupuncture Mobile Sustainability Project (\$7,491)

Transportation

- School Carpooling by Dr. Kate Rose and Wild Steps (\$7,000)

Waste

- Empowering through E-Waste by Quality Connections (\$7,500)

THANK YOU

Applications for this year's grant program will open by Sept. 1, 2025.

Grant information can be found at
flagstaff.az.gov/NSG.