

How are your services different?

N/A

7. Project Name (please keep it short): SGA Community Gardening for Good Health Project (Summer Program)
8. U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) National Objective Activities: (check one)
- Area benefit activity** (the activity benefits/is open to everyone in a particular low income neighborhood or geography)
 - Limited Clientele activity** (particular individuals or households receive a benefit, and the majority of them qualify as low income)
 - Presumed Benefit activity** (the activity benefits a group of individuals presumed by HUD to qualify for a benefit: battered spouses, homeless, elderly, severely disabled adults, abused children, illiterate adults, persons with HIV/AIDS, or migrant farm workers)
9. Which National Objective(s) shown below does your project/program(s) meet?
- Benefit low to moderate-income persons;
___ Help in the prevention of slums or blight; and/or
___ Meet other community needs having a particular urgency because other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.
10. Beneficiaries from National Objective Activities (#8 Above)
- A. Who are the intended beneficiaries of this program/project? Describe how the project will ensure that the intended beneficiaries are being served and the target population will be reached, including how beneficiaries are identified, and any outreach performed:
- The target population and geographic area is children and families in Fort Pierce with a focus on Lincoln Park. The Program begins during the summer, in conjunction with local summer camp programs, day care centers, and school based summer programs. Beneficiaries will be the children (and families) in those programs. We will use a grass roots approach of visiting each targeted site to leverage long term existing relationships between Dr. David Washington and the Fort Pierce / Lincoln Park community.
- B. If the project will provide an “**Area Benefit**”, please define clearly the geographic area to be served by the proposed activity. Include a map, if necessary.
- The Lincoln Park Residential Community
- C. If the project will benefit “**Limited Clientele**”, list the approximate number and percentage of total persons assisted through this project/program who will be Low to Moderate Income (LMI) and how their income level will be determined.

Number of People Living in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Extremely Low Income	\$12,750	\$16,460	\$20,780	\$25,100	\$29,420	\$33,740	\$37,550	\$39,950
Very Low Income	\$21,200	\$24,200	\$27,250	\$30,250	\$32,700	\$35,100	\$37,550	\$39,950
Low Income	\$33,900	\$38,750	\$43,600	\$48,400	\$52,300	\$56,150	\$60,050	\$63,900

D. If the project will provide a “Presumed Benefit”, please identify the group(s):

- Abused Children
- Lower Income Senior Citizens
- Elderly
- Homeless
- Lower Income Youth
- Other _____
- Illiterate Adults
- Migrant Farm Workers
- Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Severely Disabled Adults
- Severely Disabled Children/Youth

11. Describe the existing problems or needs to be addressed by this program/project.

The 16 Green Acres Community Gardening for Good Health Project addresses the community need for access to healthy, affordable fresh food / produce. More than a third of the population in Fort Pierce is overweight, one in four are obese. As obesity is linked to the development of numerous diseases, availability and easy access to fresh produce has the potential to transform the lives of children and families in poverty. The mission of 16 Green Acres (SGA) is to become the leading proactive ecotourism farm in the country. SGA will provide the leading educational information about farming with a hands-on approach, bringing urban farming to impoverished communities. Our youth are particularly vulnerable as a significant number live at or below the poverty level and in single parent households. 41% of Fort Pierce residents live below the federal poverty level, in comparison to 21% for the whole state of Florida. Nearly half of children in Fort Pierce (47.5%) live below the federal poverty level, in comparison to 22.8% statewide. With Type 2 diabetes and hypertension rates increasing across the country, children and families living below the poverty level are particularly at risk. These problems, along with the on-going issue of food insecurity and the reality that this community is a food desert are addressed with implementation of the Project.

12. Describe your proposed project's activities and how they will address the problems/needs you listed in #11 above.

Founded in 2016 by Fort Pierce native and retired educator Dr. David Washington, 16 Green Acres was originally planned for a rural setting. Instead, we began work in the Lincoln Park community of Fort Pierce, in St. Lucie County. A teaching farm for school aged children and families, the farm gives people an opportunity to observe nature, introspect and reflect upon our lifestyles and our role in this natural world. 16 Green Acres follows the Florida Standards / Common Core curriculum for school aged children and allows school systems to bring students to the farm for hands on experiences with animals and plants, away from the sedentary life of TV and video games. Our targeted approach of working with school aged children (and adults) allows 16 Green Acres to teach children where their food comes from, to respect nature, how their food is grown and how to best care for their health all of their lives. This, combined with education about how to create and sustain a garden, begins to build a lifelong appreciation for healthy

eating, positively impacting the overall health of this underserved community. The 16 Green Acres Community Gardening for Good Health Project teaches our community to sustain itself by returning to a healthy lifestyle that centers on fresh, organically grown fruits and vegetables, that they can grow themselves, thus impacting and empowering this community to transform and heal itself. The Project further provides the opportunity for families to gather and grow their own food, have quality family time working together, reinforcing the importance of good health. The Program begins during the summer, in conjunction with local summer camp programs and day care centers (possibly senior centers). While curricula are adaptable to visiting groups, the Summer Program involves building familiarity with how vegetables and herbs grow, how photosynthesis works, how to plant a garden, the benefits of composting, and how to make a compost bin.

13. List the physical addresses where the your proposed project activities (listed in #12 above) will take place, using street addresses within the City limits of Fort Pierce.

13th Street and Avenue E - F

14. List this project's measurable goals and objectives. Date the goals and objectives.

Targeted goal for the Summer Program is that 40 children / families start their own gardens by August 23, 2019. This could include small raised boxed gardens for those families who may have limited private outdoor space.

15. How will you track the results of these goals and objectives? (This information will be required with your monthly status reports.)

Participants will be asked to share pictures of their gardens with the Program and site visits to some home could be conducted.

16. Briefly describe measurements of outcomes for each of the activities listed in #12. (Examples - number of unduplicated low/moderate income youth served, number of unduplicated senior citizens served, number of unduplicated Veterans served, number of unduplicated adults served, etc.)

Number of unduplicated low/moderate income children = 40 +

17. Amount of Grant Funds requested in this application: \$4,994.00

Amount of other funds secured for this program/project: \$1,260.00

Amount of other funds earmarked for the program/project: \$0000.00

Total amount needed to complete this program/project: \$6,254.00

18. Describe your contingency plan in the event this grant request is not fully funded, or not funded at all by the City of Fort Pierce:

Program will be executed on a smaller scale with participation fees.

19. If this is a multi-year project, how will you continue to implement this project if City grant funds are not available in future years?

SGA will seek funding from a variety of private funding sources as well as continued fund raising.

20. Select every qualifier below that best describes your project.

- Improve or enhance education opportunities
- Improve or enhance job training opportunities
- Improve or enhance employment opportunities
- Promote cultural diversity
- Promote outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle
- Spur interest and participation in neighborhood improvement activities
- Encourage citizen involvement and leverage resources to revitalize low and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Encourage partnerships between City Hall, residents and other community organizations that will result in projects and activities that benefit a community
- Instill and foster community pride
- Promote neighborhood beautification and revitalization
- Promote activities that protect the environment
- Discourage adverse activity such as crime, drug use, and vandalism
- Inspire and support the healthy development of youth

21. Write an explanation below of **how** your project will perform **each** qualifier you selected above:

By its very nature, a teaching farm for school aged children and families gives people an opportunity to observe nature, introspect and reflect upon our lifestyles and our role in this natural world, *promoting outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle*. Community and the development of community gardens are at the very center of the Project. As home gardens and community gardens are established, an organic *interest* and participation is developed as people understand that a healthy lifestyle can be accessible and that they play a critical role in their *neighborhood improvement activities*. This helps to *instill and foster community pride* and contributes to *neighborhood beautification and revitalization*. As children are given the necessary tools and instruction for the development of their own home gardens, they begin to *understand their role in their own healthy development*. Careers in agriculture, health sciences, wellness, nutrition and fitness can all be explored through their participation in the Project.

22. Date project to begin: 6/3/19

Date project to be completed: 8/23/19

23. Describe any participant fees that will be required as part of this project/program. Please see "New for Program Year 2018-2019" on Page 4 of the Grant Guidance.

24. Applicants must demonstrate that the selection of participants is an objective process and Grant Recipient may not limit participation on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, creed or disability. How will your project comply with this expectation?

Youth participants will be identified through their enrollment in summer camps, day care centers and school based summer programs in Fort Pierce, with a focus on the Lincoln Park community. Every effort will be made to ensure diverse participation through outreach conducted throughout Fort Pierce.

25. If this project is sponsored by a church or religious group, participation may not be limited to members of the church. What efforts will you make to ensure that the community at-large is aware of this project and the opportunity for participation?

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26. Complete a COMPLETE detailed budget below for **THIS** project. List proposed City grant funds and other *committed funds* and 'in-kind contributions', donated professional services, fees and other resources that will be used to complete the project. List a detailed breakdown of individual items. Use specific descriptions, not broad categories. Remember, committed funds and/or in-kind services **must equal at least 25% of your grant request.**

Be sure to include verification documentation of all funds listed below as 'Committed' or 'In-Kind'. Commitments listed in the budget below that lack documentation **will not be counted as commitments.**

NOTE: Volunteer Hours may be calculated at \$12/hour.

- o **Please provide at least one (1) quote for each item listed that you will purchase with this grant award** in the above Budget under 'Expense/Description'. Each quote should list vendor/company with contact information.

Program/Project Expense/Description	City Grant	Other Committed Funds and/or \$ Amount or In-Kind	Source of Other Committed Funds or In-Kind Services (Please provide written verification of <u>Every</u> in-kind service listed here from the "Source")
Volunteer	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	105 In Kind Volunteer Hours
Gardening equipment, materials and supplies	\$3,296.00		Home depot – see attached
Gardening equipment and water for children	\$438.12		Walmart – see attached
TOTALS	\$4,984.00	\$	
(use more lines/pages as necessary)			

27. Organization Staff and Volunteers

Please complete the information listed below for **each person** in your organization who will work on **THIS** project and the percentage of time they will dedicate to this project, including **all** volunteers.

Name: Denise Santana Montes
 Telephone Number: 929) 391-4611
 Email Address: dcsmontes@gmail.com
 Organization Position: Project Manager
 City of Residence: Fort Pierce
 Qualifications: Extensive background in youth development / community service
 Professional Licenses: N/A
 Role in Project: Project Manager
 % of Time Dedicated to Project: 50%

Name: Ja/Marcus Bartley

Telephone Number: 954) 549-9676

Email Address: jamarcus.bartley@gmail.com

Organization Position: Summer Intern

City of Residence: Fort Pierce

Qualifications: College Student

Professional Licenses

Role in Project: N/A

% of Time Dedicated to Project: 100%

28. Please attach **ALL** of the documents listed below to your application. Please include a written explanation for EACH document not included:

- Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
- State and Federal Tax Exempt determination letter
- Employee Identification Number
- List of Board of Directors with contact information
- Organizational Chart for your Organization
- Board of Director's authorization to apply for this grant
- Last three month's bank statements
- Annual budgets for 2018 and 2019
- Most recent audit report (if this is not available, provide written explanation)
- Audit is not available as annual budget is below \$50,000.
- Matching funds and In-Kind Services commitment documentation (Budget, page 16)
- Three (3) Letters of Support for this project
- Newspaper articles, and Thank-You letters, etc., as available, for your organization's work within the City of Fort Pierce.