



Innovation Project Application

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Name of Project: Foundational Life Skills Through Creative Literacy

Project Amount Requested: \$3,500.

Scope of the Project: The library will promote community and preserve foundational life skills by actively applying creative literacy and STEM principles through hands-on instruction in cooking, soap making, sewing, and communication through arts and crafts.

What need in the library/community will this project address? Our current home economic and crafts workshops have cultivated a large community interest and increased demand amongst our population. The benefit of relationships developed while people gather to engage in enjoyable educational activities has been abundantly apparent. The equipment provided by this grant will significantly increase the scope and improve the quality of instruction provided. We will use the library's inherent social infrastructure to provide creative literacy workshops designed to equip patrons with skills for self-reliance. The increased versatility of the program will appeal to a broader range of participants and serve to further reinvigorate community connectedness.

Resources required:

1 convection oven=\$1,000.00, 1 induction burner=\$350.00, 1 stand mixer=\$190.00, 1 food processor= \$190.00, 1 blender= \$360.00, and miscellaneous kitchen items.

Total mobile kitchen supplies=\$2,500.00

4 sewing machines and miscellaneous sewing supplies=\$800.00

24 table-top easels=\$140.00. 16 multipurpose aprons=\$140.00

Total funding requested=approx. \$3,500.00

Activities/Timeline (include estimated completion date): Equipment will be used for instructing and demonstrating basic cooking and sewing skills for all age groups. Classes will begin immediately upon receipt and set up of necessary equipment. While demand will determine the rate of growth, we expect to expand this project exponentially within the next 5 to 10 years.

How will the library sustain this project? Several personnel on staff are proficiently skilled with technical and instructional knowledge. Volunteers have already begun to step forward as guest instructors. This is expected to be the beginning of a large scope project designed to strengthen and grow with our community.

Library Director's signature: Umani Hask Date: September 25, 2018

Charles M. Roy Date: 10-8-18
Signature of agent, office, or board to whom the Director reports

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