



RECREATION PROJECTS FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

415 S. Hwy 395, Community Center

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June 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTIONS
3. PROJECTS PROPOSALS
 - A. Hermiston Downtown District
 - B. HEROS Sportsplex
 - C. Made to Thrive
 - D. Campus Life
 - E. Hermiston Food Pod
 - F. Inland Northwest Musicians
 - G. Hermiston Teen Adventure Park
4. OTHER
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL
7. ADJOURN

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Hermiston
Downtown
District

Hermiston Downtown District is a 501 © (3) non-profit organization

Project Description: Hermiston Mainstreet Cement Flowerpots

Cost is \$6,875.00

Kris Bennett with Bennett Gardens plants, fertilizes, and provides insect control for all the cement flower pots for Hermiston Main Street. The flowerpots are for the year and will get changed out four times, for each season.

Hermiston Downtown District Revitalization and Beautification of the Downtown Corridor.

This is such a great investment for Hermiston’s Main Street and our community. The flowerpots in the past have been purchased by the individual businesses. This year, yet again, has been extremely hard on our Hermiston Downtown businesses with the high expenses all businesses are enduring from the higher cost of goods and living, fuel prices, shipping expenses and interest rates. More businesses have suffered a huge loss throughout the year. We want to welcome new businesses coming to the Hermiston downtown area. As the Hermiston Downtown District, we would like to keep this tradition that the downtown businesses have invested in the beautiful flowerpots in front of their businesses, you will see the flowerpots lined up and down Main Street.

Supporting this project benefits approximately 45 businesses between Main Street, Highway 395 and 3rd Street.

This project will include 55 flowerpots that beautify our Main Street and Community. We ask you to please consider keeping our Hermiston Main street beautiful.

Supporting Partners Include: The Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 37 downtown District membership businesses, and The City of Hermiston.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Hermiston Downtown District Board of Directors and Members

Cost: 55 flowerpots @125 each. Total \$6,875.00





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TRT GRANT APPLICATION

PROPOSAL FOR RECREATION PROJECT FUNDING

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Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

**PROJECT TITLE:** Harrison Park Project

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| <b>ORGANIZATION INFORMATION</b> | Organization: <u>Made to Thrive</u><br>Contact Person: <u>Kriss Dammeyer</u><br>Address: <u>PO Box 684, Hermiston, OR, 97838</u><br>Email: <u>kriss@madetothrive.org</u> Phone: <u>541-289-2343</u>    |
| <b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>      | Funding Request: <u>\$ 15,000</u><br>How many people will benefit from this project? <u>750 annually</u><br><b>Project Description:</b> (attach additional pages if necessary)<br>Please see attached. |

Authorized Signature: *Kriss Dammeyer* Date: 31 May 2023



**TRT Hermiston Grant Proposal**  
**Sports and Safety Improvements at Harrison Park in Hermiston**  
**Made to Thrive, 2023**

**Project Description**

This grant will support the creation of several new sports courts in Harrison Park, an existing park within the city limits of Hermiston, as well as install a suite of additional improvements and badly needed safety features to make the park a fun, appealing, and safe place for kids and youth to hang out and play sports — directly in line with Made to Thrive’s (MTT) mission to stop the cycle of child abuse, neglect and poverty by bringing the physical and emotional benefits of sports, adventure activities, music and art to vulnerable youth.

The project includes the installation of three full basketball courts with six hoops as well as new permanent soccer goals for the existing fields in the park, security cameras, lighting within the park, restrooms, and new, brighter lighting along neighborhood streets so youth are safer walking to and from the park when days are shorter. The neighborhood around Harrison Park has a higher crime rate than other neighborhoods in the city, is primarily low-income and under-resourced, making this an important project for park equity in Hermiston. Harrison Park is located in Hermiston, Oregon, in Umatilla County. The project is a partnership between MTT and the City of Hermiston. The City of Hermiston currently owns the park, and the Hermiston Parks & Recreation Department will be responsible for maintaining the park and equipment after it is installed.

We are pleased to share that MTT has strong community support for this project, including from individuals, local civic organizations, foundations, and local government. Mr. Harrison, the namesake of Harrison Park, has made a significant contribution of \$118,000 to support the project. Hermiston Parks & Recreation has formally committed to the project, including serving as the project manager and contributing \$6,000 of in-kind support. Additional financial support has been provided by Dick’s Sporting Goods (\$10,000) and Juvenile Crime Prevention (\$5,000). We are also currently preparing a grant proposal to The Ford Family Foundation in support of this project.

Success for this project will be defined as the successful installation of three basketball courts with six hoops, permanent soccer goals, and safety features like lighting and cameras in Harrison Park. It will be measured by tracking major milestones throughout the construction and implementation process. The Project Manager who will oversee the construction process is Brandon Artz, Director of Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

**About Made to Thrive**

Based in Hermiston, Oregon, Made to Thrive (MTT) is a grassroots organization dedicated to supporting low-income youth harness the power of play, build meaningful relationships with their community, improve their confidence, and break free of the intergenerational cycle of poverty. In addition to helping low-income and foster youth access enriching activities, we also offer mentoring, tutoring, and other individualized support to each MTT participant and their families.



We remove barriers for low-income, rural youth to participate in community-based activities by paying participation fees, providing gear and apparel, providing snacks and transportation, matching youth with mentors, and otherwise doing whatever it takes to make after-school activities possible. Acknowledging the critical role of the family ecosystem, we also provide basic life supports to families, including equipment to help bridge the rural digital divide, assistance with holiday gifts, tutoring and various other support by tapping into other resources in our community.

MTT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was founded in 2014 by Kriss Dammeyer, Executive Director. Kriss is a first-generation college graduate who put herself through school with the assistance of athletic scholarships. She knows from personal experience the powerful roles supportive adult relationships can play in the lives of underserved youth who often feel hopeless and forgotten. Her vision and leadership have helped build the organization and grow its impact over the past eight years. We have recently hired a new bilingual/bicultural Program Assistant, representing a major capacity expansion for our small organization, and are now working to help spearhead a project to improve Harrison Park in Hermiston with new sport courts and safety equipment to create a safe, welcoming place for low-income youth to recreate.



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# TRT GRANT APPLICATION

## PROPOSAL FOR RECREATION PROJECT FUNDING

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Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

PROJECT TITLE: Campus Life drop in center

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION	<p>Organization: Campus Life</p> <hr/> <p>Contact Person: Ashley Umbarger</p> <hr/> <p>Address: 595 S 1st Street</p> <hr/> <p>Email: umbarger4cl@gmail.com Phone: 541-969-1017</p>
PROJECT INFORMATION	<p>Funding Request: \$ \$5,963</p> <hr/> <p>How many people will benefit from this project? 3,000</p> <hr/> <p>Project Description: (attach additional pages if necessary)</p> <p>Campus Life is in the process of getting grants to build a new drop-in center. This project will include tearing down our back building and building a new drop-in center. This building will have a gym, indoor skateboard park, and other recreation for all Middle school and high school kids. We have majorly increased our volunteers this year and plan to have the new facility open every school day for kids to come eat, get tutoring help, counseling if needed, hang out at and be mentored. We are hoping to put a \$5,963 grant towards the kitchen appliances part of our new building. The total kitchen project will be \$20,000. We plan to feed kids who drop in at our facility. We need a new industrial fridge to hold all the food, an industrial oven, and storage. Totaling to \$5,963.</p> <p>Agape house currently donates over half of our snacks we feed kids. We are finding though as we are growing and adding more programs to our ministry we are quickly running out of room and storage. We currently serve around 2,000 kids a year. We know with this expansion of our program we will be pulling an estimate of at least 1,000 more teens a year. In the past we have done free lunch days for teens. We realized we weren't equipped to feed the 60 kids we had showing up due to a small kitchen and appliances.</p> <p>For Mothers Day we did our first mother daughter tea and paint party. We planned to have about 20 pairs of mom and daughters. We had close to 40 and it was a total hit. We would love to do more things like this and have the space and availability to do so. Thank you for the consideration and the support you have shown our organization through the years and helping us reach as many teens and families as possible.</p>

Authorized Signature: Ashley Umbarger Date: 5/8/23

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TRT GRANT APPLICATION

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Hermiston Food Pod

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| <b>ORGANIZATION INFORMATION</b> | Organization: <u>Hermiston Food Pod</u><br>Contact Person: <u>Patrick Hunt</u><br>Address: <u>W. Orchard Ave.</u><br>Email: <u>shooterpg123@gmail.com</u> Phone: <u>(541) 969-5775</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>      | Funding Request: <u>\$ 10,000</u><br>How many people will benefit from this project? <u>3000 - 4000 a month</u><br><b>Project Description:</b> (attach additional pages if necessary)<br><p>The Food Pod currently has nine trucks on location, each offering a different cuisine. On an average day between 80 and 100 people visit the Food Pod. Warmer weather and community events can push that number upwards of 150 visitors. We have held an Easter Egg Hunt, a Cinco de Mayo event and would like to add live music events.</p> <p>The money requested would be used to purchase two permanent shade structures, as the pod is located on asphalt. Picnic tables and garbage cans.</p> <p>Disclaimer: Hermiston Food Pod does not hold a 501c3 status. Any funds granted will be facilitated through the Parks &amp; Recreation department, as the P &amp; R department oversees the operation of the Food Pod on city property.</p> |

Authorized Signature: Patrick Hunt Date: 5-25-23





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# TRT GRANT APPLICATION

## PROPOSAL FOR RECREATION PROJECT FUNDING

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Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

PROJECT TITLE:

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION	Organization: <u>Inland Northwest Musicians</u>
	Contact Person: <u>Lori Johnson</u>
	Address: <u>PO Box 7039 Hermiston, OR 97838</u>
	Email: <u>inwm@machmedia.net</u> Phone: <u>541-969-2558</u>
PROJECT INFORMATION	Funding Request: <u>\$ 3000.00</u>
	How many people will benefit from this project? <u>500 people</u>
	<p>Project Description: (attach additional pages if necessary)</p> <p>Inland Northwest Musicians will be celebrating it's 25th Anniversary on June 15th, 2024 with a special Anniversary Concert featuring guest pianist, Bill McKay, Dean for Arts, Humanities & Communication from Columbia Basin College in Pasco, WA to be held at the Hermiston Community Center, utilizing the 9 foot Chickering Grand Piano which is housed at the Community Center for the benefit of Hermiston and the region. Following the concert there will be a celebration dinner in Hermiston at a yet to be determined location. We are seeking funding and support for this Anniversary event signifying the bond and relationship that exists between Hermiston and the Inland Northwest Musicians. R. Lee Friese is the music director and conductor of this organization and has been for the last 25 years. The organization serves the community throughout the season.</p> <p>Submitted by Lori Johnson Program Support for Inland Northwest Musicians</p>

Authorized Signature: Lori Johnson

Date: 5-30-2023



