

SUTTON REVENUE SHARING APPLICATION FOR FY 2016

Turn in completed application in at Sutton Public Library by noon on March 15, 2017.

Project Title: Sutton Public Library Midnight Sun Garden

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Name of Lead Organization (if applicable): Friends of the Sutton Library

List of Partner(s) and contact information:

Whole Kids Foundation – Nona Evans, Executive Director
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Alpine Historical Society – Nancy Dryden – 745-6745

Brief Description of Organization and/or Partners:

Friends of the Sutton Library – The Friends of the Sutton Library are a non-profit organization (82-0153777) that supports the Sutton Public Library and it's programs.

Whole Kids Foundation - The mission of the Whole Kids Foundation is **to improve children's nutrition by supporting schools and inspiring families**. Given the right opportunities, kids get excited about fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other nutritious whole foods. Whole Kids Foundation created the **Extended Learning Garden Grant Program** in partnership with FoodCorps to help organizations implement or enhance gardens and related activities in any setting. The Friends of the Sutton Library received a \$2,000 grant towards the construction and programming for the Midnight Sun Gardens from the Whole Kids Foundation.

Alpine Historical Society – The Sutton Library is neighbors with the Alpine Historical Society. The Historical Society has several beautiful gardens and the library currently has an established perennial garden and a "rain" garden. Partnering with the Alpine Historical Society, we would like to host several garden tours this summer including the gardens of both the Historical Society and the Library.

Cooperative Extension Office – we will plan family cooking and nutrition classes with the cooperative extension office during the summer months focusing on food that can be grown in our garden and in family gardens.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planner Frankie Barker – Frankie Barker instrumental in our rain garden project. We will seek her advice and assistance with garden planning and construction.

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Qualifications of Contact Person, Lead Organization or Partner(s) relevant to project:

Nancy Bertels – Librarian – Responsible for grant writing and reporting on multiple grants every year.

Friends of the Sutton Library – Have received and successfully completed several revenue sharing requests.

Proposal Information:

In collaboration with the Whole Kids Foundation and the Alpine Historical Society, the Friends of the Sutton Library plan to install an edible garden in the south rear corner of the library grounds (see attached photo and conceptual drawing). Construction of the garden will be done by local contractors. We hope to educate and inspire children and their families to grow their own gardens and use the food that we plant and harvest from the garden. Summer programming for tweens and teens will focus on the designing and planting the garden. Other programming will include identifying plants as well as maintaining and harvesting the garden.

Who will benefit from the project:

The Midnight Sun Garden will be a lovely addition to the library grounds and the community in general. Additionally, children, tweens and teens will be involved in the garden through our summer programming which will be built around the construction and planting of the garden. The Sutton Food Bank will receive food that is produced in the garden.

Project Start Date: May 2017

Projected Completion Date: Construction of the garden will be completed by the June 2017 with programming continuing through the summer months. Programming with the garden as a focus will continue for many years to come.

Dollar Amount Requested: \$1,500

Total Project Budget: \$6,900

Projected Costs

Groundwork for Garden - \$1,000

Material for Construction - \$500

Construction Labor - \$1,000

Bedding Plants, Seeds, Perennial Berry Bushes, Compost - \$1,000

Garden Tools for Kids - \$500

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In-kind donation by Friends of the Sutton Library Garden Committee for bed preparation and fall clean-up valued at \$500

In-Kind Donation of Tree Clearing & Topsoil from Forest Technical Services valued at \$400

In-Kind Donation of Library Staff Time for Planning and Programming valued at \$2,000

Funds from other sources:

\$2,000 – Whole Kids Foundation Grant for an Extended Learning Garden

Will a lesser amount be acceptable? Yes/No

What will happen to the project if the requested funds are not available or awarded? We will have to continue to seek additional funds from other sources.

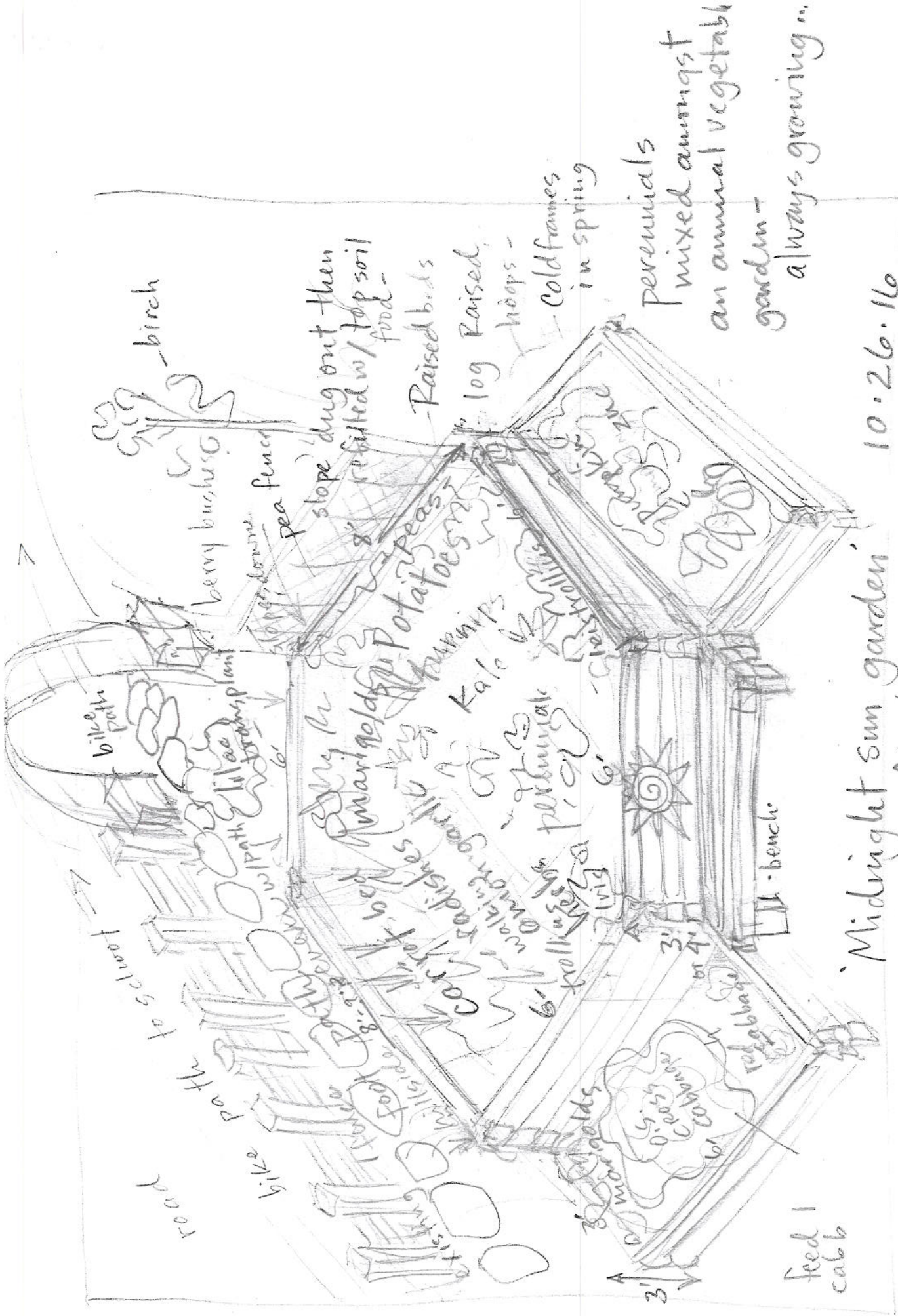
Longevity of the project:

We hope the garden will be around for many years, providing a place for kids and families to dig in the dirt together and to learn about growing and cooking healthy foods.

Benefits:

See previous answer to "Who will benefit from the project?"





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Sutton Public Library Youth programs

perennials
mixed amongst
an annual vegetable
garden -
always growing...