

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

Final RHIP Mini-Grant Report for Commute Options "Safe Routes to School"

Reviewed by the Promote Enhanced Physical Health Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project promoted walking and rolling education for student in Central Oregon.
- We installed two traffic gardens during the grant period and reached out to multiple community members for support to extend SRTS Education into our target communities.
- The traffic gardens were used by the surrounding community as a self-guided resource to educate students on how to safely navigate roadways by foot or wheel.
- Through the Traffic Garden planning process, we connected with the Latino Community Association, Out of the Box Art Foundation, and Jefferson County Library.
- One traffic garden was installed adjacent to the Jefferson County Library and the other was installed in a city lot adjacent to Sahalee Park, both in Madras.
- We increased our participation by approximately 150% compared to what our total participation was starting in September 2021, from the 2020/2021 School year events.



Quote:

An article was written up by The Madras Pioneer about the City lot traffic garden - "New Traffic Garden creates haven to teach kids road skills"

"COVID restrictions have limited opportunities for Bennett to have in-person outreach. So, Bennett asked the City of Madras to help create a "Traffic Garden" on the lot at Southeast Seventh and Southeast C streets, a place where children and families can practice their traffic skills on their own."