

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

RHIP Final Report for Council on Aging of Central Oregon “Establishment of Community Center Garden” Reviewed by the Address Poverty Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- This project will engage older adults in the science of growing and nurturing edible fruits and vegetables, addressing food insecurity by educating elders in tending their own gardens, creating relationships with those participating in the process, and through one-on-one learning, generating nutritious produce for client meals.
- The grant was successful in that we purchased the ADA-accessible elevated planting beds, and we have just recently finished the demolition of the concrete in the area.
- Next steps are repositioning the existing fence, leveling the area, and installing the pavers.
- This phase will also include some additional plumbing and irrigation enhancements.
- We are looking forward to a full implementation of this project in the spring and early summer of 2023

Quote:

“We are committed to this project and are in the process of hiring a Program Manager that can keep on top of the nutrition education and volunteer aspects of the garden project. We have been working diligently to complete the building renovation and have been very fortunate to have secured the final funding for both the building and the garden project. The COVID epidemic has impacted all aspects of this project; construction delays, materials and supply chain delays, employee turnover, inability to meet in person.” -Steven Remington