



<http://silvanascommunitygardens.org>

## 2009 Request for Funding Application

WE NEED TO RAISE ANOTHER \$9,000 BEFORE JUNE 1, 2009!

1. **Name of Project:** Silvana's Community Gardens
2. **Organization or individual requesting funds:** Silvana's Community Gardens, c/o The Town of Silverthorne: **TAX DEDUCTIBLE, CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS**  
**REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 84-059440; Town of Silverthorne has donated non-profit tax status as we are currently seeking pro-bono application for Garden's own 501(c) 3.
3. **Contact person:** Maggie Butler, Fundraising Chair  
(970) 389-0081 mbutler@summitdaily.com
4. **Address:** Silvana's Community Gardens, c/o Town of Silverthorne  
PO Box 1309, Silverthorne, Colorado 80498
5. **Mission Statement:** Silvana's Community Gardens invites individuals and families from all backgrounds who chose to work together. This working garden welcomes all members of the community regardless of gardening experience."
6. **Goals and objectives:**
  1. *Implement a series of public classes which encourage children and families to learn to grow their own healthy food for a lifetime.*
  2. *Provide a means for children and adults to appreciate, preserve and improve the local environment.*
  3. *Provide a forum for sharing ideas related to gardening, sustainable living and healthy nutrition.*
  4. *Provide education and healthy alternatives for Summit County youth through summer gardening activities.*
  5. *Build relationships between non-profit and for-profit organizations with a common goal of improving health, environment and quality of life in Summit County.*
  6. *To overcome all language-based barriers in Summit County with the common goal of gardening.*

**Who and how many people will benefit:** We will offer a total of 25 planting beds... The garden will always be open to the public and will enhance the current view of community property directly south of the Silverthorne Recreation Center. Members of the entire Summit County Community have the opportunity to participate. Investment in the community on a per person/household basis directly correlates with community pride (which is why our program has invested very little effort in security of the site, aside from a small fence to steer away deer and other varmints).

Based on our public outreach and other participating sponsors, we expect a high level of demand for these plots that should exceed 80% of our inventory. In fact, in speaking with our sponsors and potential sponsors, there is a high valued interest in purchasing a plot for local youth groups like the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, among others. In addition we have held back several plots for low income applicants who may not be able to afford a bed on their own and we are aggressively seeking sponsors to underwrite the cost for them. We have also planned an extensive series of education seminars free and open to the public, including:

- ✓ Helpful Garden Friends
- ✓ Nutrition from the Garden
- ✓ Extending the Garden Season
- ✓ Bulbs
- ✓ Perennials
- ✓ Story Time
- ✓ Starting a Garden
- ✓ Planting for Fall & Winter
- ✓ Attracting Pollinators
- ✓ Square-Foot Gardening
- ✓ Moms & Tots
- ✓ Grow for Birds
- ✓ Organic Pest Control
- ✓ Preparing Your Soil
- ✓ Choosing Seeds and Plants
- ✓ Composting 101
- ✓ Growing Flowers

**7. Plan for feedback to our funders:** October 2009 will effectively wrap up our first year in the ground and we plan submit a report to our funders no later than November 1, 2009 summarizing our results, experiences and financials. In the meantime, we would be delighted if our funders would consider attending any of our meetings, groundbreakings, or education seminars. We welcome any feedback or direction on preferred reporting and funder recognition strategies.

**8. Total cost of project: \$16,000 cash, \$23,000 in-kind materials and labor  
We currently have about \$7,000 cash, need \$9,000 more in 2009.**

**9. Time frame for project and completion:**

**A. Phase One/ 2008:** Landscape design plan completed by Neils Lunceford and approved by the Silverthorne Town Council. **Cash Cost \$2500.00 Volunteer Hours 100+** (includes planning meetings since April). Neils Lunceford donated a substantial amount of the cost for the design work.

**B. Phase 2/Summer 2008:** Two demonstration sites and signage built on site closest to Rainbow Drive entrance, making for a powerful visual display for the passing public intended to engage interest and participation. The first site completed at Rainbow Park on July 16, 2008 where our committee has re-purposed an existing, Town maintained, flower bed and replanted, placed signage and created a new, well-maintained floral garden. The Organizing Committee placed two additional demonstration planters at the site of the future community garden by the end of 2008. **Cost In-Kind value \$1700, Volunteer Hours 60+**

**C. Phase 3/2009:** Silvana’s Community Garden organizing committee plans to complete the majority of the community garden construction in 2009. Construction includes site grading, underground infrastructure such as watering systems, electric, boulder placement, pathways, planting bed, landscaping, fencing, benches, tool shed, solar lighting, etc... **Estimated Cost \$39,000 (includes in –kind donations of materials and services) Volunteer Hours 500+**

**10. Amount requested: \$1,000**

Our volunteer board would be most grateful for any level of donation. However, in a year when individual donations have become more difficult to obtain, a \$1,000 donation would really propel the project forward.

**11. Other sources of funding: Cash Only**

<b>2008 Summit Prevention Alliance/ Live Well</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>2008 Individual Donations</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>2009 Summit Foundation</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>2009 Summit Prevention Alliance/Live Well</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

I would be happy to provide a list of the numerous in-kind donations that really will help make this project happy if the board is feels it is valuable in your determination.

**12. Checks can be made out to: TOS/Silvana’s Community Gardens**  
**Send to: Silvana’s Community Gardens c/o TOS**  
**PO Box 1309**  
**Silverthorne, Colorado 80498**

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with additional questions, direction, or requests. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maggie Butler  
Fundraising Chair  
Silvana’s Community Gardens, Silverthorne  
Cell (970) 389-0081 mbutler@summitdaily.com

**More History:** In April of 2008, a community garden board was established and planning is underway to bring to fruition. In April 2007, the concept of a Community Garden was first proposed by Silverthorne's Economic Development Advisory Committee's (EDAC) WOW Sub-Committee and EDAC members Larry Lunceford, Eddie O'Brien, and Marc Hogan. Town Council indicated in June 2007 that if community leadership, administration, private funding, and an appropriate site plan could all be established, the garden concept should be given consideration through the Town's site plan process.

Community members began diligently working toward this goal and, with the Town's support, are now seeking independent 501 c 3 status. Co-coordinators Linda Hrycaj and Marie Orlin are leading the garden board in their mission to create a working community garden that invites individuals and families from all backgrounds, regardless of gardening experience. The goal is to develop a hands-on garden that integrates education, creative expression, cooperation, and community spirit. The garden site is the grassy area at the southeast corner of Rainbow Drive and E. Fourth St., across from the Silverthorne Recreation Center. If you visit this location currently, you will find a sign inviting anyone to participate along with two demonstration beds. We expect to break ground in April of 2009, and have all 25 beds in use by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Who Will Benefit?** The entire scope of our work is to create an eternal source for the community to cultivate and communicate. The garden will serve as a place for serious gardeners and novices to get their hands dirty and benefit from their neighbor's expertise. The result will attract, among others: children's organizations, ecologically minded gardeners, and those seeking additional space they might not otherwise be afforded through their current lease or land holdings.

We place a high value on sustainable landscaping and the goodwill of our users to maintain their plots. However, we believe the overall benefit lies in community we will create. Those who invest themselves in the project can't help but visit the site often to reap the rewards of growth (no matter how initial). The sight of a ¼ inch sprout from a seed is so exciting, it beckons a return call the following day, and there on. There is a great deal of community pride at stake as well. Even though this garden is located in Silverthorne, the intent is not restrictive to the town's residents.

**How Will the Garden Be Run?** Plots will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Applications for reserving a plot will be available by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year on the website: [www.silvanascommunitygardens.org](http://www.silvanascommunitygardens.org) or may be picked up at the Silverthorne library.

1. Submit signed application, along with the fee and signed release, to the Garden Registrar at Silverthorne Town Hall, 601 Center Circle. After all plots have been reserved, applicants will be waitlisted.
2. Rent on plots will run \$40.00 for smaller plots and \$60.00 for larger plots (\$20.00 or \$30 for larger plots will be considered a deposit and will be returned when the plot is cleaned in the fall).
3. Repeat gardeners may request the same plot year to year. Make a request to the registrar in the fall.

GARDENER’S RESPONSIBILITIES

- MARCH 1-16: Registration for garden beds.
- APRIL 7 (Tues.)-Mandatory Organizational Meeting: Our first spring meeting with interested gardeners. There could also be a class/training that day.
- MAY 16: WORK DAY to build beds at Silverthorne town shop.
- MAY 30: WORK DAY to fill beds with soil and do fence work.
- JUNE 6: Back-up weather date, if needed.
- JUNE 30: Deadline for planting gardens. In future years this will be June15, but this year extra time will be given to allow for completion of construction, if necessary.

1. A **fall meeting** (date to be determined) is both a harvest celebration and a time to meet, clean, and put the gardens to bed for the winter.
2. It is the responsibility of all gardeners to maintain the common space. Weeding, mulching, and trash removal will be a community responsibility. Every gardener will be expected to spend some time helping with this.
3. All gardeners are encouraged to attend operational and informational meetings which will be scheduled periodically. Announcements of these meetings will be communicated by email or the bulletin board at the garden.

PLOT MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Plots must be planted by June 15. Any unplanted plots will be re-assigned to the next gardener on the waiting list. Plots that are left clean and empty by November 1<sup>st</sup> will receive the \$20.00 deposit back.
2. Harmful pesticides or herbicides may not be used. Please refer to the information packet for a list of products acceptable for weed management.
3. Children are welcome in the garden. They must be supervised at all times by an adult. Children will need to understand the general rules of the garden and have respect for boundaries between plots
4. Garden debris and trash must be removed by gardeners after working on their plots.
5. Pets are not allowed in the gardens.
6. Illegal activity or consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
7. All plots are to be kept free of weeds, harmful insects and debris.
8. Plants should not encroach into neighboring plots or pathways.
9. Gardeners may not weed, inspect or harvest from any plot that is not their own.
10. Be water wise. Roll up hoses and make sure water is turned off after use.
11. Please consult the informational packet for acceptable mulching materials and soil amendments.

Failure to comply with the above procedures may result in the plot being reassigned. One warning will be given by the Garden Committee. If the problem has not been satisfactorily addressed within two weeks, the plot will be re-assigned to the next gardener on the waiting list. The committee is the final authority in all disputes. I have read and agree to comply with the above Rules and Regulations.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_