

Nurturing Plants - Progress Report

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Requested Metrics

There are three metrics to track the progress of the project: Pre-post survey, number of participants, and number of cumulative hours.

Since the start of the project and the first workshop, data was gathered from the post survey and sign in sheets. The post surveys have been distributed through email and eventually text message or have QR code available during the workshop due to the lack of participants taking the survey. I am committed to receiving everyone's feedback. The number of surveys taken so far is 6 participants. The amount of students who have signed up the first day are 18 participants. The number of participants in the second workshop are 14 participants. For the number of cumulative hours, is to be determined at the end of the workshop with a post evaluation.

Project Accomplishments

Workshops:

The accomplishments achieved thus far is the distribution of the 18 hydroponic systems to the students and educating and training 18 students in hydroponics. The project has completed two workshops out of three, so far. Further, an interest meeting was conducted before the first workshop which accounted for 15 individuals. The first two workshops were conducted at the Native American Student Affairs. The first workshop was an introduction to hydroponics and the second was a community building and open discussion workshop. Each workshop had 18 individuals for the first workshop and the second was 14 individuals.

Purchases:

- 20 hydroponic systems have been purchased
- Seeds have been purchased
- Food have been purchased for workshops

Connections:

Indigenous club organizations such as American Indian and Indigenous Health Alliance (AIIHA), IndigiWellbeing, American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), and the Native American Student Center (NASA), and Native SOAR. Colleges connections built is the Controlled Environment Agriculture Center (CEAC) and the College of Public Health.

Meetings:

There has been about 5-6 meetings that have occurred around planning the workshops. It has been in planning before the grant has been awarded and continue to plan more events in the future regarding the project and food sovereignty activities.

Next Steps

The next steps of the project is continuing to plan for the last workshop event which will occur March 22nd from 5-7pm at the Controlled Environment Agriculture Center. A tour of the facilities will take place along with harvesting practices. I am currently in the process of co-planning with the AISES Regional Conference and IRes to be part of the last workshop where the conference members can tour the facilities as well. This is in the planning stage.

Challenges Faced

Challenges face is having to make purchases out of my own pocket because of the UA restricts about making certain purchases. However, I was able to get reimbursed but this may be an issue for those who don't have the ability to make these types of out of pocket purchases. Further, I have had challenges with the business manager individual about communication with purchases need to be made in a timely manner and when packages come in. We have been able to better communicate due to the challenges faced and made progress!

Project Support

I/we have addressed roadblocks that have already encountered. Thank you CSF for supporting me!

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