



Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation: Callahan Oaks Garden Support

Fleet Farming Introduction:

Fleet Farming is a bike-pedaled urban agriculture program of the United Nations accredited nonprofit, IDEAS For Us. This program converts underutilized lawn space into micro-farms called “farmlettes” and educates the community on how to grow food for free through monthly events occurring in Audubon Park and Parramore. It was founded in Orlando, Florida in 2013 during a monthly workshop known locally as The IDEAS Hive where participants began conceptualizing the Fleet Farming business model to combat the environmental challenges of the monoculture/ agricultural system.

The Fleet Farming Mission is to “**Empower All Generations To Grow Food**” and has expanded programming to incorporate a custom garden installation service called **Edible Landscapes** to facilitate growing produce locally at low-income schools, assisted living facilities, hospitals, and residential homes.



Callahan Oaks Garden Support:

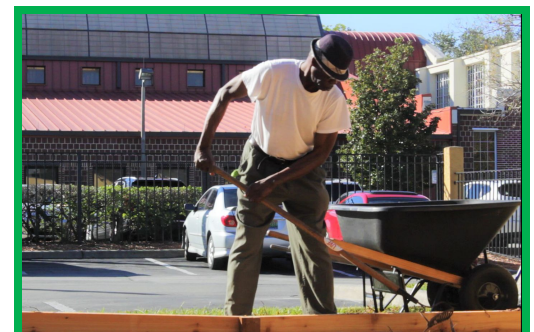
In partnership with the Orlando City Soccer Foundation and Orlando Health, Fleet Farming built an outdoor education space at the Callahan Oaks Affordable Housing Unit in 2017. The funding provided 6 raised beds and weekly programming for after school activities for the first year. Over 50 residents have participated in the garden after school program since and have been inspired by the agricultural programming and classes connecting participants to nature while learning how to grow produce in their community.



Fleet Farming’s mission is to empower all generations to learn how to grow food on their own and increase local food accessibility within Parramore. Now that the funding is coming to an end, we hope to develop a proposal for the garden revitalization for 2020 as a short term goal and also develop a proposal for the expansion as well as the continuation of classes for seasonal/ monthly community classes for Gardening 101.

Project Objectives:

- Develop a budget for monthly classes on Garden 101 information to help engage the residents of Callahan Oaks and to bring the community together in Parramore.
- Fill the current raised beds with fresh mushroom compost to ensure the upcoming season of growth will be abundant with fresh soil and also add adult plants/ new seeds in the initial planting.
- Acquire all of the education materials and outdoor garden equipment needed to engage residents such as tools, seeds, and gloves.
- Heighten food production with the ability of packaging and distributing produce for the on-site pantry.



Budget: Callahan Oaks Garden Support for one year

Name of Organization/ Project	Notes	Unit Price	Quantity	Itemized amount
Initial Soil Replacement	Compost drop for the existing gardens on site.	\$350.00 ea	1	\$350.00
Initial Plant Replacement	Plants for the first day of school	\$50 ea	6	\$300.00
Education	Educators time for 2X per week programming afterschool (40 weeks)	\$250.00 ea	12	\$3,000.00
Class Materials	Lesson plans, curriculum, hand-outs, in-class work, cooking classes, homework, etc.	\$50 ea	12	\$600.00
Garden Materials	Trellising, pantry packaging, and supplies, marketing tools, boxes, bins, harvesting tools, etc.	-	-	\$500.00
Administrative Costs	Management of the staff, overseeing the educators, insurance, and operational costs.	-	-	\$1,500.00
Total				\$6,250.00

Desired Outcomes:

- Teach 1 class per month and supply a budget for class and garden materials which will be utilized by the residents of Parramore living within the affordable housing unit of ONIC called Callahan Oaks.
- Distribute any grown produce to residents from within the community willing to try Florida Freshly grown produce directly from the neighborhood.
- Help educate the students/families of 32805 that more than 40% of them suffer from food-related chronic illnesses
- Refresh the garden with soil and plants for the upcoming season.