

THE BROWN FOUNDATION, INC. PROPOSAL SUMMARY

1. Name of Organization (*including prior names if applicable*):

The South Plains Food Bank GRUB Farm

Physical address:

[REDACTED]

Mailing address (*if different*):

Telephone number:

[REDACTED]

Fax number:

[REDACTED]

E-mail address:

[REDACTED]

Web address:

www.spfb.org/farm-orchard-grub/

Contact person for inquiries regarding this proposal: [REDACTED] – Farm, Orchard, GRUB Director

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2. Name of specific Program/Project for which funding is requested:

Summer stipends for youth workers program.

3. Funds Requested (*must specify amount*):.....\$ 5,000.00

4. Brief History and Mission Statement of the Organization:

The GRUB Foundation, or Growing Recruits for Urban Business, is a branch of South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock, Texas. It was envisioned in 1998 but did not begin until 2000. Since its first year, the GRUB Program has sought to provide area youth with entrepreneurial and leadership experience as well as life skills through management of the 5-acre Carolyn Lanier Youth Farm, a facility that includes an urban sustainable farm and learning center. The GRUB Program seeks to create a dynamic and diverse group of youth who not only are adequately prepared to enter the workforce but are also capable of providing valuable and meaningful service to the community. Their mission is to help end hunger in the South Plains region. The GRUB farm is specifically geared towards growing chemical-free vegetables locally and teaching the youth life skills through volunteer work.

5. Description of the Program/Project for which funding is requested:

The GRUB farm hosts hundreds of volunteers throughout the school year to help run the farm. During the summer months, however, school is out, and their volunteer numbers drop significantly. To keep the farm functioning during that time, they hire some 20-25 youth to work on the farm until the next school year. Those who are hired receive great life-related educational opportunities as well as valuable work experience, but the work is physically taxing and is a full-time job. As a result, it is not a very appealing summer job. To keep their workers, the GRUB farm likes to reward the teenagers' hard work with a well-deserved stipend. Unfortunately, the farm does not have the financial means to do so, given their non-profit status. This funding will support Lubbock's youth by providing them with a valuable summer job work experience as well as access to the life skill lessons that are provided to the GRUB farm's youth workers.

6. If this is a unique project, please explain why such is the case. If it is of an ongoing nature, provide justification for its worth/value:

This is a unique project because it is providing impressionable youth with valuable work experience as well as access to life-skill classes provided by the GRUB farm. Some of the classes provided to the teens include, etiquette lessons, financial management, leadership building, etc. This is not a one-time project. The farm must hire workers every summer to maintain function as a result of lower amounts of volunteers during those months each year, meaning this is an annual project. It is valuable not only to the youth that it benefits, but also to the GRUB farm itself. Without funding for this project, the grub farm would not be able to hire the workers necessary to keep the farm running during the summer months. But, if the project is funded, the youth workers benefit, the farm stays open, and ultimately the Lubbock community continues to reap the rewards that this non-profit provides.

7. Describe plans for administration and operation of the proposed project, including dates for implementation and conclusion:

The funding would go directly to the GRUB farm, from which it would then be divided out and dispersed to the workers hired by the farm. This would happen on a weekly basis for the duration of the summer beginning June 2019 lasting through August 2019. This program would last about 8 – 10 weeks.

8. Financial Support Information: Amounts *only* listed here.
(Detailed budgets and lists of sources should confirm these figures.)

- a. Current organizational operating budget:.....\$4,585,841.26
- b. Budget for specific program/project to be funded:.....\$ 82,200.00
- c. Sources of support/amounts already committed to project:.....\$ (provided by grantee)
- d. Sources of support/amounts requested/pending for project:.....\$ (provided by grantee)

9. Describe the proposed method by which this program/project will be evaluated:

This project should be evaluated on its significance in keeping the GRUB Program running and continuing its service to the Lubbock community. Funding for this project allows the farm to hire necessary workers during the summer months in which they need consistent labor due to their lack of volunteers during that time. If they cannot pay their workers during the summer, they may not be able to keep them around and the GRUB farm may not be able to continue running, resulting in a loss for not only the farm but for the community it serves as well. With this blow to farm, the aid it provides to at risk youth will be tragically cut from the Lubbock community. This project, therefore, is vitally important to maintaining function of the farm and its services, and it is extremely valuable to the Lubbock community and its youth. Those are the terms on which it should be evaluated.

Signature of Chief Administrator

Signature of Board Officer

Print Name & Title

Print Name & Title

Designate () next to name of individual responsible for receipt of official correspondence.*