

## Services & Activities Fee Annual Program Review

Program Name: CWU Community Garden

Program Manager: Carina Gaz

Fiscal Year: FY2023

1. In what ways does your program support CWU students? Please be specific, yet concise.

The community garden provides growing space for CWU students. This growing space allows students to produce their own food, flowers, herbs, etc. while also providing dedicated outdoor space. Additionally, the community garden establishes a space for community to flourish.

2. What are your specific program goals or learning/operational objectives? How are you assessing the effectiveness of your program in achieving those targets?

The community garden would like to increase the number of student participation. We'd like to increase the number of student growers by 25% year over year. Currently, we have 20 student plot owners and four student clubs that grow with us. In 2023, we'd like to see that number increase to 25 students and five student clubs.

This year we've started a regular end-of-the-season survey to all community garden members to gain insight into what worked well and what did not for student growers. Additionally, we're working with Auxiliary marketing services to increase our outreach to new student growers before our 2023 open garden season. We will know how effective this communication campaign is by the number of people that sign up for garden plots next season.

3. What is the overall purpose of your program and what service(s) does your program provide?
  - a. Are there overlaps or intersections with other university programs who have a similar purpose or service?

The overall purpose of our program is to provide growing space for students and community members to grow their own food. Inclusive in our purpose is to grow a community that centers on food justice and access.

4. How does your program align with the purpose of S&A funding? *"Supporting cocurricular and extracurricular activities and programs participated in by students in the furtherance of their education."*

The community garden offers CWU students the outdoor environment to explore and experiment on growing food, herbs and flowers. This outdoor environment allows student to explore outside-the-classroom interests in horticulture, agriculture, ecology and food systems.

5. How does your program support CWU's mission and goals? (<https://www.cwu.edu/mission/>)

The community garden reinforces CWU vision to be a model learning community of equity and belonging by welcoming all students, staff/faculty and community members to come together to grow food. Additionally, the community garden is a perfect example of CWU's mission in real life. The community garden nurtures various cultural practices by comingling gardeners from various background and practices. Additionally, the community garden serves as an example of sustainability practices by providing land access to those interested in growing their own food. The community garden continues to evolve and centers the goal of expanding access to all interested students.

6. Please provide detailed information regarding who utilizes your program? (*Students, faculty, staff, community? Specific demographic information? Class standing, gender, ethnicity, transfer, campus location, etc.*)

The community garden is utilized by students, staff/faculty and community members.  
CWU Students = 30%  
CWU Staff/Faculty = 25%  
CWU Student Clubs = 5%  
Community = 40%

We do not currently collect demographic information beyond CWU affiliation so as to not create additional barriers to entry for potential gardeners.

7. How many unique CWU students utilize your program or services?
- How do you gather these metrics?
  - If you do not, what is preventing you from getting that data and how are you determining usage by CWU students?

Currently there are 20 students that are plot owners at the community garden. Additionally, we have three student clubs that are plot owners on campus that allow for those club members to participate in the garden.

We know these metrics because we ask all individuals interested in being a community garden plot owner to self-identify as one of the following: CWU student, CWU staff/faculty, and/or community member

8. Are there any current vacant positions in your program?

No. We currently have a waitlist for the existing community garden plots.

9. Given the budget reductions taking place and continuing for the remainder of the funding cycle, please tell us what specific impacts those reductions have had on your program compared to what was originally planned and including in your initial base funding request.

We've had to plan for a small reduction in student staff time given the new budget reductions. This reduction in staff hours will be felt more in the spring season once we increase our outreach and attention to the garden.

10. Are there any circumstances or challenges that are currently impacting your ability to use your base funding allocation this year?

No, there are not any challenges impacting our ability to use base funding allocation this year.

11. What growth or increases would you like to see in your program in the future?

This year we plan to allocate funding for accessible community garden beds. By providing 2-4 accessible garden beds we hope that we see an increased interest in the community garden by students with varying abilities.