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Apple Valley Water Harvesting, Fire Safe Landscaping Park for Firestation/Community Center

This 100% project funded grant of \$250,000 will enhance the Smithsonian Fire Station in Apple Valley, Utah. These enhancements would serve as a model to educate the professional and homeowner in fire-safe, defensible, xeric landscape techniques. Additionally, water harvesting systems that supplement the low-water irrigation system will demonstrate water saving and conservation practices. It is our aim to offer educational brochures and workshops in each of these vital areas.

***All legal residents** of the United States residing in one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia who are 13 years of age and older may **vote once each day** for the month of **August** for our project.

Please forward this e-flier to your friends, family, co-workers, and associates urging them to vote for this community focused, educational and sustainable enhancement grant proposal. Pepsi awards the ReFresh grants based upon public votes.

Apple Valley Water Harvesting Fire Safe Landscaping Park for Firestation/Community Center

The AV Fire Station is our only community gathering location. The facility is home to the Volunteer Fire Fighters who share office, meeting, and bay space with C.E.R.T., Town offices, Town Council, Planning Commission, and all community groups for meetings, training, fund raising and community activities. The overall enhancement plan includes fire-safe landscaped areas that provide shaded picnic and play, sitting and gathering spaces. Hardscape features include outdoor meeting and classroom areas, all weather dining and outdoor kitchen, covered entrance and handicapped parking, and storage facilities.

We plan to:

Create community center park landscaped with fire-safe plants and techniques.

The fire storms of late and structure damage or destruction by fire is on the increase. Building, designing and maintaining defensible spaces around structures and homes is the first and most vital defense we have to protect our homes and structures from fire. This landscape enhancement will illustrate, through modeling and educational opportunities, how to design, build, and maintain landscapes within and outside of defensible spaces.

Build a rainwater harvesting system.

The State of Utah recently approved the passing of SB #32, which allows homeowners to capture, store, and use rainwater with specified limitations. A rainwater catchment system will supplement the landscape low-water-use irrigation system. Both municipal and homeowner rainwater harvesting systems will help educate the professional and homeowner on this ever-important water conserving method.

Educate on site with model systems, seminars, and literature.

To utilize the landscape enhancement project and the educational components, we hope to provide educational brochures and pamphlets on fire-safe landscaping and hardscaping practices, water conservation in the landscape, and on rainwater harvesting technology. Outdoor classrooms will provide on-site learning opportunities for the professional and homeowner.

Create jobs.

All advisors, contractors, suppliers, construction and plant materials and other required services are to be local to the State of Utah. This practice will support our local economy and minimize costs of transportation, which adds to sustainability of the project.