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RE: Grant Number 06130-UCF-CFC-18-04
 Caring for Canopy Grant

The Middlebury Tree Committee is submitting the required information to support receiving payment of the grant and to close out our grant.

Expenditures

Budget						
Project Component	Grant Request \$3000	Actual Grant \$2300	Proposed Match In-Kind/Donations	Actual Match In-Kind/Donations	Total Proposed Project Cost	Total Actual Project Cost
Personnel	DPW employees training session attendance – 20 hours @ \$34.50/hr - \$690	\$414			\$2740	\$414
Materials/Supplies	Preparation of Handouts - \$100	\$0	Mulch donation during Training sessions- \$350	Mulch donation during Training sessions- \$350	\$450	\$350
Equipment	Pruners' equipment assessment, etc. - \$150	\$0			\$150	\$0
Services	Trainer Consultation Fee \$900 (Two 3-hour sessions - 6-8 hrs of in-field training,	Trainer Consultation Fee \$75	25 hours of pruning by Volunteers and tree Warden @23/hr - \$575	25 hours of pruning by Volunteers and tree Warden @23/hr - \$575	\$1475	\$1550

	equipment assessment)			Town Officials management of training and grant - 16hrs@56/hr - \$900 Total - \$1475		
Services	Pruning on Green - \$1160	Richard Webb - Pruning on Green - \$1821	15 volunteer hours of preparation of pruning bid set for town green work @23/hr - \$345	Tour of Town Green to explain pruning to public – 6 hrs@\$23/hr - \$138 Meet with Mark Duntemann twice for Town Green Tree Pruning assessment – 25 hrs@\$23/hr - \$575 Preparation of bid set by Middlebury Tree Committee members for Town Green Pruning for Middlebury Dept. of Public Works – 24 hrs@\$23/hr - \$828 Total-\$1541	\$1505	\$3362
Travel						
Other-Media Outreach						
Total	\$3000	\$2310	\$3320	\$3366	\$6320	\$5676
Budget Explanation: Provide any additional information that will help clarify your budget request. For example: partner contributions or details on expected expenditures						

Project Overview:

The Town of Middlebury is seeking to grow and strengthen its urban forestry program in the area of tree maintenance. After years of focus on planting trees in the town, it has become clear that a maintenance program is needed to support the town's investment in its urban forest. This tree planting investment has providing many benefits including cleaner air, stormwater runoff, increase of property values, and general aesthetics. The Town of Middlebury is developing a robust maintenance program that will include structural pruning training of young trees, crown cleaning and corrective pruning of mature trees by teaching about cabling bracing and mitigating soil compaction. It is clear that in order to do so the town must have a knowledgeable and trained staff to perform a tree maintenance program. This grant resulted in:

- the hiring of a tree expert to hold training of best pruning and tree care practices to Middlebury DPW employees
- the removal of trees on the Middlebury Town Green by Richard Webb after the town hired Mark Duntemann to assess the health of the trees on the Green. Trees that were considered hazardous were removed.