# MIDLAND PANTRY & COMMUNITY FOOD FOREST INITIATIVE

## Grant Proposal Summary

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*Pantry Planning Project*

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Midland Pantry & Community Food Forest Initiative, led by Rising Tide Ministries, aims to transform the Midland Commons property into an accessible community pantry and certified food forest.  
By combining raised-bed food production, wildlife habitat restoration, and mutual-aid distribution, this project addresses both food insecurity and ecological restoration within Southeast Portland.¹

### GOALS

• Provide free, fresh produce to local residents through volunteer-driven raised-bed gardens.  
• Establish a certified food forest and wildlife habitat guided by Indigenous consultation.  
• Create inclusive, accessible educational spaces for community learning and wellness.  
• Build a scalable model replicable across other Oregon communities.

### IMPACT

* Expected to serve 100+ residents during initial growing season.
* Increases biodiversity and pollinator habitat at Midland Commons.
* Provides volunteer training for accessibility and sustainability.
* Strengthens local mutual-aid and food-security networks.

### BUDGET AT A GLANCE

| Category | Amount |
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| Raised-Bed Materials & Soil | $2,400 |
| Habitat Plants & Tools | $1,800 |
| Pantry Upgrades & Accessibility | $1,600 |
| Volunteer Training & Outreach | $1,500 |
| **Total Request** | **$7,300** |

### TIMELINE

**Phase 1:** Infrastructure & soil prep (Nov 2025 – Feb 2026)  
**Phase 2:** Planting & community engagement (Mar – Aug 2026)  
**Phase 3:** Certification & public workshops (Sep – Dec 2026)

### CONTACT & COORDINATION

Heather-Lynne Van Wilde – Systems & Compliance  
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Repository: https://github.com/raindropworks/midland-pantry  
Short Link (QR): https://bitl.to/5ERb

### FOOTNOTE

¹ **Site layout pending:** Official property layout and utility plans have not yet been obtained.  
Current design elements reflect estimated placements based on observed site conditions.  
Final diagrams and measurements will be added upon receipt of verified site plans.

### REVISION NOTES – DOCUMENT HISTORY

| Date | Version | Description | Author |
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| 2025-10-24 | 1.0 | Initial condensed grant proposal summary | Pantry Planning Collective |

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