

FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS \$2,000 OR MORE**Office Use Only****Date of Board Meeting:****Agenda Item No.** **New Grant****Section 1: General Information:** **Continuation**Grant Start/End Dates: 5/15/10 Application Deadline: 2/15/10 Grant Amt: \$4854Funder's Grant Title: Lowes Toolbox for Education Your Grant Title: LNS Bird Observatory and Outdoor ClassroomGrant Writer: Claire Herzog School/Dept. LNS Phone 486-2171 Ext _____Grant Contact Person* Debbie Cohen School/Dept LNS Phone 486-2171 Ext _____

*This is the school/district-based person who is in charge of the grant.

Schools/Programs to be served by this grant	# of staff impacted	# of students impacted	# of parents impacted
All LNS students	All staff	1150	

Does this grant require matching funds? **Yes** **No** **If yes, what amount? Matching funds How will these funds be raised?** Funders for other portions of this project include the Met Life Foundation, Sarasota Koi & Water Garden Club, Sarasota County Master Gardeners, the Florida Horticultural Therapy Association, Venice Area Garden Clubs & an Autism Awareness fundraiser.

Grant Description**Please fill in all blanks.****Do not refer to attachments in your summaries.****Do not attach separate sheets.**

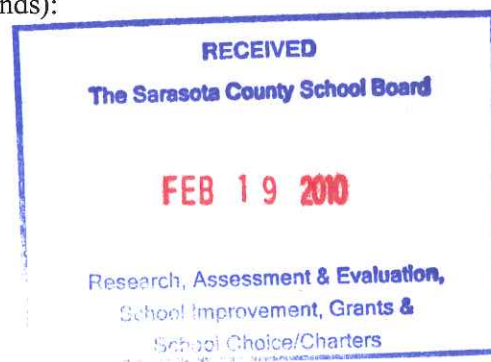
Briefly summarize the overall **purpose/objective** of the grant and indicate how this grant will contribute to the needs and goals of your School Improvement Plan and/or District Plan. **(Not grant activities)**

The vision of LNS School is to prepare our students to be life-long learners and independent, responsible citizens. The LNS horticulture department has proposed a project that will transform an old, unused playground from a sterile eyesore to a vibrant habitat that will attract local birds, including hummingbirds. Laurel Nokomis School is a magnet school for children with autism.

This garden will provide students from all grade levels with an area to enhance their science curricula. It will also interface with our SIP goals which address improvement in reading, math and science.

- Math: weighing and computing the use of bird seed and calculating consumption rates
- Language Arts: journal keeping, poetry & creative writing
- Geography: research the geographical ranges of bird species, learn the state birds
- Art: sketch birds and plants, scientific illustration, make bird masks
- Music: study bird songs and calls, research music that has been influenced by birds.

Briefly list grant program activities (what is going to be done with the grant funds):



Section Two: Summary for grants over \$2,000.

(These grants require School Board approval and must be placed on the School Board Agenda by Grants Office staff.)

Fiscal Management will be done by:

- District Finance Office
 - School Internal Account
 - Other (name): _____
- Project number, if known: _____

- Entitlement/Flowthrough
- Competitive/Discretionary
- Continuation
- Other: _____

Fund Source:

- Federal: Indirect cost \$ _____
CFDA # _____
- State
- Local Foundation
- Other:

Name of Primary Fund Source	Funder's Contact Name	Funder's Address	Phone Number	\$ Amount
Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant	Lowes	info@toolboxforeducation.com	8006445361 x 208	\$4854.



NOTE: If MAJOR TECHNOLOGY is part of this grant: (does not include cameras, DVD players, etc.)

Your school technology support personnel must review the physical capabilities of the area involved and agree that no additional wiring or electrical work, beyond what is provided through the grant, will be needed to complete the project. Please have your technology support staff member sign off on your project here.

n/a

Technology Support Staff



NOTE: If your project involves CONSTRUCTION or requires RETROFITTING space:

Please call Jody Dumas to discuss your project and receive approval to go forward with your proposal. He can be reached at 361-6311 ext. 68824. If approved, you will need to create a memo for his approval and signature, to be included with your GAF.

Thank you. Please call ext 927-9000 ext. 32172 with questions.

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Section Three: Signatures

Grants Office personnel will obtain applicable signatures in this section

Von file

*DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SERVICES

RESEARCH, ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION (RAE)

Von file.

*DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES SERVICES

Von file

DIRECTOR OF BUDGET

Von file

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, OR SECONDARY

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT

*Signatures needed only if applicable.

Send this completed form and 1 copy of your grant to the Grants Office, Research, Assessment, and Evaluation-Landings

The main mission of the Bird Observatory is to get children outdoors, and connected to the natural world in a way that will enhance their education, fitness and mental health. Other benefits for our school include the beautification of a blighted area, a tool for the inspiration of creative lesson planning for teachers, and community connection between LNS and all the participants and funding sources involved in this renovation.

Laurel Nokomis School is a magnet school for children with autism. This garden area has an oval sidewalk where these students, as well as wheelchair-bound students will have unobstructed access to the garden. The garden will house a storage shed that allows space to store exercise tricycles for our special students.

There are plans for bird baths, feeding platforms and a bird house demonstration area. Depending on funding, there will be benches, picnic tables, a gazebo, interpretive signs, and a classroom set of binoculars and bird guides to check out from the media center.

Please provide a **brief** explanation of pertinent **budget items** that will be funded through this grant. *(Please indicate if funds will be used for new/old staff position, contracted services, travel, materials/supplies, equipment/furniture, facilities, and other applicable items.)*

Budget items funded through this grant will be used to fund materials, equipment and furniture which will include:

Building supplies for 8 wooden benches	\$1646
Building supplies for 12x14 shelter	\$1978
5 Bird baths	\$240
Building supplies for bird feeding platforms	\$100
Cypress Mulch	\$890

How will grant activities be continued after the end of grant period?

The grant will activities will continue through volunteer contributions of time and money from Venice Garden Clubs and the Met Life Foundations, Sarasota Koi and Water Garden Club, Sarasota County Master Gardeners, and Florida Horticultural Therapy Association.

NANCY DUBOIN



2/16/10

Print Name of Cost Center Head

Signature of Cost Center Head

Date

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