



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
VOLUNTEER REPORT FORM
PERIOD JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022
Deadline: July 15, 2022

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

Department:	University of California Cooperative Extension
Division/Unit:	San Diego County

2. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BENEFITS:

a. GENERAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include community volunteer, student intern, groups, corporations, etc.)

No. of Volunteers: 551 Hours: 108,504 x \$35.56 = \$3,858,402.24

Types of work performed by GENERAL VOLUNTEERS in this category:

Master Gardeners are volunteers trained and supervised by the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). For 39 years the Master Gardener Volunteers have been providing free home gardening and pest control information to San Diego County residents. Typically, this extremely useful information is disseminated via the Master Gardener's hotline, information booths at local fairs and garden shows, walk-ins, mail, and email. *(However, due to COVID, our delivery methods for this program year were modified to protect the health and safety of the Master Gardeners as well as the community.)* With more than 313 members, the Master Gardener program is a wealth of up-to-date home horticulture information.

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development. Local Youth and Adult volunteers organize and facilitate 20 community clubs.

The number of volunteers decreased dramatically in FY 21/22 compared to FY 20/21 due to COVID-19. Youth and adults did not wish to enroll as there was still uncertainty as to how club structure and in person gatherings would work during Covid. However, it worth noting that the number of hours volunteered has increased. Many volunteers had projects that were done virtually.

b. INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include honor camp inmates, PIC/RETC, GAIN, etc.)

No. of Volunteers: 0 Hours: 0 x \$35.56 = \$0.00

Types of work performed by INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS in this category: N/A

c. SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS (this section should include utilization of Special Volunteers in positions requiring specific skills and/or expertise levels, for example, an attorney, physician, sports figure or celebrity). These specialized positions have



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verifiable compensation levels (VCL). If you have such a volunteer, please indicate the position, hours and compensation level below.)

Position	Hours	x. VCL	= Dollar Benefit
<u>Educational Cooperators</u>	<u>453</u>	x <u>\$44.18</u>	= <u>\$20,013.54</u>
No. of Volunteers: 52	Total Hours: 453	Total Value:	= \$20,013.54

Types of work performed by SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS in this category:

Due to the county COVID restrictions and our UC ANR's limitations, our numbers have been much lower this year. Many schools and agencies have had changes in their staff and redirection for their employees in new position areas. Schools did not allow us access entry into the schools let alone have anyone new or old to assist us with parent and family contacts. Teachers really had one single focus- help the students to catch-up on their academics. The stress for teachers has been tremendous.

d. TOTALS OF DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS (from above):

	No. of Volunteers	Hours	Dollar Benefit
2a.	<u>551</u>	<u>108,504</u>	<u>\$3,858,402.24</u>
2b.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
2c.	<u>52</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>\$20,013.54</u>
Total Volunteers	603	Total Hours	108,957
		Total Value	\$3,878,415.78

3. DONATIONS TO VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

Please list all donations to the department's Volunteer Program including monetary donations and tangible/intangible items. Items such as computers, air time, transportation, books, etc. Please assign a fair market value to each and add to the total value of the donations section.

Item		Value:	
Donated:	<u>Plant & Materials</u>	Value:	<u>\$1,995.00</u>
Item			
Donated:	<u>Cash Donations</u>	Value:	<u>\$14,410.11</u>
		Total Value:	\$16,405.11

4. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COSTS:



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- a. Cost of direct supervision of volunteers (total hours of direct supervision times hourly rate of staff person(s) directly supervising program volunteers.

Hours: 0 x Rate: \$0.00 = \$0.00

- b. Cost of program coordination (total hours of program coordination times hourly rate of coordinator(s)). This section should include coordination of staff, compiling statistics, job description preparation, volunteer placements and recognition, etc.

Hours: 150 x Rate: \$39.66 = \$5,949.00

- c. Other program costs (volunteer training materials/supplies, recognition costs, etc.):

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
N/A	N/A

TOTAL OF OTHER PROGRAM COSTS

\$0.00

- d. **TOTAL OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COST** (Sum of 4a, 4b and 4c)

\$5,949.00

5. NET BENEFIT TO DEPARTMENT FROM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

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| a. Total Dollar Benefits of Volunteers, Item 2d (Page 2) | \$3,878,415.78 |
| b. Total of Donations to Volunteer Program, Item 3 (Page 2) | \$16,405.11 |
| c. Subtract Total of Volunteer Program Costs, Item 4d (Page 3) | \$5,949.00 |

TOTAL PROGRAM BENEFIT **\$3,888,871.89**

6. RECRUITING:



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Please describe your recruiting programs:

Once again COVID-19 impacted our ability to recruit for Fiscal Year 21/22. Moving forward we plan to increase our efforts to recruit and increase volunteer programs by in-person outreach efforts to local collaborators and schools.

Master Gardener Volunteers are added to our program every other year. However, due to COVID, our next training class is set to begin in January 2023. Master Gardeners host an open house for members of the public to learn about the program and meet active volunteers.

The EFNEP educators plan to attend, when able, collaborative meetings scheduled throughout the county where they can exchange ideas on how to best reach their targeted demographics. Additionally, direct contact (phone or email) with local agencies and schools are initiated.

The 4-H program relies primarily on its large number of volunteers to distribute recruitment flyers and posters throughout their communities to find adult volunteers and youth and plan to do so again when restrictions are completely lifted. Clubs will also organize and attend community events to recruit volunteers and members.

7. SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS:

Please describe any special activities and/or achievements your program was involved in during the period of this report:

The County of San Diego Food System Initiative Group asked the UC Master Gardeners to plan and develop a demonstration garden for them on the County Operations Center (COC) campus in late 2020. This is a long-range project. The garden is approximately 20 by 20 square feet located adjacent to the standing metal man sculpture and behind the utility and irrigation covers. The committee refined the design plan and developed the irrigation system layout. The groundbreaking for this Demonstration Garden occurred in late June 2021, and a grand opening ceremony was celebrated in October 2021. After its grand opening, the 20x20 garden space has hosted several activities for the public and county employees including lunch and learns, Earth Day planting celebration and learning day and Pollinator week awareness events.

The Master Gardener Program established demonstration garden at the Flower Fields in Carlsbad hosted over 285,000 people in the short two months they were open to the public, March-May 2021. During that time, tourists and locals alike enjoyed the open space of the demonstration garden, asking gardening questions of MG docents who staffed the garden in shifts to ensure there was always someone available to assist.

An all-virtual Spring Seminar was produced by Master Gardeners to educate the public on a wide range of topics, while accommodating the need for virtual education due to COVID. In March, Master Gardeners hosted their biggest outreach event of the year, The 2022 Virtual Spring Seminar. Each year, the Spring Seminar brings outstanding gardening-related classes to residents of San Diego County. Our 2022 Seminar includes a wide variety of classes on an array of gardening topics, highlighting our outreach theme of Earth Friendly and Sustainable Gardening. We welcomed 683 participants of the community who attended 14 hours of lectures.

8. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 -22:



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Please describe your program goals. Include activities, number of volunteers, recruitment, training, recognition and other goals:

During the 2021-2022 program year, the UCCE San Diego Master Gardener Program has gradually migrated back to in-person educational and outreach activities as directed by UCANR and the County of San Diego. Special care has been taken to ensure that this progress is done in a manner that is safe for both the Master Gardener membership as well as the community we serve. One major challenge for the 2021-2022 program year was to adjust our outreach and delivery methods to incorporate both in-person activities and events as well as virtual experiences, with the hopes of creating a hybrid version of a former education and outreach efforts.

The Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) plans to continue to teach in schools and community gardens while collaborating with various agencies throughout San Diego County Region and will focus on expanding the program into new schools' districts and community sites/clinics as soon as schools allow access to re-entry.

The 4-H Program continues to explore how to combine online and in-person programming.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION:

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10. DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION:

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