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Willow Castles and Mud Pie Machines: Glenwood Children's Park Sculpture Project

Project Scope and Timeline Changes

We have spent much of the past 8 months trying to secure additional funds for our project, *Willow Castles and Mud Pies: Glenwood Children's Park Sculpture Project*, after being awarded \$500 of our original grant request of \$2,500. Additionally, other grant requests that we submitted to other funding sources were denied. As a result, we have had to rethink our project and make some significant modifications, including changing the scope and timeline, from what we had originally submitted.

Instead of completing the project in full, we would like to request that we use the money awarded from Madison Community Foundation for a collaborative community planning, designing and prototyping process, (rather than the completion of the project, for which we do not have enough funds), so that we have better tools for going forward with the project during the next year. We fully intend to continue to seek additional funding and complete the fully realized project at a later date. However, we believe think that this modified plan is more realistic in terms of the budget monies we have received. Additionally, the end results of the project will help us create more comprehensive materials that will ensure greater success with raising fund next year.

We have continued our work with the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association, and have already completed one natural building workshop with children at Glenwood Children's Park during the past year toward that end. We will hold another workshop with children during the Glenwood Children's Park Solstice Festival in June, and will present our ideas and work to date at the Jens Jensen Symposium, also this summer. The workshops include collecting materials, building temporary forts and hideouts, and building small prototypes of potential structures. The first workshop was attended by over 30 children and parents from the neighborhood, and was also attended by professors and alumni of the UW-Madison Landscape Design department, who are particularly interested in the revival of Jen's Jensen's vision. The end result of the planning process will be drawings of the proposed structures, a completed site plan, and a more comprehensive community plan for completing the project. We also hope that presenting our fully realized vision at the Jens Jensen conference in Chicago will help us connect with possible donors who are already engaged with the subject matter, and committed to keeping Jensen's vision alive. By the end of the August, we will have our plans completed, and we'll be ready to resubmit our enhanced proposal to a wider net of organizations.