Project Year-End Summary Report

Title of Project:

Begin answering in the shaded box right beside or below each question and it will expand to accommodate as you type. Use up to a total of two and a half pages for questions 1-8. More detailed presentations, a final report, articles or posters are welcome separately (See final instructions at the end of this form.)*

1. Organization name or Individual who received the grant: Arroyo Seco Community Center

2. Amount of Grant: $2,670

4. Was additional outside funding obtained? (check box that applies) Yes X□ No □
Other funding source(s) if you checked "yes." New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Dept. funded the building of the loop trail and the native plants.

5. Briefly, how was the grant money from the Carter Conservation Fund used?

It was used to purchase informational signage for the new native plants at the community center.

6. Write an abstract or summary of the activities performed and the progress that was made this year on your project. (Save any conclusions, lessons learned, and benefits achieved for the final sections, 7&8.)

This year we were able to plant 75 more plants and seed in hundreds of native flower mixes and sand sage. This was done just in the past three weeks because the rains finally came. 90 signs have been purchased using the NPS grant money to identify and educate the public regarding the plants.

7. How does your project further a Native Plant Society mission area, namely: *plant or ecological education; conservation/restoration of native plants and/or their habitats; adds to botanical research; promotes appropriate use of native plants to conserve water, land and/or wildlife.*
Our project furthers the Native Plant Society mission by providing educational information regarding native plant names, both common and in Latin, possible medicinal uses and benefits for wildlife.

8. Any other conclusions, lessons learned, benefits to you, the community or the environment hopefully result from your work as assisted by this grant.

It is our hope that this educational opportunity will inspire members of our community to learn about the importance of native plants and their beauty. This inspiration will promote the

idea for home gardeners to plant more native varieties and become more involved in our local (Taos) Native Plant Society.

We waited on the sign purchase until after our final planting so that we would know exactly which plants we would be able to plant and, therefore, what to order for signs. We did learn that there are a multitude of sign/marker manufacturers. We used a family run company (Kincaid) that seems quite reputable and much less expensive. As this report is being written, the signs have been shipped. It is our hope that they are as good a quality as some of the other companies. We have two more signs to order that will be from My Plant Label as they do custom sizes. It is anticipated that they will be much pricier as they will be custom 8x8" and have more wording.

We will not have spent all of the generous funding that the Jack and Martha Carter Conservation Fund made available to us. We intend on returning the unspent funds. Could you please advise us as to how the check should be made out and the address for sending it?

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Final Instructions

Please send your completed form as a PDF email attachment to cartergrantapps@gmail.com by November 1, 2026.

* *To remain in good standing for any future funding from the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, we ask that you educate our membership more fully in some way. This could be an article (250 words minimum, at least 1 high resolution illustration or photo) for our newsletter,* ***or*** *a paper or electronic copy or link to a published article connected with the past year's work,* ***or*** *by making an educational and visual presentation to one of our chapters. Contact information for our 7 area chapters is found on our website at www.npsnm.org under the Chapters tab.*

What are your intentions in this regard? We intend on writing an article for your newsletter once the signs are placed. We will send along at least one photo and perhaps an illustration.

This year end report is submitted by (Type your name) Jocelyn Harper

My typed name is equal to my handwritten signature in testifying to the accuracy and truth of this report to the best of my knowledge today.

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Please contact us again at cartergrantapps@gmail.com if you have any questions or alternate suggestions.