Project Year-End Summary Report

Title of Project: Plants and People Gardens @ Hillsboro Historical Society's Black Range Museum.

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: Hillsboro Historical Society

2. Amount of Grant: $ $1865

4. Was additional outside funding obtained? (check box that applies) Yes x No ☐
Other funding source(s) if you checked "yes." Donations and volunteered time for landscape planting and irrigation from our contractor, our members & the community.

5. Briefly, how was the grant money from the Carter Conservation Fund used?
Purchase of native plants for our new Gardens, printing of 70 copies of the *Plants & People Gardens Guide*

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.)
The *Plants and People Gardens* now include over 80 trees, shrubs, and perennials. Ethnobotanical uses of native species was the focus for this garden's development adjacent to our community gathering space. The project also created a Gardens Guide printed and given at our opening gathering in April 2026. The Guide is also posted on the HHS website (www.hillsborohistoricalsociety.com/natural-history) where it can be downloaded. Additionally, photos of native species used in the project are included on the website. Hard copies of the Plants and People Gardens Guide are available in our bookstore. All facets tie to our indoor Medical Room displays and broaden our museum's interpretation.

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.*
The Plants and People Gardens and Guide educate museum visitors and those who go to the website about native plants by identification, natural history stories, and human history uses of the species. The project brings together human history and natural history by highlighting traditional uses of native plant species, particularly by the Apache and by Hispanic settlers.

8. Any other conclusions, lessons learned, benefits to you, the community or the environment hopefully result from your work as assisted by this grant. The project has been popular with visitors, particularly highlighting the ethnobotany uses over time. This makes the native species more interesting and relevant to our visitors at a history Museum. This approach was

successful. We did have had trouble finding some of the species we want to include in the gardens and will be adding them as we can find them in the coming months.

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? I have already written a piece for the newsletter with a photo. It includes a link to the website where the Guide (to download) and plant photos are included.

This year end report is submitted by (Type your name) Nichole Trushell

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.