



# GRANT PROPOSAL

## For Establishing the Olive Tree Micro-Farms™ Foundation in Las Vegas, Nevada

**Feeding the Hungry • Training the Homeless • Seeding a Global Movement of Mercy**

**Submitted to:** The His Eyes Foundation

**One-Time Request Total:** \$485,000 as detailed in Appendix A

**Project Type:** Seed Grant – Reduction of Homelessness through Sustainable Enterprise, Food Security, Workforce Development, Faith-Driven Community Transformation

**Submitted by:** Scramble-4-Peace.com, in partnership with:

Christ Church Episcopal (Las Vegas, NV)

Epicenter on the Parkway

GrantHelpsVegas.com / GHVegas.com (a locally bootstrapped LyftMobile™

Ministry founded by Grant William Shull)

Fitness Interface LLC

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## ★ 1. Executive Summary

Las Vegas faces an intertwined crisis of homelessness, food insecurity, and economic vulnerability. The establishment of the **Olive Tree Micro-Farms™ Foundation** offers a bold, locally rooted response—while also laying the groundwork for a mercy infrastructure capable of expanding far beyond Nevada.

This seed investment will empower us to build a year-round, sustainable, replicable micro-farm model that:

- feeds the hungry first,
- trains and employs the homeless,
- reduces dependence on unstable food pipelines,

- restores dignity through skill-building, and
- creates a surplus of abundance for the entire community.

And when the time comes—after the first farms bloom, the first trainees thrive, and the first neighborhoods are visibly transformed—the Olive Tree Micro-Farms™ Foundation will stand ready to develop into an expanding global enterprise of mercy, positioned to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the His Eyes Foundation as a co-founder of similar foundations in cities across the world.

Not replacing His Eyes.

Not competing with His Eyes.

But joining His Eyes:

**as a partner, a peer, and a fellow planter  
in the worldwide orchard of mercy  
that God continues to grow and grow and grow.**

This seed grant does not fund dependency—  
**This one-time grant funds multiplication.**

It plants the first olive tree of a movement capable of feeding bodies, restoring souls, and renewing cities... **4EVER!**

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## **2. Statement of Need**

### **A. Homelessness in Las Vegas**

Las Vegas consistently ranks near the top of U.S. cities in per-capita homelessness. Thousands survive nightly without secure shelter, steady income, or meaningful access to healthy food.

### **B. Fresh Food Scarcity in the Desert**

The Las Vegas Valley is both a geographical desert **and** a food desert:

- Fresh produce is expensive
- Water for agriculture is scarce
- Many neighborhoods lack accessible greens entirely

## C. Cycles of Vulnerability

Heat, hunger, unstable income, and trauma reinforce one another, forming downward spirals that rarely reverse without **innovative, pattern-breaking, dignity-restoring interventions**.

Adding insult to injury:

**those who most need nutritious food, training, connection, and mercy are often the least likely to have access to them.**

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## 3. Project Overview: The Olive Tree Micro-Farms™ Solution

Olive Tree Micro-Farms™ introduces compact, high-yield, year-round vertical farming systems that convert courtyards, vacant lots, underused parking areas, or small derelict buildings into sustainable, mercy-driven production engines—each one intentionally designed to **HELP MERCY ABOUND**.

### A. Vertical Micro-Farm Capabilities

Each unit is designed to:

- use **90–95% less water**
- operate year-round
- produce **3,000–6,000 heads of lettuce** (or similar greens) monthly
- generate **hundreds of trays of microgreens**

- thrive in intense desert climates

## **B. Feeding the Homeless First**

Harvests will immediately support:

- Epicenter on the Parkway free-meal production
- Street outreach teams
- Weekly motel residents
- Newly sheltered individuals
- Deliveries by LyftMobile™ drivers when off duty

## **C. Workforce Development**

Participants will receive training in:

- hydroponics & horticulture
- plant nutrition & climate control
- food handling & safety
- packaging & distribution
- teamwork & leadership

This builds a **pathway to employment**, not merely a volunteer opportunity.

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## **4. Sacred Geography: Our Origin in the Courtyard & Parking Lot of Christ Church Episcopal**

There is a courtyard—real, rooted, alive—  
**the courtyard of Christ Church Episcopal on Maryland Parkway**,  
directly across the parking lot that separates the Epicenter on the Parkway from  
the church sanctuary, where the hungry are fed and the weary welcomed each &  
every day  
**right on the streets where we live.**

It is also where **GrantHelpsVegas.com**, operating through Lyft® as a  
**LyftMobile™ ministry**, brings neighbors in crisis to safety, nourishment, hope,  
and community connection.

And in that courtyard, thriving in the desert heat, are **olive trees**—  
echoing Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed:

*“Not my will, but Thine, O Father.”*

In this sacred overlap of ancient symbolism and modern need—  
in the parking lot beside the Olive Tree Prayer Garden—  
our first **Olive Tree Micro-Farm™** will take root.

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## 5. The Olive Tree: A Universal Symbol for an Interfaith Mission

### The Olive Tree Is:

- Universal before it is Jewish
- Jewish before it is Christian
- Mediterranean before it is doctrinal
- Agricultural before it is theological
- **and Universal because it is interfaith and non-denominational**—  
just as Scramble-4-Peace.com, the **HELP MERCY ABOUND** community-  
building platform supporting this initiative, was always meant to be.

## **The Olive Tree speaks to every worldview:**

- Christians hear Gethsemane
- Jews hear the Mount of Olives
- Muslims hear the “Blessed Tree” of Surah An-Nur
- Humanists hear peace
- Civic leaders hear sustainability
- Chefs hear abundance
- Farmers hear resilience

Everyone hears something true.

**No one is excluded.**

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## **6. Mercy in Triplicate: A Living Trinity**

### **Root — The Source**

The grounding of compassion.

### **Branch — The Expression**

Sheltering others; bearing fruit.

### **Oil — The Flowing Advocate**

Healing, lighting, feeding, consecrating.

A biological Trinity.

A universal pattern.

A model for mercy.

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## **7. Role of GrantHelpsVegas.com (GHVegas.com)**

### **Clarified • Protected • Noncompetitive**

GrantHelpsVegas.com exists to **support** the Epicenter, **extend** its reach, and **magnify** its mission.

It is **NOT NOW, NOT EVER, AND NEVER SHALL BE:**

- a replacement for the Epicenter
- a competing ministry
- a parallel program
- a substitute for any provider of mercy in Las Vegas

**GHVegas.com—supported by Scramble-4-Peace.com—is:**

- a unifying platform
- an extending arm
- a magnifying lens
- a peace-building bridge

And also:

**A humble, rolling, one-guest-at-a-time LyftMobile™ ministry,**

whose drivers—beginning with founder Grant William Shull—

tithe **10% of their NIBIT** directly to the Epicenter  
as part of their pledge to the modern “order” of mercy-helpers they seek to  
embody.

So that:

**Even simple transportation becomes sacred movement—  
because Life-Changing Mercy is always the destination,  
no matter where our guests, our cars, or our trips are bound.**

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## **8. Seed Grant Purpose: Launching the Olive Tree Micro-Farms™ Foundation**

This request is for a **seed grant**, not ongoing subsidy.

Funding will:

- establish the first micro-farm at Christ Church Episcopal
- launch the first training cohort
- create the **Olive Tree Micro-Farms™ Foundation**
- build a permanent grant-writing & fundraising mechanism
- pursue additional public and private funding
- develop a sustaining endowment

### **And ultimately...**

Prepare this foundation—  
born on the streets of Las Vegas  
to serve those living on the streets of Las Vegas—  
to stand, in due time,

**shoulder-to-shoulder with the His Eyes Foundation**



**as a co-founder of mercy-centered micro-farm foundations  
in cities across the world.**

# **In this accord: YOUR SEED SHALL BECOME A GLOBAL ORCHARD OF SUSTAINABLE PEACE.**

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## **9. Goals & Outcomes**

### **Year One Goals**

- 1–2 micro-farms installed
- 20–40 homeless participants trained
- 40,000–60,000 servings of greens produced
- Continuous distribution to the Epicenter
- Employment pathways established

### **Success Indicators (Our OKRs of 4EVER!)**

- Pounds of produce grown
  - Meals supplemented
  - Training hours completed
  - Job placements
  - Grants secured by the Foundation
  - Community partnerships formed
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## 10. Sustainability & Expansion

Long-term viability will be driven by:

- Scramble-4-Peace.com memberships
- S7-Sports™ compassion campaigns
- The LyftMobile™ tithe model
- Surplus greens sales
- Corporate & community partnerships
- Endowment income
- Additional grant awards

Thus, the His Eyes Foundation becomes our **founding partner—  
not our permanent funder.**

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## 11. Conclusion

With your help:

Las Vegas will plant not only its first micro-farm,  
but also its first **locally managed, globally scalable foundation of mercy.**

This seed grant ensures that:

- the desert will bloom
- the hungry will eat
- the homeless will learn, work, and rise
- and the city will build its own merciful future

Help us not to remain forever dependent—

but to become:

## **FRUITFUL... *4EVER!***

One single seed from you  
shall yield an entire orchard in Las Vegas  
and a global harvest of compassion  
when the time for worldwide expansion comes.

Together—  
all of us at Olive Tree Micro-Farms™  
and all of you at the His Eyes Foundation  
as our founding partner—

## **WE SHALL HELP MERCY ABOUND...**

each & every day...  
right on the streets where we live...

## ***4EVER!***

# Appendix A: High-Level Seed Grant Budget Summary (Robust, Sustainable Launch)

## Personnel (Year 1 – Fundraising, Grant Writing, Administration)

- Chief Fundraiser (grossed) — \$100,000
  - Grant Writer (grossed) — \$50,000
  - Chief Administrator at Epicenter (grossed) — \$75,000
- Subtotal: \$225,000**
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## Container-Farm Installation & Infrastructure — \$175,000

*(Turnkey container farm + delivery + installation + climate resilience)*

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## Workforce Development Program — \$35,000

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## Foundation Launch (Legal, Branding, Donor Infrastructure) — \$50,000

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## Operations, Insurance & Contingency — \$50,000

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## Initial Working Capital & Consumables — \$50,000

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★ **TOTAL SEED GRANT REQUEST: \$485,000**