Applicant Name and Title	Garden Lane RMA
Applicant Address	Arcata CA 95524
Applicant Phone	
Applicant Email	
Applicant interest in project/site	RMA member
Business/Association Name	Garden Lane Road Maintenance Association
Are you applying as a Humboldt County based business, cooperative, association, or nonprofit organization?	Yes
Are 75% or more of its operations based in Humboldt County?	Yes
Are you currently licensed and registered to operate in Humboldt County?	Yes
If you are not licensed or registered to operate in Humboldt County, are you in the process of doing so?	
Are the activities of your business, association, or organization, specific to the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution or retail of cannabis, or whose organization provides support and/or services to the cannabis industry?	Yes
\$10,000 Eligibility	
Cultivation Lighting (as defined in Humboldt County Code 719-3)	
\$50,000 Eligibility	Road Maintenance (As defined in Humboldt County Code Section 314-55.4.12.1.8.4)
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If Other, please explain	
What amount of the business is Humboldt-owned? "Humboldt-owned" is defined by registered residency of owners	100% Humboldt-owned
Ownership Structure and Owners	4 property owners - Road Maintenance Association
# of FTE Employees	6

Program / Project Name Requested Amount	watershed. This will allow cannabis businesses along the road to establish, expand and employ local labor that will ultimately contribute directly to the cannabis excise and cultivation tax base of the region and indirectly through job creation and employment, and its associated revenues.  The Garden Lane Road Improvement and Sediment Reduction Project  USD 50000.00
nequesteu Amount	USD 50000.00
Total project cost/funding needed:	USD 51614.00
Additional Funding Sources	Personal Funds
Type of project	Planning, Implementation
If Other, please explain	
Project Address	Arcata CA 95524
Project Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):	404-111-008, 404-111-013, 404-111-010
Does the project/business consist of a qualified outdoor cultivating operation (as per Humboldt County Land Use Ordinance) that produces less than 10,000 sq. ft. of cannabis (not including co-ops and associations whose cumulative area may exceed 10,000 square feet)?	Yes
Licenses & Permits	CDFA Cannabis Cultivation Provisional Permit, CDFW Lake And Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement or written verification if not needed., Humboldt County Annual Permit, Humboldt County Provisional Permit, Jurisdiction Business License, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration tax permit, CDFA Weighmaster license, Articles of Incorporation, Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
Licenses, Permits, & Agreements	archive-1.zip

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The RMA is a formation of 4 parcels that access their homes and businesses via Garden Lane in Bayside, California. Garden Lane is a privately maintained road, which is accessed by Jacoby Creek Road. Garden Lane is approximately 4,533 feet long and is comprised of paved and unpaved sections which pass through 13 properties with slopes up to 29% in some areas. Maintenance on Garden Lane includes re-rocking, road shaping, and clearing culverts of debris. Funding and work have been primarily donated by Rayside.

The Garden Lane Road Improvement and Sediment Reduction

Project will upgrade approximately 0.86 miles of privately maintained road within the Jacoby Creek Watershed. Road upgrades will include shaping the road with the installation of 15 rolling dips and re-rocking the road to reduce surface erosion, the replacement/installation of nine (9) ditch relief culverts that require upgrade due to either being undersized or at the end of their service life, and the installation of riprap along the roadside ditch. Road upgrades will minimize road surface erosion and sediment delivery to the Jacoby Creek Watershed. This project will serve to make the road more accessible, reduce potential sediment delivery, and bring the broader cultivation businesses into compliance with both State Water Quality Control Board (SWRCB) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regulations. This project thereby leads directly to fully operational, compliant, and successful cannabis cultivation businesses that will contribute to the tax base of the community and participate in the growing industry of cannabis farm tours. Alternate sources of funds were sought. Unfortunately, funding opportunities for cannabis-related projects are challenging to locate or are simply exempt from applying, as is the case with grants like the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grant offerings. In light of the scarcity of grant or loan availability, significant amounts of personal and operational funds, time and energy have already been invested towards compliance and road maintenance.

Funding for this project is a crucial element for maintaining and upgrading the sole access road to homes and cannabis farms safely. As one of the direct sources of sediment delivery to the Jacoby Creek watershed, it is imperative for the road and drainage infrastructure to be functional and properly maintained. Funding for this project will provide the necessary steps to maintain the road and reach solvency.

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The Garden Lane Road Improvement and Sediment Reduction Project will upgrade approximately 0.86 miles of privately maintained road access to three (3) cannabis farms at APN: 404-111-008, 404-111,010, 404-111-013. With the commencement of cultivation and nursery operations and through implementation of road drainage improvements and ditch relief culvert replacements, cannabis farms Humboldt Natives, LLC, Medicine Wheel Farms and Jacoby High Grade, Inc will contribute to the local employment base through temporary construction jobs and seasonal employment.

At Humboldt Natives, LLC at APN: 404-111-008, later phases of development include a planned nursery, which is currently in the initial review phase of the process under the Humboldt County Cannabis Ordinance 2.0 application, and nonvolatile manufacturing, which is anticipated to create year-round employment. The later phases, coupled with the promotion of the expanding industry of cannabis farm tours, both Humboldt Natives, LLC and Medicine Wheel Farms anticipate bringing and establishing a new branch of tourism to the region. Humboldt Natives, LLC seeks to create a unique Humboldt County farm stay and healing retreat experience where they will eventually host retreats, events, and workshops. There will be an increase in tax revenue generated from the farm stay, events, and workshops. Individuals coming for this experience will spend their money locally at restaurants, gift shops and tourist centers, adding to the economic sustainability of the local area in Humboldt County.

Through ease of accessibility and compliance, the Garden Lane Road Improvement and Sediment Reduction Project will allow these businesses to establish, expand and employ local labor that will ultimately contribute directly to the cannabis excise and cultivation tax base of the region and indirectly through job creation and employment, and its associated revenues.

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The goal of the Garden Lane Road Improvement and Sediment Reduction Project, as stated in the name, is to upgrade and improve Garden Lane and reduce potential sediment delivery to the Jacoby Creek watershed. According to SWRCB, the main pollutant for this watershed in 2019 is sediment. The Jacoby Creek watershed is known to host special status species such as Chinook Salmon, so reducing sediment runoff potential is an important, yet attainable goal. Funding for this project will ultimately achieve a net positive effect on the environment and long term sustainability by upgrading stream crossing culverts which serves to reduce potential sediment delivery from road erosion to nearby water courses in the Jacoby Creek watershed.

Humboldt Natives, LLC a member of the RMA, is enrolled under the State Water Board Cannabis General Order (WDID No. 1\_12CC416334) and strives to minimize detrimental impacts of project construction by implementing best management practices. No trees will be removed in the completion of this project. The proposed project will take place during the dry season when there is no water in the channel. Impacts to riparian vegetation will be minimal as most of the construction will occur in developed roadways. Any removed riparian vegetation will be replanted in the immediate surrounding area and all exposed, disturbed areas will be seeded and maintained with a native erosion control seed mix until establishment.

Word Limit: 500	Since 2016, the cannabis farms on Garden Lane have actively pursued and obtained county permits and provisional state licenses through multi-agency coordination, and consultation with local engineers, contractors, and consultants. As a result, these farms are quite familiar with planning and operating within a practical budget while implementing and maintaining a sustainable cultivation operation.  Of Humboldt Natives, LLC at 685 Garden Lane have spent countless hours on researching best road work improvements and consulting with local contractors and engineers such as Wes Green Landscape Materials, Pacific Watershed Associates, Green Road Consulting and Mother Earth Engineering. Funding the construction efforts will help maintain Garden Lane, make the road more accessible, and reduce sediment runoff into Jacoby Creek.  For the Garden Lane Road Maintenance Association, community and environmental stewardship are the core proponents of their goals is one of the founding members of the Garden Lane road maintenance association and helped spearhead the Upper Jacoby Creek Firewise community. Upper Jacoby Creek became established as a Firewise community. Upper Jacoby Creek became established as a Firewise community in 2013, educating neighbors on the importance of fire safe practices. Sean has worked closely with neighbors helping improve the road by volunteering his time, heavy equipment, and knowledge of hydrology and the environment. Part of their daily ritual of walking include bringing a shovel along in the rainy season to shore up water bars on Garden lane and clear out culverts of debris. If approved, the granted funds will be allocated directly towards the heavy equipment, labor costs, and materials for the stream crossing upgrades and road improvements and as seen in the attached project budget. The rest will be funded by personal funds.  As there are less than 20 employees altogether, there is in progress of an attestation per AB 1291.
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