

1. Mission statement

- What do you do? What happens in the world because you exist? (1-3 sentences)

Buried Seeds Medicinal Collective (Buried Seeds) is a collectively-run project dedicated to facilitating the production of and accessibility to Earth-based medicine. We are committed to living, gardening, healing, and loving in rhythm with the Natural Order.

2. Origin and group history

- How did you start? What have you done? (1-3 sentences)

Buried Seeds started in August 2015 when a tax defaulted lot was made available to the collective members - Tatille Jackson and Thunder Currier - and their vision had a place to land. Since then, the members of Buried Seeds have established themselves as stewards of the land by moving into tiny homes. We are in the process of creating a regenerative herb and food garden while laying the groundwork for an Earth-based medicine lab.

3. Participation in the Omni

- Why are you interested in becoming a member? How does your group intend to use the space? What are your needs? (less than 5 sentences)

Buried Seeds is interested in becoming a member of Omni Commons because it is important to us that we grow in and contribute to spaces that are driven by the ideals of equal access, collective movement, and mutual support. We intend to use the space as a medicine-making lab and education hub for Earth-based herbalists. To achieve this, we are looking for:

- securable floor space
- access to plumbing (to install sinks)
- access to electrical outlets

We will bring in all other equipment, shelving, supplies, etc.

4. Group finances and paying rent

- What does your group do to support itself financially? What is your best plan for contributing your potential share of rent to the Omni? (less than 5 sentences)

Buried Seeds will have three main income sources - monthly membership dues to the medicine-making lab, the sale of herbal medicine kits, and workshops/classes/gatherings. As we will be funding the build out of the medicine lab and adding to the overall value of Omni, we propose that

we pay \$100 for the first two months of rent - the amount of time we are giving ourselves to complete the medicine lab. For the following four months, we propose that we pay \$500 per month. After that, we can revisit the rent agreement including the possibility of offering a percentage of income. Buried Seeds is prepared to pay rent from its reserves if necessary. We expect transactional revenue to cover this expense from the seventh month moving forward.

5. Dedicated space

- If your group would like some dedicated space at the Omni, what square footage and what features are you looking for? Which specific rooms do you feel might be suitable? (1-3 sentences)

We are interested in the room previously used by Rise Above. Please refer to our answer to Question 3 regarding the features.

6. Other contributions to the Omni

- This question should inspire some imagination. We are exploring ideas to pay rent and purchase the building in the long-term. The basic plan is for each group paying a share of rent. Potential plans include groups sharing profit from their activities, producing Omni events, and booking other events. What is the best-case scenario for using the Omni space to further support your group? (less than 5 sentences)

Given the current real estate environment in the Bay Area, we fully support the plan to purchase the building and would be willing to host fundraising events, offer a percentage of sales to a “buy the building” fund, or come up with other creative ideas once we have a better idea of all that the Omni has to offer. The best case scenario for using the Omni space is that it will be a mutually beneficial scenario in which the culture of the Omni will help us draw in members and workshop participation while the presence of Buried Seeds will diversify what the Omni has to offer and stabilize its financial situation.

7. Additional

- Is there any other information that you think would be useful for us to know about your group? (as many sentences as you like)

As requested, we have outlined our business, membership and fee structures. Regarding its business structure, Buried Seeds is applying to become a collectively-run LLC much like Impact HUB. The people who manage Buried Seeds (aka partners) are independent from the public (aka members) who will be paying a monthly membership to the Buried Seeds medicine lab.

To join the Buried Seeds Medicinal Collective as a partner, a person offers to contribute in one of the following roles - as a medicine garden steward, medicine maker, or medicine teacher. If the individual's proposal is accepted as financially and ethically aligned with the mission of Buried Seeds, then an agreement is made between the collective and the new partner. The agreement is based on five main tenets - transparent and fair pay, consensus decision-making, a commitment to Earth-based healing, giving back, and nurturing each individual's journey. It is important to note that based on its business model, Buried Seeds will naturally have a limited number of partners.

Regarding its membership and fee structure, Buried Seeds will offer members of the public access to supplies, equipment, space, and classes in the medicine-making lab. In return, these members will pay \$50/month for the aforementioned access in addition to an allotment of medicine-making supplies, e.g., tincture bottles. Members of the lab will have a clear and easy way to provide feedback to the Buried Seeds collective.

It is important for us to outline our exchange platform - in order to make what we offer available to those who may not have access to the one form of capital our society has deemed most valuable, we have decided to accept three forms of payment for the majority of our services. We will have predetermined amounts of 1) money, 2) garden volunteer hours, and 3) services that we will accept for the majority of our goods and services. This will also be based on the venue in which the exchange is taking place. For example, only money will be accepted at farmers' markets or retail outlets whereas members may have the option of reduced membership rates to the medicine lab in exchange for contributing a certain amount of medicine to Buried Seeds or individuals can volunteer a predetermined number of hours in order to participate in a workshop.

Looking down the line, Buried Seeds would love to explore the idea of establishing a free apothecary for Omni members. Even further down the line, and when we have appropriately experienced herbalists on board, we would also love to host a community clinic.