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Community Foundation of Western North Carolina
4 Vanderbilt Park Drive Ste 300
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Dear Community Foundation of Western North Carolina,

I am writing on behalf of Eliada Farms to express our enthusiastic support for the Black Mountain Community Garden's efforts to install a well to support their mission of fostering a thriving, sustainable community garden space for the town of Black Mountain. As a fellow nonprofit farm, we deeply understand the importance of having a safe and reliable water source for both day-to-day operations and long-term success.

Our own farm program has benefited immensely from operating off a well, as it allows us to monitor water quality closely, ensuring that we meet rigorous food safety standards for the crops we grow. Having this dependable water source has also been invaluable in times of drought or during our recent impacts of Hurricane Helene. Knowing that we can rely on the well to maintain healthy plants has given us peace of mind and enabled us to continue our mission of growing healthy, local food for the community.

A well is not just an essential part of irrigation; it is a cornerstone for any garden or farm system. It ensures that plants receive a consistent and controlled amount of water, promotes crop health, and ultimately supports food security in the region. For the Black Mountain Community Garden, this installation would be a game-changer, providing a much-needed resource to help their garden thrive, expand, and serve the greater community.

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina has a long history of supporting meaningful and impactful projects, and we fully believe that this project will have a significant positive impact on the Black Mountain community. By investing in a well, you will be contributing to the sustainability and growth of a vital community space that will foster relationships, provide food security, and offer educational opportunities for many.

We are proud to offer our full support for the Black Mountain Community Garden's efforts to secure funding for this well installation. We believe that this initiative aligns with the shared values of creating lasting positive change and strengthening local communities. We look forward to seeing this project come to fruition and thank you for your consideration of this important need.

Sincerely,

Erica Blumenfeld
Farm Director
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