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Thank you for your support of the [stellar roots cooperative](#)!

In 2019, we partnered with **School of Living (SOL)** as the first **LGBQ+ Black Woman Youth-led land project** in the [School of Living Community Land Trust](#). Our agreement is to steward 69+ acres of historically BIPOC-held Appalachian land, provide refuge for all kinds of life, and help to heal the land for continuing generations.

Answering a cry for reparations via ecological reconciliation, stellar roots cooperative created **Auphir Education** (fiscally sponsored by SOL), an initiative that aims to share our communities ancestral wellness practices by remembering, creating and celebrating our histories, culture, and arts.

Your contributions will serve to expand our capacity, encourage BIWOC centered re-programming, and help us to engage our member base in safe ecological spaces where we can heal our nature together.

Communities that are marginalized at intersections face a deficit of core investment in their creative and wellness fields. Your support is critical to shining a bright light on healing artists of color and ensuring that our work is seen, felt, and amplified.

Our vision is to position our farmstead as a sanctuary and teaching farm, using both traditional and innovative techniques.

We are a refuge center for those misused by deeply biased institutions. Our work provides sanctum for Black, Brown, and Indigenous women to be nourished by inner rest and reconnection to the ancient technology of their lineages.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of any size to the

[School of Living- Auphir Education project](#)

to help us further our critical work.

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the in•formation project
rhizome at potomac vegetable farm

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Our intentional community members work together to protect and preserve the land we steward. These collaborative efforts show all of us that rich and diverse narratives connect us as one ecosystem and are critical to building strong communities.

To date, we have been able to provide our member-artists with:

- Temporary housing and opportunities for placement in other communities
- Land stewardship education
- Resources for their personal/business development
- Supported relationships with the land

Member-artists support the cooperative in-kind with land maintenance, as we all continue to shape unique intimacies with ourselves and the natural world.

We have also made considerable strides to stewarding the land/farmhouse, including:

- Adding a roof to farmhouse
- Mold Remediation
- Clearing out house of large and small debris
- Updating piping
- Full Renovation bathroom and bringing it up to code .
- Clearing roadways and sides of new growth.. and remounding and graveling them
- Soil Remediation
- Creek Clearing
- Pasture upkeep
- Fence renovations
- Demolishing old structures
- Rehabilitating dilapidated structures
- Hosting virtual wellness workshops with the intention of in-persons opportunities

FUNDING REQUEST

It is paramount that we

- Assess the amount of core investments needed to become self-sustaining
- establish administrative and planning protocols
- Create a land manual (harvesting knowledge from neighbors and our experience)*
- expand (sustainable) supplementary housing on the land for the growing (physical) member base that supports the land based project. (3 one person living units by 2024)
- Make pathways to generate our own supply of energy (electricity) and income from the land.

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Tangibles (annually)

Land :held in trust:	Housing : renovations of old farm house: :supplementary housing:	Workshops & Events : stewardship : healing certifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease fees & Real Estate Taxes (\$4k) Capital Projects (streams, roads, farm, forest, orchard \$50k) land assessments for various projects (\$2k) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovations (\$10k) Utilities (\$3k) 1 Supplementary (tiny) Housing (\$10-50k) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekend event (\$500) Certifications (\$500) Manuals *Most of the information for caring for the land is held in the minds of the local inhabitants who are happily aging out of this material life. Our education project requires a comprehensive/ centralized place for working and maintaining the land. How to, basic tools needed, etc.. A bible of sorts. Complete with audio and visual lessons. Help us to create it.

Intangibles

Organizational	Technology	Enterprise (physical & digital)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> legal (real estate) counseling financial planning tax strategies administration and planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> security & software marketing plan (support) logo, Copyright & trademark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart contracts KIND Plantly Selling plants Workwear SeedBooks Hosting Theatre

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