



DIG IN! COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT

Returning Applicants



I. ABOUT DIG IN!

The Dig In! Community Garden Program, implemented by City Green and funded by Passaic County Board of County Commissioners, aims to support the creation of vibrant community gardens, for the production and access to healthy food, neighborhood beautification and community enhancement. Through Dig In!, City Green will provide financial, technical and educational assistance to develop, build and support community gardens and neighborhood farms throughout Passaic County.

Congratulations on your continued garden project in Passaic County! Thank you for being a Dig In! partner and playing a valued role in enhancing your community through locally-grown food and neighborhood beautification. Please see below for grant options available to Dig In! supported gardens three years and older.

II. RETURNING APPLICANT GRANT PACKAGE

First Year Gardens	Funding up to \$2500 with a 10% match
Returning Second Year Gardens	Funding can be up to \$1000 with a 15% match OR a choice of 2 garden menu items
Returning Third Year or Older	Choice of up to 2 items from garden menu

CASH ASSISTANCE (for second year gardens only)

Monetary funds can be used for garden builds, wood, soil, tools, plant materials, irrigation, compost systems, fencing etc. No more than 25% of the funds can be toward non-food producing plants. As shown above, 15% of matching funds is required to qualify for the grant which can be provided in cash or in-kind materials. Cash assistance cannot be provided in conjunction with the garden material package option detailed below.

GARDEN MATERIAL PACKAGE (for all returning garden partners)

Select up to two options listed on the "Garden Menu" document found on the next page. The garden menu includes items like new raised beds, tools, additional soil, plant packages, water assistance, picnic tables etc. These materials will be procured by City Green for your convenience

III. GRANT SCHEDULE AND APPLICATION:

Applications for spring garden grants are due November 30th, 2022 for January 2023 award notification. Grant awards and materials will be delivered between March and April 2023.

Applications will be filled out via an online google form and can be found on the City Green website.

IV. GRANT EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated with special attention to the following categories: 1) Previous Year's Garden report (including photos) 2) Participant testimonials 3) Site need

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Please see below for garden material options for returning Dig In! garden partners. Applicants can apply for up two of the following options via the grant application. Please note that values are estimated and will vary due to the cost of lumber. City Green cannot guarantee applicants will receive both items selected, and menu items will be granted based on need and appropriateness for the site.

1- 2 ADDITIONAL RAISED GARDEN BEDS

City Green will work with you to build new raised garden bed(s) suited to your site needs. Includes compost, wood, and installation support. Estimated value: \$800 - \$1,000

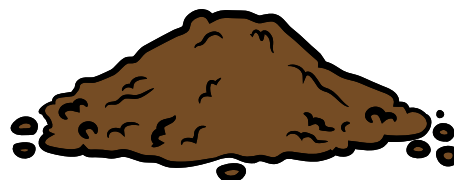


COMPOST DELIVERY

Procurement and coordination of a compost delivery to top off your existing garden beds. Estimated value: \$100 per yard of compost

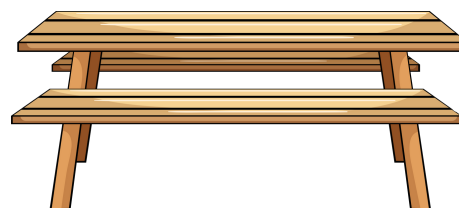
MULCH DELIVERY

Procurement and coordination of wood mulch delivery at your garden site for pathways and other use. Estimated value: \$50 per yard of mulch



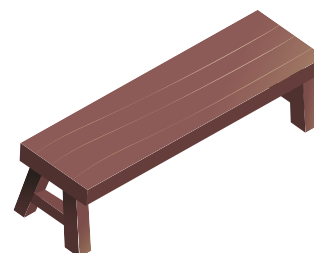
PICNIC TABLE

Wooden picnic tables are 5ft long x 3ft wide x 2.5 ft tall and attached benches can fit between 6 and 8 people. Estimated value: \$800



WOODEN BENCH

Wooden benches are 6ft long x 20" wide x 1.5 ft tall and provide naturalized seating for the garden space. Estimated value: \$500 per bench



GARDEN KIOSK

Garden kiosks 1.5 ft x 1.5 ft are made of wood and range in size based on your preference. A cork board inside of small, locked glass doors can hold garden announcements and updates. Kiosks are mounted by 4 x 4 wooden stakes. Estimated value: \$475



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6 LARGE FLOWER PLANTERS

These high-quality, large plastic planters are 30" wide and 24" deep. Color is your choice. Estimated value: \$400



HAND TOOL KIT

Includes 8 trowels, 8 hand rakes, 4 garden tub trugs, and 4 quality pruners. Estimated value: \$250



WATER ASSISTANCE

Support and assistance in water connection, irrigation, and hose/nozzle materials as needed. Estimated value: Varies

CHALKBOARD

Wooden chalkboards are installed on walls or fences and can be used to communicate between community gardeners. Sizes can range but are usually built at 4 ft x 6 ft. Estimated value: \$400



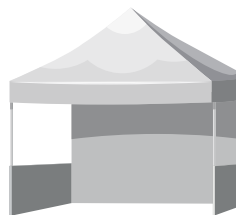
PERENNIAL FLOWER KIT

A selection of 10 - 12 perennial, flowering plants that are native to New Jersey and support habitat and wildlife in the garden. Varieties may include rudbeckia, asters, mountain mint, echinacea, bee balm, and anise hyssop. Estimate value: \$250



POP-UP TENT AND WEIGHTS

This tent can be used to provide shade, support events, or a mini farmers market in your garden. Estimated value: \$250



SEED AND SEEDLING PACKAGE

\$100 toward your purchase of seeds and seedlings for your garden, plus a 25% discount at the City Green Plant Sale.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

Specific items within a \$100 - \$600 value can be purchased for your garden by City Green.

