



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 returning applicants.

I. GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

First-Time applicants	Funding up to \$3000 with a 15% in-kind match, or a City Green garden build of up to \$3,000 value
Second-time applicant	In-kind materials from the Garden Menu of up to \$1,250 value.
Third-time or multi-year applicant	In-kind materials from the City Green Garden Menu of up to \$750 value
Water Assistance Grant	Dig In! Partners are eligible for up to \$3,000 in funding toward installing a water hook-up in their garden. Partners must hire an outside irrigation company to install the water hook-up and show proof of an install quote before receiving funding.

II. GRANT SCHEDULE AND APPLICATION:

Applications for Returning Community Garden Grants are due November 30th, 2023 for January 2024 award notification. Grant awards and materials will be delivered between late February and early May 2024.

After an applicant submits an application, City Green staff will schedule a garden site visit before December 5, 2024 to discuss the best-suited garden menu items based on the site and needs of the community gardeners.

Applications are found via an online form and can be found on the City Green website at citygreenonline.org/dig-in

III. ABOUT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN MENU

Applicants can apply for up to four items from the Community Garden Menu in order of most desired/ needed. Second-time applicants can apply for menu items of up to \$1,250 value, and 3rd-time and older applicants can apply for items of up to \$750 value. Exact products or item construction can be selected and designed on a case-by-case basis depending on the needs of the specific site. A City Green site-visit and consultation with Dig In! partners will determine the exact amount and style of each item.

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

Garden Menu

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Please see below for garden material options for returning Dig In! garden partners. Applicants can apply for up to four items in order of most desired. Second-time applicants can apply for menu items of up to \$1,250 value total, and 3rd-time and older applicants can apply for items of up to \$750 value. Exact products or item construction can be selected or designed on a case-by-case basis depending on the needs of the specific site.

1-3 ADDITIONAL RAISED GARDEN BEDS

City Green will work with you to build new raised garden bed(s) suited to your site needs. Includes compost and garden bed style and material of your choice. Estimated value: \$500 - \$1,000



COMPOST DELIVERY

Procurement and coordination of a compost delivery to top off your existing garden beds. Estimated value: \$60 per yard

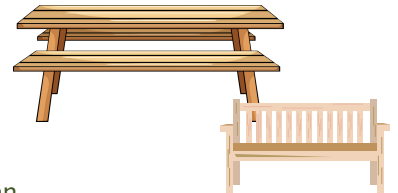


MULCH DELIVERY

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 or GARDEN SEATING

Select picnic tables, chairs or benches suitable for your garden site. Estimated value:Varies



GARDEN SIGNAGE

Work with City Green to design a professionally printed garden banner, corrugated plastic signs, garden kiosks or garden labels of your choice. Estimated value: \$100 - \$300



FLOWER PLANTERS

Select up to 6 high-quality, large plastic planters are 30" wide and 24" deep. Color is your choice. Estimated value: \$400

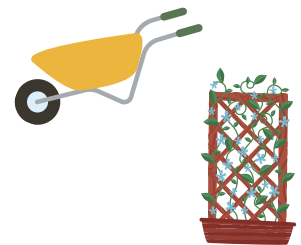


PERENNIAL FRUIT PACKAGE

Work with City Green to select your choice and combination of apple trees, peach trees, raspberry bushes, strawberry plants, and blueberry bushes. Two fruit trees, 5 shrubs and 10 strawberry plants available at maximum. Estimated value: \$100 - \$600

WHEELBARROWS

Receive up to two wheelbarrows for your community garden. Estimate Value: \$130 - \$300



TRELLIS SUPPORT

Work with City Green to select garden supplies for trellising needs. Package can include tomato hoops, wood lattice panels, wire mesh, garden arbor and more. Estimate value: \$100 - \$500

KIDS GARDENING PACKAGE

Receive a kit of children's watering cans, trowels, magnifying glasses and nature craft supplies. Estimated value: \$150 - \$300



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LONG HANDLED TOOL KIT

Includes pointed and flat digging spades, long handed garden forks, leaf rakes, hard rakes, or garden hoes based on request. Estimated value: \$300



HAND TOOL KIT

Includes your choice of trowels, hand rakes, garden tub trugs, and quality hand pruners based on request. Estimated value: \$100 - \$300



PERENNIAL FLOWER PACKAGE

A selection of 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. City Green will select plants based on sunlight, garden size, desired height and multi-season blooms. Estimate value: \$100 - \$250 depending on garden size



PEST PROTECTION SUPPORT

Work with City Green to receive fencing supplies for pest protection. Items can include insect or bird netting, chicken wire, fence posts and more based on your garden's unique needs. Estimate value: Varies



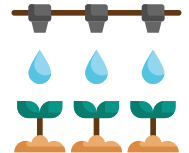
POP-UP TENT AND WEIGHTS

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



WATERING SUPPLIES

Select a hose, nozzle, water timer, drip irrigation, and/or watering cans as needed. Estimated value: \$75 - \$300



SEED AND SEEDLING PACKAGE

\$150 toward your purchase of vegetable seeds and seedlings for your garden, plus a 25% discount at the City Green Plant Sale.



COMPOST BIN

Install a compost bin of your choice at your community garden. Estimated value: \$100 - \$200



SPECIAL REQUEST:

Specific items within a \$100 - \$1,000 value that can be purchased for your garden by City Green.

WATER ASSISTANCE GRANT: Partners are eligible for up to \$3,000 in funding toward installing a water hook-up. Partners must hire an outside irrigation company to install the water hook-up and show proof of an install quote before receiving funding.