



DIG IN! COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT

First-Year 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.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

This program supports community organizations, faith-based organizations, municipal “adopt-a-lot” programs, garden clubs, youth-serving organizations, and community members looking to spearhead a public community garden project.

All projects must be:

- food-producing gardens
- located in Passaic County.
- have a minimum of three adults committed to their project.
- have a site with at least 6 - 8 hours of sunlight

Not eligible:

- Schools (Contact elatham@city-green.org for school garden inquiries)
- Commercial for-profit entities
- Private Residences

III. GRANT SCHEDULE:

- After reading this document in full, reach out to Carmen Rosario at crosario@city-green.org to schedule a site visit at your anticipated garden location.
- After the garden site is deemed applicable for the grant, a written grant application will be provided.
- **Applications for spring garden grants are due November 30th, 2022**

IV. GRANT PACKAGE

First Year Gardens	Funding up to \$2500 with a 10% match
Second-year	Funding can be up to \$1000 with a 15% match or a choice from the garden menu
Third-years or older	Choice from garden material packages

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, a small percentage of matching funds is required to qualify for the grant which can be provided in cash or in-kind materials.

V. GRANT EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated with special attention to the following categories: 1) Capacity for Food Production, 2) Community Engagement, 3) Project Sustainability, 4) Letter of Support and a 5) Detailed Budget.



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VI. WAYS CITY GREEN WILL SUPPORT YOUR DIG-IN! COMMUNITY GARDEN

If your project receives a Dig In! Grant, City Green staff are available to support your project in the following ways:

- Provide consultation to discuss the proposed project, proposed location, and the organization of the community garden committee
- Offer educational workshops at the community garden, including workshops on garden planning, vegetable gardening, healthy soil, natural pest management, and more
- Provide ongoing technical support, a lending library of tools, web-based resources, and Dig In! email newsletters
- Provide discounts at our annual vegetable plant sale each spring.
- Coordinate community events to promote networking and knowledge-sharing across Dig In! gardens

If requested, City Green can also:

- Provide day- of assistance with construction of the garden alongside community group
- Lend tools from our tool lending library
- Support material procurement for garden builds
- Support garden design with community input

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Carmen Rosario at crosario@city-green.org or 973-869-4086