

Community Garden Mini Grants Spring 2019 Overview



This mini grant opportunity is provided by United Way of Central Iowa in partnership with Eat Greater Des Moines. United Way of Central Iowa established a goal to improve the health of our community by 2020. One of the strategies for accomplishing this is to increase the availability of and access to healthy foods and fresh fruits and vegetables. The mission of Eat Greater Des Moines is to identify, develop, and connect resources with the broader community to support the entire food lifecycle in central Iowa. United Way of Central Iowa is serving as the administrator and funder of the grants process with expert guidance and support from Eat Greater Des Moines.

Eligibility

Applicants for the mini-grants must be located in Polk, Dallas, or Warren County. For purposes of this funding, a **community garden** is defined as an area of land managed and maintained by a group of individuals to grow and harvest food crops for non-retail, personal or group use, consumption or donation. Community gardens may be divided into separate plots for cultivation by one or more individuals or may be farmed collectively by members of the group and may include common areas maintained and used by group members. For purposes of this funding, the garden cannot be used for retail or job training programs.

New and existing community gardens are eligible to apply. Priority is placed on gardens that serve communities with limited access to healthy foods, such as high poverty or food desert neighborhoods. If awarded, the awardee will be required to report food production either on a monthly or end-of-season basis by pounds or count.

Guidelines

- Must be a community garden located in Polk, Dallas or Warren County
- Request must be between \$500 and \$1,500. A maximum of \$35,000 in grants will be awarded.
- Allowable expenses include equipment, irrigation supplies, water meter fees, seeds, planting, landscaping, scales, signage, or other necessary items to create, update or enhance a garden space.
- Funding may be used for a new or existing garden
- Funding will be reimbursed for purchases and/or vendors will be paid directly
- Awardees will be required to report food production either on a monthly or end-of-season basis by pounds or count (assistance will be available)
- Eligible funding will be released as soon as March 29, 2019 and no later than June 30, 2019
- An information and technical assistance session will be held January 30, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at United Way of Central Iowa, 1111 9th St., Suite 100, Des Moines
 - Call in to the information session by dialing: (712) 775-7031, Meeting ID#: 561.467.998#

Apply: Complete the application (limit response to two pages total) and return by 5:00 PM on **Monday, February 18th** to:

Jennifer Klinkhammer
United Way of Central Iowa
1111 9th Street, Suite 100
Des Moines, IA 50314
Jennifer.Klinkhammer@UnitedWayDM.org

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Application Deadline: 5:00 PM on February 18, 2019

Submit To: Jennifer Klinkhammer
Jennifer.Klinkhammer@UnitedWayDM.org
515-246-2512

Instructions: Complete the following information and answer questions 1-6. Limit your total submission to 3 pages.

Organization Name:

Garden Address:

Date:

EIN # of Applying Organization (if applicable):

Contact person:

Phone:

Email:

Amount Requested:

- 1) Detail the geographic location of the garden, the size, the community which it serves, and if it is a new or existing garden.
- 2) Describe the organizations and individuals involved in the planning, funding and maintenance of the garden. Include a description of how volunteers are recruited and how food is distributed.
- 3) Detail any educational activities related to the garden. How do people learn about the food being grown and how to prepare and eat it?
- 4) Describe, specifically, what the funding will be used for and provide a timeline for the project using the template below.

Garden Activity	Date of Completion	Person(s) Responsible

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- 5) Describe the intended outcomes of the garden project and what benefits the garden will bring to the community it serves.
- 6) Complete the budget spreadsheet, including any other funding sources for the project:

Budget Item	Amount	Comments
Equipment	\$	
Irrigation Supplies	\$	
Water Meter / Fees	\$	
Seeds / Planting	\$	
Landscaping	\$	
Scales	\$	
Signage	\$	
Other (please describe in Comments)	\$	
TOTAL	\$	
UWCI Request	\$	
Other Funding Sources (Please list under Comments)	\$	

Questions? Contact Erin Drinnin, Community Impact Officer, Health at (515) 246-6518.