



## Community Garden Sustainability Fund

### Background Information

Since 2010, Grow Pittsburgh, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC), and Allegheny County Economic Development have been working together to start new food gardens through the City Growers and Allegheny Grows programs. This year, Grow Pittsburgh and WPC are also offering technical assistance and materials to support the efforts of *existing* community food gardens through the Community Garden Sustainability Fund.

This fund is intended to assist existing community food gardens with projects that contribute to the sustainability of their gardens. For instance, groups can apply for materials such as fencing, raised beds, compost and topsoil, signage, rain barrels, and services like tilling or soil testing.

Selected projects will be awarded in mid-June and completed between June and October.

### Who is Eligible?

In order to be eligible for support, a community garden must:

- 1) Be located in Allegheny County
- 2) Have a minimum of 6 organized and motivated gardeners in the garden group
- 3) Have an already functioning food-growing site
- 4) Have written permission by property owner to garden on the designated site. *Preferred ownership by a non-profit or municipality. If privately owned, please provide proof of insurance and demonstrate how the garden is serving the public.*
- 5) Note: Current 2014 City Growers and Allegheny Grows program participants are **not** eligible for this assistance. However, we do encourage graduated gardens of these programs to apply.

Proposals of up to \$6,000 will be considered, though smaller projects are more likely to be awarded.

### Getting Help

If you have questions regarding the application, please contact Jessica McNally, Grow Pittsburgh Community Garden Coordinator by phone at 412.362.4769 ext.114 or email at [jessica@growpittsburgh.org](mailto:jessica@growpittsburgh.org).

### Application Submission

**Applications are due via mail or electronically by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 23rd 2014.**

Electronically:  
[jessica@growpittsburgh.org](mailto:jessica@growpittsburgh.org)

By mail:  
Grow Pittsburgh attn.: Jessica McNally  
6587 Hamilton Ave #2W  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

**Contact Information**

Primary contact person for this application: \_\_\_\_\_

Role at garden: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to be contacted?  phone  email

Garden location:

*Please provide exact address or block-lot number (refer to the Allegheny County Assessment website if needed).*

\_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Garden Information**

Approximate site dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Land owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of permission:  garden waiver  lease agreement  other \_\_\_\_\_

Is the lot publicly or privately owned?  publicly owned  privately owned

What is the duration of your permission to garden on the site? (i.e. 5 years, 10 years, etc.)

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Has the soil at the garden site ever been tested for lead?  Yes  No

If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the lead test results? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Garden Description**

Please tell us about your garden. What is its purpose? Who is benefiting from the garden? If you have a mission statement, please include it here.

*Note: if the garden is privately owned, please explain in detail how it serves the public.*

Please describe a brief history of the garden and how the physical space is organized. Feel free to attach drawings and/or pictures.

## Garden Project Requests

Please propose between **1- 3** different projects (#1 being highest priority) that you would like us to consider funding for your garden. List the materials needed for the project and by when you need the materials, and circle the level of assistance you are requesting.

Project idea	List of materials and estimated budget	<b>Timeline</b> Please tell us if you have an upcoming workday or date that you need the materials by.	<b>Level of assistance needed (circle one)</b>
1.			We will do all of the labor ourselves We will do the labor with assistance We request full labor support
2.			We will do all of the labor ourselves We will do the labor with assistance We request full labor support
3.			We will do all of the labor ourselves We will do the labor with assistance We request full labor support

### Please include the following materials with this application:

- Permission of land use from the property owner
- Signatures of at least 6 garden participants (signature page included)
- Photos of the garden site, if possible, that document each project idea
- Completed [Community Garden Sustainability Survey](#) (paper copy available upon request)

## Community Garden Participants

**Garden Location:**

By signing your name below, you acknowledge that you are a regular participant with the community garden at the location above and support the request to receive additional material and technical assistance from Grow Pittsburgh and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Name	Street Address	Phone	Email	Why are you involved with the garden?
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				