

Community Garden Sustainability Fund

Background Information

Since 2010, Grow Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, 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 is 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 productivity and sustainability of food growing at the garden. For instance, groups can apply for materials such as fencing, raised beds, compost and topsoil, rain barrels, and services like tilling or soil testing. Selected projects will be implemented in fall 2013.

Who is Eligible?

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

- 1) A minimum of 6 organized and motivated gardeners in the garden group
- 2) An already functioning community food garden
- 3) Written permission by owner to tend to the designated location. *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.*
- 4) Note: Current 2013 City Growers and Allegheny Grows participants are not eligible for this assistance. However, we do encourage the graduated gardens of these programs to apply.

Priority will be given to gardens that are working to increase the access to and availability of fresh, healthy food in their neighborhoods. Proposals up to \$2,000 will be considered, though **smaller projects will be more likely to receive funding.**

Getting Help

If you have questions regarding the application, please contact Jessica McNally by phone at 412.362.4769 ext.103 or email at jessica@growpittsburgh.org.

Applications are due via mail or electronically by Wednesday, October 2nd 2013, 5:00 pm.

Electronically:

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

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.

Remember: 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 Needs

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 circle the level of assistance you are requesting. Feel free to be as detailed as you wish in the description column.

Please understand that we may not be able to provide materials that conflict with our mission or do not directly contribute to growing food at the garden.

Project Idea	List of Materials with Descriptions	Level of Assistance Requested (circle one)
1.		We will do all of the labor We will do the labor with GP assistance We request that GP do the labor
2.		We will do all of the labor We will do the labor with GP assistance We request that GP do the labor
3.		We will do all of the labor We will do the labor with GP assistance We request that GP do the labor

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 Evaluation Tool](#) (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.

Name	Address	Phone	Email (optional)	Why are you involved with the garden?
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2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				