

GUILFORD COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

COMMUNITY GARDEN START-UP GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose: The purpose of the Start-Up Grant Program is to provide funding and mentoring for new Guilford County community gardens that will break ground in 2024. Grants in the amount of \$300 each will be dispersed to accepted applications on a “rolling basis” (first come, first served) beginning on February 10, 2024, through September 1, 2024, or until all Guilford County EMG budgeted funds have been allocated.

Funds may be used to purchase garden supplies and equipment. Some examples of appropriate items are soil amendments, plants, garden tools, hoses, row covers, and raised bed construction materials. Note: Seeds are donated and available to any community and school garden on February 3, 2024, at Guilford County Cooperative Extension, Greensboro, from 9-12, and February 10, 2024, at High Point Library from 9-12. See guilford.ces.ncsu.edu for more information.

Eligibility: Any Guilford County citizens group, such as a neighborhood or church, may apply for a start-up grant to support a new community garden project to be initiated in 2024.

Please review the information below before beginning your application.

Requirements:

1. The completed application will be accepted beginning on February 1, 2024.
2. An electronic application is available at
<http://go.ncsu.edu/communitygardengrant>
3. Applications and supporting materials (see item 4) must be mailed or emailed to:
EMG Community Garden Start-Up Grant Program
Guilford County Cooperative Extension
3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC 27405
Attn: Emerson Wells
or: emerson_wells@ncsu.edu
4. As part of the application, please include a list of the items you would purchase with the grant money and the cost of each item (be specific). You can use current on-line pricing to project your costs.

5. At the end of the gardening season, recipients must submit a report describing the successes and challenges they experienced with the garden project and an accounting of the money spent. (Save receipts!) A reminder of the report will be sent to grant recipients on September 30, 2024, and the report will be due on or before Monday, December 2, 2024. Please mail your report and receipts or send them electronically to:

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6. If the citizen group awarded the grant is unable to start the garden in 2024, the amount of \$300 must be returned by check to the Guilford County Extension Master Gardener Start-up Grant Program by December 2, 2024.

Please Note: Grant recipients may apply for an additional grant of \$300 in the second year of the garden, but only if complete reporting is submitted.

Guidelines for Completing the Application:

- Responses must be typed or clearly printed.
- Do not skip any questions.
- Limit the length of your answers to the space provided.
- Do not submit materials other than those requested.

Questions about the grant process may be directed to Linda Anderson at Anderson7510@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT APPLICATION for 2024

1. Proposed Garden Name: _____

2. Name of Organization/Church/Neighborhood: _____

3. Name of Primary Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4. List of your Planning Team Members. You must have at least five to be eligible for a grant. Please list a phone number or email address for each:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

5. Your primary reason for starting a community garden:

6. Proposed location for the garden: _____

7. Type of community garden: cooperative / allotment / other (explain):

8. We encourage produce donations from your garden to help alleviate hunger. What percentage of your produce do you intend to donate? _____

9. Initial size of the garden; if raised beds, how many and what size(s):

10. Steps you have taken so far in your planning process: _____

11. How you plan to proceed if you receive the grant: _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

The EMG Selection Committee will contact you and your planning team within three weeks of the submission of your application.