

2019 UNION COUNTY MEANS GREEN COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANTS

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The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

IMPORTANT! BEFORE YOU APPLY... If your organization does not own the garden site, please ensure that you have written permission from the property owner to use the site.

Section 1. Contact Information

a. Municipal entity or organization sponsoring the garden:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name, phone number and email address for contact person:

b. Grant partner (if needed):

Are you a municipal entity or local 501(c)(3) organization? If you are, write "yes" here and skip the rest of this section: _____. If not, use this section to identify the municipal entity or 501(c)(3) organization that will accept an award on your behalf:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name, phone number and email address for contact person:

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c. Head Gardener #1 (main person in charge of garden – must have email address):

Name: _____

Phone + Email: _____

d. Head Gardener #2 (back-up for Head Gardener #1 – must have email address):

Name: _____

Phone + Email: _____

Section 2. Garden Information

a. Name of garden (as it will appear on signs, publicity, etc.):

b. Location of garden (street address or other information):

c. Owner of garden site (cannot be private or commercial property):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone + Email: _____

d. Is this a new garden [please write "yes" or "no"]: _____

e. Approximate number of volunteers and/or staff to tend garden: _____

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Section 3. Community Information

On a separate sheet, provide brief answers for the following questions:

1. What are your goals for providing nutritional benefits to the community?
2. What food do you plan to grow in 2019?
3. List additional reasons for creating or improving your garden (examples -- education, therapy, beautification, recreation).
4. How do you plan to engage the community?

Section 4. Grant Options

Select only ***one*** of the following four options. To apply for more than one option, use a separate application for each.

Option 1: Start a New Raised Bed Garden (\$1,300.00 value). Option 1 provides a simple, economical way to start or expand a garden. Groundwork Elizabeth provides a complete garden package including installation of new beds (raised beds, Earth Boxes or waist-high accessible beds) along with soil, seeds or seedlings, tools, materials and follow-up support. Option 1 applicants do not need to submit a budget.

Write "yes" to apply for an Option 1 grant: _____

Use the space below to choose raised beds, Earth Boxes, or waist-high accessible beds.

If you are applying for one type of bed, circle ONE type here:

4 raised beds – (or) – 12 Earth Boxes – (or) – 2 accessible beds

If you would like two different types, please circle TWO types here:

2 raised beds – (or) – 6 Earth Boxes – (or) – 1 accessible bed

Option 2: Garden Improvements (\$500.00 cash award). Option 2 provides for materials and equipment to help complete a new garden or improve an existing garden.

Qualifying purchases include but are not limited to soil, compost, new beds, irrigation, fencing, tools, benches/tables, seeds, saplings, storage bins and sheds. This grant cannot be used for decorative items, prizes, food/drink, advertising/outreach, etc.

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Option 2 applicants must **provide a budget** that consists of an itemized list of the planned purchases and their estimated cost. Please provide a separate sheet for the budget. Option 2 applications without a budget will not be accepted.

Please write "yes" to apply for an Option 2 grant: _____

Option 3: Start a New Hydroponic Garden (\$3,000.00 value) Option 3 is a pre-budgeted package developed by Groundwork Elizabeth. Groundwork will provide delivery, setup and follow-up support. Option 3 applicants do not need to submit a budget.

Please write "yes" to apply for an Option 3 grant: _____

Please affirm that the garden will be located indoors, with water and electricity _____

Option 4: Start a New Pollinator Garden (\$750.00 value) Option 4 is a pre-budgeted package developed by Groundwork. Groundwork will provides seeds, seedlings and/or plants sufficient for an area of approximately 10' x 10' including edible plants. Option 4 applicants do not need to submit a budget.

Please write "yes" to apply for an Option 4 grant: _____

Option 5: Complete a High Tunnel Installation (up to \$2,000.00) This option is intended for experienced gardeners who have already obtained a USDA grant for high tunnel installation. The USDA grant typically covers 80% of costs and the UC Means Green grant would help cover the remainder.

Please write "yes" to apply for an Option 5 grant: _____

On a separate sheet, describe your Option 5 project and include a budget that lists (a) the total cost of the project, (b) the amount requested from UC Means Green, and (c) a list of items to be covered by the grant request and their estimated cost. Applications without a budget will not be considered.

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Section 5. Agreement

By signing below, I demonstrate the garden's commitment to:

- Donate a portion of the harvest to the community and provide a year-end garden summary including an estimate (in pounds) of produce harvested and donated.
- Enroll in Come Grow with Us. As a Come Grow With Us partner, my garden will not use synthetic fertilizers or chemical pest management.
- Display a sign provided by Union County, identifying the funding source (the Union County Means Green Community Garden Grant program).
- Include members of the Freeholder Board in garden events, provide photos for use in an online photo gallery, and credit the Freeholder Board when publicizing the award.

Head Gardener #1 please print and sign your name:

Completed applications may be sent by mail, email or fax and must arrive **by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 2** to:

Tina Casey
Deputy Director, Union County Office of Public Information
10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor
Elizabeth, NJ 07202

Email: tcasey@ucnj.org Phone: 908-527-4346 Fax: 908-527-4704
Please contact Ms. Casey after submitting your application to confirm receipt.

Applicants will be notified on or about Thursday, April 11.