



UNION COUNTY MEANS GREEN

2020 COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT PROGRAM



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Grant Information

- The Union County Means Green community garden grant program provides new opportunities for improved nutrition, education, recreation, social activities and volunteer service in local neighborhoods through the experience of growing food.
- Union County Means Green is administered on behalf of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders by the non-profit organization, Groundwork Elizabeth.
- Applications for 2020 are now being accepted by any non-profit organization meeting stated criteria, in the County of Union.
- Applications must be received by March 27, 2020, with notification of awards to follow. There will be a kick off event for this grant on April 27, 2020.
- Municipal entities in Union County and local non-profit organizations with tax-exempt status may apply. LLCs and other commercial enterprises are not eligible.

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

Section 1. Contact Information

a. Municipal entity or organization sponsoring the garden

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Contact Name, Address, and E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>

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

Name	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>

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

Name	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>

Section 2. Garden Information

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

<input type="text"/>

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

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

Name	<input style="width: 85%;" type="text"/>
Address	<input style="width: 85%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 85%;" type="text"/>
Phone	<input style="width: 85%;" type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input style="width: 85%;" type="text"/>

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

e. If you have received a grant through this program in the past, please indicate year(s) of award and location of the garden.

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

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 2020?
3. List additional reasons for creating or improving your garden (examples -- education, therapy, beautification, recreation).
4. How do you plan to engage the community?

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Section 4. Grant Options

Select only **one** of the following five options.

Option 1: Start a New Raised Bed Garden (\$950.00-1,300.00 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, please X ONE type here:

4 raised beds

or

10 Earth Boxes

or

2 accessible beds

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

2 raised beds

or

6 Earth Boxes

or

1 accessible beds

Option 2: Garden Improvements

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.

Option 2 applicants must **provide a budget** that consists of an itemized list of the planned purchases and their estimated cost. Amounts available in Option 2 will be dependent upon number of overall applications received. 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

***Budget must be attached.**

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Option 3: Start a New Hydroponic Garden (\$3000.00 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 existing and available 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 value)

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, (c) a list of items to be covered by the grant request and their estimated cost, and (d) copy of USDA grant award. **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:

Print Name

Signature

Completed applications may be sent by mail, email or fax and must arrive **by Friday, March 27, 2020** to:

Victoria Durbin Drake
Administrator, Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202

Email: vdurbin@ucnj.org Phone: 908-558-2277 Fax: 908-527-4704

Please contact Victoria Durbin Drake after submitting your application to confirm receipt