



Live Well Montgomery County Community Garden & Kids Garden Sub-grant Program

Program Overview:

The Community Garden & Kids Garden Sub-Grant Program, facilitated by the Local Wellness and Community Development group Live Well Montgomery County (LWMC), aims to empower local growers to actively contribute to community initiatives focused on food security, nutrition education, and youth engagement. This program targets growers with a documented background in gardening and a commitment to supporting the community garden, kid's garden, and related educational programs. Community Gardens are located in Elliott, Red Oak & Stanton.

Purpose of the Grant:

The primary purpose of this sub-grant is to provide financial support and resources to local growers who will play a pivotal role in nurturing community gardens, fostering nutrition education, and supporting the Kids Garden initiative. The grant aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Local Food Systems Enhancement:

- Support local growers in caring for designated garden plots.
- Strengthen connections within the local food system.

2. Community Engagement and Education:

- Cultivate a sense of shared responsibility and community among participants.
- Provide workshops, classes, and presentations to educate community members about the benefits of fresh produce and healthy eating habits.
- Growers will be required to participate in 2 Kids Garden sessions and 1 community education session during the grant period.

3. Youth Empowerment:

- Support the Kids Garden initiative by actively engaging with programming and knowledge sharing.
- Create a dedicated space for children to learn about gardening, nutrition, and environmental stewardship.

4. Collaboration with LWMC:

- Establish regular communication channels with the LWMC board chair and garden coordinator.
- Collaborate with LWMC to ensure alignment with the broader goals of the community garden, kids garden, and community education initiatives.

Grant Details:

- Number of Grants Available: Three (3)
- Grant Amount: \$2000 each
- Payment Schedule: Grants will be paid out in two installments—April and August.

Expense Coverage:

LWMC will cover all expenses associated with the community garden, kids garden, and related projects. The grants are intended to support the grantee in their efforts to contribute to the garden and nutrition education initiatives.

Grant Period:

The grant period will commence on April 1st and conclude on October 1st, with activities and responsibilities expected during this timeframe.

Application Deadline:

Applications for the sub-grant will be accepted from February 22nd to March 22nd, with announcements for grant recipients scheduled for March 31st.

Commitment Period:

Selected growers are expected to commit to actively participating in the program from April 1st to October 1st.

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Questions? Please reach out to Laura Kloewer, LWMC Board Chair 719.339.1508 or lkloewer@mcmh.org



Community Garden Sub-Grant Application

Personal Information:

- Full Name:
- Phone:
- Email:
- Address:

Experience and Qualifications:

Briefly describe your documented experience with gardening.

How familiar are you with the local food systems, and how do you envision contributing to the care of designated garden plots?

Responsibilities and Contribution:

1. Are you willing and able to be responsible for a designated section of the community garden? (Plants and tools will be provided by LWMC.)
2. Will you actively engage with the Kids Garden program, supporting programming through presentations or knowledge sharing?

Areas of Educational Interest:

What areas are you interested in supporting with education? (Check all that apply)

- Nutrition Education/Cooking
- Basic Gardening Education
- Storing and Preserving Food
- Local Food Systems and Farmers Markets

Communication and Collaboration:

Can you commit to regular and ongoing communication with the LWMC board chair and garden coordinator?

How do you envision collaborating with LWMC to ensure seamless integration into the overall community garden, kids garden, and community education initiatives?

Training and Support:

Are you open to participating in training sessions provided by LWMC to enhance your capabilities in supporting the community garden and related programs?

Participation Requirements:

Growers selected for the sub-grant are required to participate in:

- Two (2) Kids Garden sessions during the grant period.
- One (1) community education session during the grant period.

Additional Information:

Feel free to provide any additional information, skills, or ideas that you believe would contribute to the success of the community garden, kids garden, and community education initiatives.

To submit please email Lkloewer@mcmh.org or mail to Live Well Montgomery County, Attn: Laura Kloewer, 2301 Eastern Ave, Red Oak IA 51566