

Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants 2020-2023

Fiscal Year	State/Territory	Entity Name	Project Purpose and Description	Federal Funding
2020	AR: Arkansas	Arkansas Interfaith Power And Light	Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light will collaborate with partners to improve access to local food, foster a network of urban gardeners and farmers who share resources and knowledge, assist local growers with building infrastructure, expand and improve community gardens to become self-sustainable, educate the community on food systems and the nutritional value of plant-rich diets, share knowledge of environmental benefits of local agricultural production, offer hands-on learning in organic farming, mentor youth and young adults interested in urban agricultural occupations, and engage more people in local food production.	\$ 100,000
2020	VT: Vermont	Association Of Africans Living In Vermont, Inc	New Farms for New Americans provides garden plots to approximately 70 households on five acres of leased land to support food production and community building for new Americans facing food insecurity and chronic health issues. The project will build upon the existing garden infrastructure to improve local food access, offer a 48-week agriculture program for refugee farmers focusing on food systems and nutrition, and establish a leadership/mentorship program with the Vermont Community Garden Network. Over 250 people of multiple ages, over seven languages and five ethnic groups will be reached.	\$ 300,000
2020	CA: California	Center For Land Based Learning	The Center for Land-Based Learning will produce a comprehensive urban agriculture assessment of West Sacramento. It will map and document current activities, identify opportunities for growth, and include recommendations to bolster the layers of positive impact urban agriculture has on communities.	\$ 440,182
2020	CT: Connecticut	City Of New Haven	The city's Food System Policy Division will develop the first New Haven Urban Agriculture Master Plan. The plan will be used to access land and opportunities to increase the production and sale of locally grown foods, build community, improve public health and well-being, and provide economic opportunity, particularly in areas with vacant land and limited food access.	\$ 500,000
2020	KS: Kansas	Common Ground Producers And Growers, Inc.	The Common Ground Mobile Market will provide fresh produce to food deserts and food insecure areas in targeted urban zip codes in Wichita and Sedgwick Counties. The project will facilitate entrepreneurial projects through job training, use of farm equipment and land, mentoring and other business development assistance to new and beginning farmers. The mobile market will partner with the K-State Extension Growing Growers program, which provides an apprentice to help with the market and offer training in farming and gardening.	\$ 299,263
2020	OH: Ohio	Famicos Foundation	Famicos Foundation works to improve lives in greater Cleveland through neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, and integrated social services. The project will reinvigorate the garden at the Michael R. White STEM School using emerging technologies to produce healthy, fresh food for area residents, provide a STEM education opportunity, offer jobs to local youth, and generate income at Famicos' Gateway 105 Market.	\$ 288,550
2020	NC: North Carolina	Feast Down East, Inc.	The project supports a strategic planning process, including a feasibility study and stakeholder assessment, for the development of a community learning farm. A site development plan that will create community access and opportunities will also be created for the both the physical site and for programming.	\$ 200,860
2020	NY: New York	New York Sun Works, Inc.	NY Sun Works will work with Brooklyn public schools: three elementary, three middle schools, and three high schools. The project will implement a year-round urban farming program, integrate a hands-on urban farming program into school curricula, launch a Harvest program to engage the greater community, and create a hands-on hydroponic farming job training certification program at the high schools.	\$ 299,905
2020	NJ: New Jersey	Parkside Business & Community In Partnership, Inc.	The project will build a "pipeline" of programs that guide residents of the low-income, low food-access City of Camden on a pathway from resident, to gardener, to farmer, and eventually to community urban agriculture leader. The project will facilitate entrepreneurial projects by offering apprenticeships that will provide job training, equipment, business skills, leadership training, and mentoring; educate the community garden hubs using an existing network of nonprofit-run gardens and farms; and assist food producers and community organizations with policies that enable urban agriculture to thrive.	\$ 293,411
2020	GA: Georgia	The Greenleaf Foundation Inc.	Greenleaf Community Farm serves as a hub for connecting and supporting entrepreneurial food projects and closing the food system gap in Atlanta City Council District 5. The project includes a community farm, a payflex farm stand, and a community gathering space to connect and educate residents. It will also expand the Edible Neighborhoods program to provide equitable access to fresh produce, educate residents on edible landscaping, and serve as an entry point into the food system.	\$ 300,000
2021	OR: Oregon	Adelante Mujeres	will encourage and promote urban agricultural practices with an eye towards racial equity. The goal is to directly impact the growth of the local food system in Washington County, Oregon by strengthening its urban regenerative agricultural practices and build a strategic and sustainable plan to continue its education and distribution opportunities to farmers.	\$ 200,000
2021	OH: Ohio	Agricademy Inc.	Agricademy will provide resources to incorporate and emphasize the importance of growing locally, developing a local food system in their communities, consuming nutritious food, and exposing students to careers and other opportunities in the agriculture industry. The primary goal of this project is to educate and mentor students about the agriculture industry to persuade them to pursue a career in the field.	\$ 297,400
2021	MI: Michigan	Allen Neighborhood Center	Allen Neighborhood Center will provide public exposure to urban agriculture and innovative production strategies through multi-faceted demonstration farm in well-trafficked public park. The project will provide increased food sovereignty through community training and resources.	\$ 279,351
2021	TN: Tennessee	Alpha-Omega Veterans Services	Alpha-Omega Veterans Services Urban Farm, a two-acre urban farm in South Memphis, will expand its original partnership with Memphis Tilth to increase food production for distribution in multiple food insecure neighborhoods in Memphis.	\$ 298,669
2021	DC: District of Columbia	American Farmland Trust	American Farmland Trust will leverage and add to existing research and on-the-ground partnerships to examine the state of farmland and pathways to access for new generation urban farmers. The project will assess the potential demand of new and emerging urban farmers seeking farmland, assess the potential supply of farmland from non-operating landowners, and recommend strategies that support local food system development by supporting land access for urban farmers and subsequently avoiding further conversion of farmland away from production.	\$ 188,617
2021	KY: Kentucky	Americana Community Center	To leverages existing infrastructure, assets, and collaborative efforts to build on partner organizations' existing relationships with each other and the impacted communities they serve.	\$ 300,000
2021	CA: California	Asianweek Foundation	The Bayview Food Sovereignty Supply Chain Project (BV-FS-SCP) of the Florence Fang Community Farm (FFCF) will form collaborative partnerships, educate the community, and address severe food insecurity issues through the development of a transformative community food system to grow and distribute locally grown produce in the Bayview/Hunters Point (BVHP) district of San Francisco, the city's most underserved neighborhood and a USDA certified food desert.	\$ 299,668
2021	CT: Connecticut	Brass City Harvest, Inc.	Brass City Harvest will address food insecurity, vocational training, and economic development in Waterbury, Connecticut's South End Neighborhood by designing and siting a greenhouse for hydroponic vine crops and creating a school-based curriculum to promote apprenticeship opportunities for students.	\$ 123,000
2021	NM: New Mexico	Center Of Southwest Culture, Inc.	The Center of Southwest Culture, Inc. will provide hands-on training on regenerative gardening methods to build the capacity of participants to garden in a manner that uses minimal inputs, conserves resources and money, and helps to increase consumption of healthy produce.	\$ 280,419
2021	IA: Iowa	Central Iowa Shelter & Services	This project seeks to increase food production by developing floating garden beds in once unusable water retention basin. Specifically targeting food insecurity in Des Moines for those experiencing homelessness by providing access to free and affordable healthy food as well as providing development of entrepreneurial skills and job training for those experiencing joblessness.	\$ 300,000
2021	CT: Connecticut	Chrysalis Center, Inc.	The Chrysalis Center will expand agricultural production at their Urban Roots Hydroponics Grow Center and food forest. They will also educate the community on nutrition, agricultural production and provide hands-on training in gardening.	\$ 300,000

2021	NJ: New Jersey	City Green, Inc.	The New Ground Initiative will fully implement Regenerative Farming practices at the City Green Farm-Eco Center in Clifton, NJ, provide garden training on practices at community-based gardens across Passaic County, NJ, and deepen its agriculture commitment by launching a certificate-bearing Farm School for emerging farmers and urban gardeners statewide.	\$ 300,000
2021	MA: Massachusetts	City Of Boston	The City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development ("DND") will develop a municipal strategy for four key Boston neighborhoods with high rates of food insecurity. The plan will position the City to expand local food production in these areas. It will be developed with in-depth guidance from community stakeholders and in close consultation with producers and other municipal agencies.	\$ 200,000
2021	AZ: Arizona	City Of Flagstaff	The City of Flagstaff will develop a Food Action Plan to guide City policy, programming, and investment in the local food system and urban agriculture opportunities.	\$ 184,085
2021	IN: Indiana	City Of Indianapolis	The Indy Urban Food Connect initiative would create a streamlined aggregation and distribution system for growers. The primary goal of this project is to establish infrastructure supporting an Indianapolis regional food hub.	\$ 299,999
2021	AR: Arkansas	City Of Pine Bluff	The Seed to Table project will assist residents in learning how to increase food production in small urban and indoor spaces using emerging technology, will expand the current capacity of the local community garden to help educate the community on food systems, nutrition, environmental impacts and agricultural production offering hands-on training in farming and gardening and will provide schools with resources to incorporate and emphasize the importance of growing and consuming nutritious food.	\$ 300,000
2021	FL: Florida	City Of Tampa	The purpose of this project is to create a network of community gardens and urban farms along with associated garden markets to aggregate and sell fresh produce, provide a free pantry. At the same time, educational programs will continue to empower residents to grow their nutritious produce.	\$ 300,000
2021	AZ: Arizona	City Of Tempe	The purpose of this project is to develop a framework in the City of Tempe to connect vulnerable residents to the benefits of urban agriculture, which include increased economic opportunity, nutrition, food security, and well-being. The grant will allow for a development of a holistic approach to city planning and professional development for urban agriculture.	\$ 200,000
2021	NE: Nebraska	City Sprouts, Inc.	to provide community members with equitable and adequate access to nutritious food through local production of healthy, culturally appropriate food and innovative distribution methods that provide affordable options for all residents, regardless of income level.	\$ 297,351
2021	FL: Florida	Clara White Mission, Inc.	will enable the expansion of CWM's job training initiatives to include more in-depth and hands-on agricultural education at the farm. The project builds upon existing WHF programming and operations, including free monthly workshops for the community in organic gardening, composting, herbal teas, and edible weeds.	\$ 300,000
2021	MO: Missouri	Columbia Center For Urban Agriculture	Through growing fresh local produce in Columbia's Agriculture Park, this project aims to empower the next generation of diverse urban farmers while also reducing community food insecurity and health disparities. This project establishes an apprenticeship program at the Park for new and beginning farmer entrepreneurs by providing job training, mentoring, and business development assistance.	\$ 299,474
2021	TX: Texas	Communities For Better Health	Project will work with the Acres Homes Health Action Team (AHAT), Healthy Outdoor Communities, the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities, Urban Harvest, Be Well Communities, and sixteen community gardens in the community to become a centralized food hub. The hub will reduce the number of locations that a potential participant would need to visit by offering a central hub for food.	\$ 300,000
2021	CA: California	Community Alliance With Family Farmers	In partnership with a dozen regional organizations and farmer leaders in six different city centers across California, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers will improve urban agriculture across California by creating opportunities for urban farmers to connect both regionally and statewide, increasing their access to mutual resources, knowledge, and tools as well as create discussion around a collective vision for urban agriculture and barriers farmers face.	\$ 196,639
2021	NE: Nebraska	Community Crops	The project will improve and expand the number of community gardens and farms in this Lincoln, Nebraska and increase the integration of other innovations in agricultural production such as agroforestry and food forests, all while providing necessary educational opportunities for urban growers to help them be successful in these spaces.	\$ 298,324
2021	OR: Oregon	Community Development Corporation Of Oregon	The Community Development Corporation Of Oregon will provide farm mentoring, business training, development of successful entrepreneurial projects, and distribution of healthy, fresh, and culturally appropriate food in low income and low food access areas which will serve immigrant and refugee communities in the Portland Metro area.	\$ 292,980
2021	HI: Hawaii/ Pacific Islands	Consortium For Hawai'i Ecological Engineering Education	Consortium for Hawai'i Ecological Engineering Education (dba Mālama 'Āina Foundation (MAF)) will lead the UAIP Implementation Project entitled Māla Kūpono Project (Māla meaning "garden" and Kūpono meaning "everything in its rightful place") which will address the purpose and priorities of UAIP and the identified needs above, by implementing school/community gardens that will provide K-12 students with fresh food and a learning platform for STEM, agriculture/sustainability, culture, and healthy eating. This project aims to increase students' academic success and meet their immediate basic health needs, while also re-energizing interest in agriculture/sustainability and its important role in the lives of the Hawaiian community. Over a period of three years, MAF will partner with local farms and 6 schools/organizations serving 540 K- 12 students throughout the island of O'ahu, targeting economically depressed Native Hawaiian communities and low-income, low-access food deserts, in West O'ahu, Windward O'ahu, and Honolulu, among others. At each site, the project will implement: a planter box, a user-friendly Planter Box Operations Manual, and garden-based STEM curriculum that integrates Native Hawaiian culture into place and project-based learning.	\$ 300,000
2021	PR: Puerto Rico/Caribbean	Corporación Juvenil Para El Desarrollo De Comunidades Sostenibles	The Cañaboncito Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production Program will address the limited access to fresh and nutritious foods in the suburbs of Cañaboncito, Puerto Rico. The program will benefit socioeconomic disadvantaged new and beginning farmers, community members, students, and entrepreneurial producers from low-income communities by learning how to build viable and sustainable enterprises through educational training and technical support workshops, agritourism educational events, and hands-on training.	\$ 299,990
2021	AZ: Arizona	County Of Coconino	In collaboration with project partners representing small farms, community gardens, schools, hunger relief centers, and local Native American groups, the County of Coconino will develop, implement, and refine a model for community and culturally connected agriculture education to increase engagement in the local food system and increase food security for resident populations in need.	\$ 259,128
2021	NC: North Carolina	County Of Durham	Durham County aims to support a more resilient food system that systemically addresses the root causes of food insecurity by launching the next generation of farmers through increased access to land, infrastructure, and markets for new and beginning farmers, and fostering racial equity and development of generational wealth by centering Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) priorities in design and development.	\$ 167,015
2021	TX: Texas	County Of Harris	The Harris County Precinct 4 Farm & Ranch Park Project will focus on low-income residents and veterans in the Tomball City and Spring City areas of Texas which constitute food deserts. The project will provide fresh produce grown on the Farm and Ranch Park to low-income residents and veterans, teach the target audience to grow their own produce, and teach the target audience better nutritional practices.	\$ 240,955
2021	IL: Illinois	County Of Kane	Kane County will facilitate a robust and diverse ecosystem of local food production that encourages alternative farming models and technologies, and provides resources to growers and sellers that allow them to flourish despite the development pressure faced in the County.	\$ 299,185
2021	CA: California	County Of Mariposa	The Mariposa County Community Gardens planning project will examine the correlation between poverty, low-income, and low-access food areas within the community and develop solutions to meet the needs through the planning of a community garden.	\$ 50,000
2021	NC: North Carolina	County Of Mecklenburg	The Amay James Urban Agriculture Park Planning Project will strive to address significant issues plaguing areas of Mecklenburg County, such as food deserts, socio-economic disparities, physical inactivity and the linked growing number of health-related issues. The planning project would master plan and urban agriculture park within Amay James Park for the primary benefit of surrounding area located within a food desert and experiencing significant poverty.	\$ 200,000

2021	MO: Missouri	Cultivate Kansas City, Inc.	Cultivate Kansas City will improve the viability and safety of the urban farmers serving the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri while also increasing access to local food for all residents in the target area regardless of socio-economic status. They will serve as a resource to the community by building farm infrastructure that is accessible to nearby farms. In addition they will provide local growers programming, access to distribution channels and access to a meeting and gathering space.	\$ 200,000
2021	MO: Missouri	Earthdance	The project will combine community outreach with hands-on education and research to promote sustainable urban agriculture methods and increase access to locally grown produce.	\$ 297,555
2021	MD: Maryland	Engaged Community Offshoots	ECO City Farms and its partners seek to facilitate the development of entrepreneurial projects by over-coming the barriers to entry for new and beginning urban farmers through developing and expanding markets, increasing competition, and making readily-farmable land available to aspiring growers.	\$ 300,000
2021	MO: Missouri	Farmers Market Of The Ozarks	Noble Hill will promote local agriculture, and supply consumers, institutions, food desert residents and school lunch programs with fresh healthy produce. The recipient will work with community partners to demonstrate the benefits of local agriculture through innovation, business planning, economic development, municipal planning, training programs and internships.	\$ 199,900
2021	OR: Oregon	Fertile Ground Environmental Institute	Viveros Educational Farm has a goal of increasing healthy food access in the diverse communities of East Palo Alto, through a diverse set of programs including aquaponic farming, donations of food, paid youth internships, and a volunteer-run, bike-powered fruit gleaning program.	\$ 279,531
2021	CA: California	Five Keys Schools And Programs	Five Keys Schools and Programs will accelerate an emerging model of urban agriculture practices that serves multiple farmers and improves access to local food.	\$ 297,650
2021	IN: Indiana	Flanner House Of Indianapolis Inc	Flanner House of Indianapolis has the goal of providing programs that will introduce Agriculture and Healthy Eating to K-12 students, youth 16-24 years and adults in socially disadvantaged communities. Expand supply and demand for healthy locally grown food by leveraging new technologies and linking rural farms to our urban food hub.	\$ 300,000
2021	FL: Florida	Florida Introduces Physical Activity And Nutrition To Youth	This project will build upon the foundation of the highly successful Youth Engagement in Sports (YES) program at Everglades Preparatory Academy and Palm Glades Preparatory Academy, two charter schools in Homestead, Florida. FLIPANY has operated the federally funded program in these schools for the past two years during which participants have increased their consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, decreased their intake of sugar-sweetened beverages, and taken part in daily activities to increase their physical activity. Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth will work with local community partners to provide schools with resources to incorporate and emphasize the importance of growing and consuming nutritious food as well as agricultural job-exploration training for students into the curriculum at the two targeted schools, expand existing and develop new community gardens to educate the local community on food systems, nutrition, and offer hands-on training in gardening and agricultural practices and, increase food production in small urban and indoor spaces through the use of emerging technologies such as vertical farming and hydroponics.	\$ 300,000
2021	KY: Kentucky	Foodchain, Inc.	This project will combine aquaponics and traditional outdoor gardening to provide year round urban agriculture education, get more youth managing and designing their own growing spaces and provide educators with urban agriculture training to support curriculum.	\$ 289,820
2021	NY: New York	Foodlink, Inc.	The goal of this project is to evaluate and redesign commercial and community growing spaces at Foodlink Community Farm to maximize community engagement, food production, and innovation.	\$ 94,612
2021	OH: Ohio	Franklinton Gardens	This project will support hiring a shared volunteer coordinator and apprenticeship coordinator for it network of Community Gardens to advance their farm infrastructure, increase production, increase urban agriculture workforce and increase community engagement. The network will share farm implements, majors assets, pool volunteer resources and host paid apprentices.	\$ 296,617
2021	TX: Texas	Frazier Revitalization Inc.	This agreement will make a significant difference to the economic and nutritional health of the local South Dallas community as the catalyst that permits a fundamental paradigm shift, from receiving aid from external third parties engaging in philanthropic gardening to the local development of a thriving and economically feasible local urban Agri-business run by local professional farmers.	\$ 292,380
2021	CA: California	Fresh Approach	This project will develop a comprehensive urban agriculture assessment plan for the city of East Palo Alto. Fresh Approach will evaluate current assets (land access, job training, and business opportunities, innovation, and food access resources) and set goals and priorities for enhancing them by incorporating the knowledge and experience of community-based organizations, as well as the needs and attitudes of local businesses and community members toward urban agriculture and healthy food access.	\$ 173,261
2021	GA: Georgia	Golden Triangle Rc&D	will increase food production and facilitate entrepreneurial business development assistance for new and beginning farmers to provide resources, mentorship, marketing, training, innovative urban practices for vertical tower and hydroponic growing systems along with Farm to Table demonstrations.	\$ 198,474
2021	MA: Massachusetts	Green Beverly 107Q, Inc	The overall goal of this North Shore Farm and Food Coalition (NSFFC) Planning Grant is to build collaboration among North Shore food, farming, educational and municipal partners to create a regional North Shore Urban Agriculture Plan (NSUAP) that expands the beginning farmer pipeline, identifies urban agriculture training and business development opportunities, expands food production capacity in and around urban areas, and increases local food security on the North Shore.	\$ 298,552
2021	LA: Louisiana	Grow Dat Youth Farm	This is a Mobile Food Access Expansion Project that will respond to the unhealthy relationship to local food systems experiences by young adults in New Orleans by expanding access to affordable, culturally relevant, nutrient-rich foods; facilitating access to land so communities can grow their own foods; and promoting community control of local food systems.	\$ 141,416
2021	WI: Wisconsin	Grow It Forward Inc.	The Grow It More project will increase food production and improve access to local healthy food, establish an urban agriculture training program that provides education and hands-on training, and expand the capacity of the existing hydroponic farm, community garden and greenhouse, and recently donated 4.5 acre uncultivated land to ensure self-sustainability.	\$ 187,411
2021	WV: West Virginia	Grow Ohio Valley	This project aims to develop new farm businesses with a special emphasis on the BIPOC population. The goal of the project is to promote, train, and empower new business owners, expand business owners, and youths to engage urban, indoor, and emerging agricultural practices. The priorities of UAIP neatly align with GrowOV's mission to build a thriving local food system.	\$ 293,224
2021	OR: Oregon	Growing Gardens	Growing Gardens will create a feasibility study to identify opportunities to meet community needs for healthy, affordable, culturally-appropriate food through building one or more greenhouses.	\$ 106,126
2021	IN: Indiana	Growing Places Indy, Inc.	This Implementation Project entitled Grow Getters: Next-Gen Urban Farmer Training Program will help accelerate the existing program, which currently serves 100 farmers and gardeners annually. It will not only facilitate the development of entrepreneurial projects by offering needed resources such as job training, land access, equipment, mentoring, and other business development assistance to new and beginning farmers; it will also expose the program participants to emerging agriculture technologies including hydroponics.	\$ 187,411
2021	TX: Texas	H.O.P.E For Small Farm Sustainability	H.O.P.E for Small Farm Sustainability will collaborate with Mesquite Residential Treatment Center (MTC) to offer sustainable agricultural training and experience to underserved populations.	\$ 299,963
2021	GA: Georgia	Habesha, Inc	This project seeks to leverage the Urban Agriculture Network to develop a coordinated effort to galvanize these sites and strengthen their capacity by improving infrastructure and broadening support within the network to coordinate and plan the distribution of food cooperatively.	\$ 200,000

2021	CA: California	International Rescue Committee	This project engages with newcomer students participating in IRC's existing YFJI program at Oakland International High School (OIHS) and Rudsdale to lead the garden expansion process and be responsible for scaling up crop production. These garden expansion and production activities will represent a new component of their current service-learning curricula, with technical and logistical support from IRC staff and the current network of volunteer community gardeners. This garden expansion will increase healthy food access for newcomer students, their families, and the larger school community, as well as enable student leaders to build both hard and soft leadership and urban gardening skills. International Rescue Committee will offer training and mentoring to youth gardeners and construct new urban garden plots at four different locations on unused parking lot and school playground blacktop space, leveraging the expertise of the local USDA-funded University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) to inform the use of innovative design techniques related to climate change mitigation (urban carbon sequestration and urban heat island effect reduction); urban material reuse and resourcing for the low-cost urban garden; and urban edge farming for biodiversity and organic pest management. This expansion will scale up production to meet specific community food access and nutrition needs in partnership with programs currently in operation at OIHS and Rudsdale.	\$ 300,000
2021	AL: Alabama	Jones Valley Urban Farm	This project will accelerate existing and emerging models of urban, indoor, and other agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers or gardeners and improving access to local foods in the target area. Jones Valley Teaching Farm will achieve this by expanding its reach to Birmingham residents to increase the number of urban growers, increase access to training and educational workshops to improve knowledge of how to grow food, increase access to local food through the distribution of free produce and seedlings, and to support a growing network of local, resident-led community gardens located throughout the city. Jones Valley Urban Farm will develop an urban growers cohort, establish new community gardens, convene monthly educational workshops and trainings, hire a community and equity programs manager, and increase partnerships to strengthen the local food system.	\$ 300,000
2021	CT: Connecticut	Knox Parks Foundation	KNOX manages and maintains 21 community gardens throughout Hartford. Many gardens have unmet infrastructure needs, which limits their use. KNOX will expand access to growing space through infrastructure improvements. These enhancements will also open up growing space for KNOX farming participants. Workshops and educational opportunities will be made available for both adults and students.	\$ 278,694
2021	AZ: Arizona	Local First Arizona Foundation	Local First Arizona Foundation will prepare a Growing Urban Ag in Maricopa County Toolkit that sets forth a framework and model language for urban food and farming-related land use policies that municipalities can tailor to their context and needs.	\$ 300,000
2021	PR: Puerto Rico/Caribbean	Mercy Corps	to address the root causes of food insecurity and related health inequities while providing immediate food access to marginalized urban communities through the provision of technical knowledge, material support, and increased social cohesion. to provide the community with a supplementary source of food, especially vegetables and herbs, increase consumption of nutritious vegetables, and increase the supply of vegetables for urban neighborhoods, and reduce the dependence on imports.	\$ 299,998
2021	WI: Wisconsin	Milwaukee Public Schools	an Implementation Project (IP) entitled "Grown in Milwaukee, For Milwaukee" to include students in sustainable food production. This IP has three goals for the emerging model of indoor agricultural practices that serve multiple schools and organizations that focus on education, production, and community	\$ 296,257
2021	MO: Missouri	Moka Urban Agriculture Initiative	This project aims to increase access to local food and provide culturally relevant options that also create economic opportunities for urban farmers. By inviting Keep Growing Detroit's network of urban farmers to learn about urban agroforestry and the production of fruit and nut crops, this project is designed to reduce food insecurity, improve health and environmental outcomes, and establish outdoor spaces for fruit and nut crop production	\$ 300,000
2021	NM: New Mexico	Native American Community Academy Foundation	This project will work with 450 students over three year and their families to increase food production in small urban and indoor spaces, with an emphasis on improving access to locally produced fresh, healthy foods and increasing local production outside of these two community garden settings, by promoting at-home urban gardening. This three-year program at NACA will integrate emerging technologies, such as hydroponics, to produce food; utilize water catchment barrels to preserve precious freely available resources for gardening; and reduce waste through a comprehensive school composting program to enhance nutrients in the soil of gardens (when and where soil is used).	\$ 220,682
2021	NY: New York	New York Restoration Project	Expand and propagate urban agriculture knowledge within the community, as well as address the Bronx's growing crisis of food insecurity. facilitate the development of entrepreneurial projects by offering job training to new farmers, improve access to local food, and operate community gardens or nonprofit farms to educate a community.	\$ 252,740
2021	NY: New York	Newburgh Urban Farm And Food	Newburgh Urban Farm and Food will bring together representatives from the traditional (government, grant-funded initiatives) and non-traditional (residents, community advocates/groups, churches and temples) sectors of the community to build a sustainable food system that will deliver food security for all residents while generating long-term economic, social, and environmental sustainability now and for future generations.	\$ 200,000
2021	MO: Missouri	Nixa School Dist. R-2	To provide for an expansive aeroponics tower farm consisting of 125 11-ft. towers, outdoor raised beds, an outdoor classroom, and native plant area. The tower farm will enable university students to learn about this innovative farming process, and supply the nearby food pantry with fresh produce to increase food access and improve nutrition for residents in Southwest Missouri.	\$ 249,910
2021	NC: North Carolina	Out Of The Garden Project	The primary goals of the Out of the Garden project are to increase access to healthy and affordable food and promote educational opportunities in low-access and low-income areas of Greensboro, North Carolina	\$ 107,225
2021	NC: North Carolina	Peacehaven Farm	To expand vocational training to equip participants with the skills they need to overcome employment challenges they face as adults with disabilities and improve food access by increasing production using two season-extending high tunnels and one greenhouse fitted with hydroponic technology and microgreen shelving.	\$ 249,998
2021	VA: Virginia	Phillips Programs	a self-sustaining greenhouse operation whose mission is to pioneer a replicable employment and business model that enable young adults to find and keep high quality jobs with fair pay, an ownership stake, and a voice in business decisions.	\$ 295,136
2021	MN: Minnesota	Region Five Development Commission	This project will incite innovation in agriculture, provide agricultural internships, increase access to local food, and expand market access and therefore economic livelihood for small farmers. to expand access to local food, educate communities about farming, and foster community engagement.	\$ 279,840
2021	AL: Alabama	Rural South Institute	Rural South Institute will empower urban youths and low income/limited access households and help them choose healthier food options, operate their own gardens, and become skilled agricultural entrepreneurs.	\$ 298,666
2021	PA: Pennsylvania	School District Of The City Of Erie (Inc)	will address the need to grow Erie Farm to School's current efforts to increase food access and food production (with students in schools) into future opportunities for education and employment in Groundwork Erie (GWE) urban ag programs (with students in Erie's neighborhoods).	\$ 52,288

2021	CA: California	Second Harvest Food Bank Of Orange County	This project will significantly increase the nutritious produce in the food/nutrition deserts of Orange County and in their existing pantry network by building their capacity. Currently, that network serves over 400,000 every month. The 2,080,000 pounds of produce grown annually at Second Harvest Urban Solutions Farm will be added to the robust sourcing stream, helping to bridge the gap into areas where fresh produce is limited or unavailable. Creating a playbook with steps and lessons learned will be shared with other food banks and hunger relief organizations in order to replicate their farm model and increase the impact on eliminating food/nutrition deserts beyond Orange County. The Education program will introduce agriculture and farming concepts to high school students whose schools do not have an Agriculture Department, stressing the importance of growing and consuming healthy food and encouraging careers in agriculture. Evaluative findings will advance understanding of the impact of increased produce availability in food/nutrition deserts.	\$ 296,536
2021	CA: California	Soil Born Farm Urban Agriculture Project	Soil Born Farms will put the tools and skills for growing in the hands of the people. The non-profit farm and education center will serve as a hub for essential growing supplies and hands-on learning about climate-friendly food production, using scalable and accessible techniques.	\$ 297,600
2021	AR: Arkansas	South End Neighborhood Group	This project will install a high tunnel that will be utilized to grow fresh vegetables and fruit year round as well as create learning opportunities for low income residents, senior citizens, school aged children and the surrounding community on how to grow and prepare the fresh foods.	\$ 299,280
2021	MO: Missouri	Southside Farm LLC	South Side Farms will improve food access for those in South Cape Girardeau, a Federally-designated food desert, by creating a self-sustaining aquaculture program.	\$ 295,136
2021	FL: Florida	Tampa Family Health Centers	Urban Community Garden-Food Rx will address the underlying issue of food insecurity contributing to chronic health conditions affecting disadvantaged and underserved residents. In partnership with Whitwam Organics and other grass roots efforts, the Tampa Family Health Center Community Garden will build a garden for patients and the community.	\$ 199,999
2021	AZ: Arizona	Technical Assistance Partnership Of Arizona	This project will allow Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona to collaborate with community partners in creating an Opportunity Zone initiative that will include a community educational component addressing the needs for incorporating healthy eating and living habits. UFO-OZ project will also provide a workforce development and mentoring component and a Food Hub that will contain a fresh food processing and distribution center and a farmers' market. UFO-OZ will be the change agent urban communities can model to assist in transitioning their communities from those of need to communities of abundance. By meeting the local food and agricultural needs of South Phoenix, Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona will use its expertise in agri-landscaping to utilize a 2.5 acres garden to plant and harvest fresh fruits and vegetables. Fresh fruits and vegetables that will not only generate income from the growing farm-to-table food industry, but this food will also be made accessible to the community residents who can use that food to supplement their meals (lessening the food desert issues).	\$ 300,000
2021	NY: New York	Teens For Food Justice	This project builds on a pilot hydroponic farm program at the Far Rockaway Educational Complex, a campus of four Title I schools on the peninsula serving 1,854 children. The Far Rockaway Educational Complex hydroponic farm program is the first step in an ambitious partnership between TFFJ and the NYCDOE to address food insecurity and lack of access to healthy food by establishing school-based hydroponic farm programs across the peninsula. The proposed Implementation Project will support the next phase of this expansion by introducing innovative agricultural production at three more Title I schools, serving another 2,505 children.	\$ 299,886
2021	TX: Texas	Texas Coalition Of Rural Landowners	The goal of this proposal is to conduct a Feasibility Study and develop a Business Plan to establish an equipment sharing Cooperative among urban farmers who intend to supply fresh vegetables to low food access areas in Harris County Texas. Comprehensive equipment sharing among small-scale, diversified growers is not common, but as new farms pop up in clusters near urban markets, the potential for equipment sharing rises. Studies have shown that equipment cost is the second largest draw of capital for the grower. Reducing equipment cost is an effective method of improving farm profitability and decreasing the labor intensive daily task associated with farming. The project will establish an Advisory Committee composed of growers and industry professionals to guide the development of the Coop. Growers will be surveyed to collect their input into the Coop. A Business Plan will be developed to address key issues such as type of equipment, equipment usage agreements, maintenance, membership fee and budget. The results of this proposal will be used to apply for additional grants and support from other entities such as the Soil Conservation.	\$ 250,904
2021	TX: Texas	Texas Health Research And Education Institute	The Towers to Tables Expansion program will improve access to local food by increasing fresh food production and distribution at two (2) garden locations within the city, expanding nutrition and food systems education to Bridgeport students and the larger community, and providing hands-on training in emerging agriculture techniques. This program will provide hands-on, project-based experience for students and community members at both garden spaces, distribute produce and nutrition education directly to community members and local pantries, work with the City to create a long-term farmer's market, and implement a minimum of four (4) Community Educational Workshops per year, in partnership with AgriLife. Towers to Tables Expansion program aligns directly with UAIP priorities to increase equitable access to fresh produce and expand education on emerging agricultural practices and nutrition to combat the high levels of food insecurity and chronic disease faced by the residents of Bridgeport and surrounding communities.	\$ 297,600
2021	KS: Kansas	The Farm School At Gibbs Road Inc.	This project will develop Common Ground, an 11 acre urban farm, into a land access source including the development of a community urban farm, increased food production, resource sharing through stakeholder involvement, and mentorship opportunities and to engage community members in public agricultural education opportunities including place-making agritourism, hands-on training, youth STEAM education and community roundtables in order to educate a community on food systems, nutrition, sustainability, urban agroforestry, food forests, and food production.	\$ 299,280
2021	GA: Georgia	The Friends Of Atlanta Urban Food Forest At Browns Mill Park	This project will leverage agriculture, food production, and nutrition to improve health, safety, job opportunities, and sustainability of the community, helping to eliminate hunger and empower families to become self sufficient withing the community. Through this project 10 gardens and 3aquaponic stations will be added, producing approximately 1400 pounds of food in the 2 year period.	\$ 77,776
2021	MO: Missouri	The Giving Grove	To assist the growing community of urban farmers in Detroit who are creating a new narrative around food access and food sovereignty for their community. This project aims to increase access to local food and provide culturally relevant options that also create economic opportunities for urban farmers.	\$ 200,000
2021	VA: Virginia	The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust	The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust is to utilize this project as an educational and mentorship opportunity for the girls and young women of Girls For A Change. The planning process will be an opportunity for them to build capacity in every phase of the work, through mentorships with the various participating organizations, as well as active leadership in the planning team. They will build skills in community engagement, site planning, environmental design, and market analysis.	\$ 200,000
2021	IL: Illinois	The Morton Arboretum	The Morton Arboretum will find ways to strengthen the local food economy through collaborations with key stakeholders to determine specific needs and gauge the feasibility of implementing food forests at various community sites across Waukegan.	\$ 154,266
2021	OH: Ohio	The Refugee Response	The Refugee Response will conduct a study to detail how Irish Town Bend will alter the physical landscape of the farm, and examine possibilities for how Ohio City Farm can capitalize on changes to increase farm production and income. Options examined will include an expansion of our event offerings; an orchard; a farmers market for refugee vendors; and setting aside a plot as a community garden.	\$ 51,405
2021	FL: Florida	The Well Incorporated	The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust is to utilize this project as an educational and mentorship opportunity for the girls and young women of Girls For A Change. The planning process will be an opportunity for them to build capacity in every phase of the work, through mentorships with the various participating organizations, as well as active leadership in the planning team. They will build skills in community engagement, site planning, environmental design, and market analysis.	\$ 192,602

2021	PA: Pennsylvania	Trellis For Tomorrow	This project will explain on existing successful efforts of the recipient and it's partners to improve food justice and food system sustainability by developing closed loop food systems in two urban clusters with high percentages of people facing food insecurity and inadequate access to healthy food. The goal is to improve access to fresh, chemical-free, nutrient dense produce for residents living in these urban areas by creating a foundation for more sustainable and equitable food system.	\$ 277,363
2021	PA: Pennsylvania	U.S. Committee For Refugees And Immigrants, Inc.	This project will address the needs and common barriers faced by refugee and immigrant farmers face with an interest in growing familiar foods not found in standard grocery stores. A parking lot will be transformed into a teaching garden. The project will provide education and innovative growing resources in a unique urban teaching garden, enabling participants to enhance their food security, health, and income.	\$ 300,000
2021	SC: South Carolina	Upstate Circle Of Friends, Inc	This project will develop the UCF Minority Urban Farmer Education Center as a teaching center involving youth and local residents to increase access to affordable healthy food for low income minority families in need. Increase awareness of the benefits of consuming healthy and nutritious food choices through urban agriculture education cooking events. Provide on-farm education and workforce development, community and home garden workshops.	\$ 297,575
2021	NY: New York	Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Inc.	This project will renovate a garden and compost site to increase the amount of growing space, increase production and donate more produce. The garden will have ADA accessible garden beds, flexible outdoor classroom/meeting space, and make the site more visible and welcoming to the community.	\$ 147,443
2021	MI: Michigan	West Michigan Environmental Action Council	The West Michigan Environmental Action Council will form the Freedom Farm Collective to provide resources specifically for residents that are prone to food injustice, racial injustice and/or lack adequate access to green space as well as engage these neighbors through experiential education, food access, neighborhood based programming and increasing access to community resources such as growing equipment and agricultural knowledge. The collective will work to inform local urban agriculture policy along with the City of Grand Rapids Urban Agriculture Committee and the National Young Farmers Coalition to reflect a more sustainable and dynamic approach to how municipalities can leverage underutilized assets to positively impact their most vulnerable communities and empower the next generation of growers.	\$ 126,583
2021	OH: Ohio	Western Reserve Land Conservancy	The Western Reserve Land Conservancy project will improve the accessibility and functionality of the Woodhill Community Garden through installation of several new features including raised beds, ADA accessible walkway, compost bin and irrigation systems, as well the purchase of communal gardening tools. The site will also include a plaza for educational demonstrations and community gatherings within the garden.	\$ 132,788
2021	IL: Illinois	YWCA Metropolitan Chicago	This project will enable urban farm production and student workshops to operate year-round; increases access to affordable, fresh produce in Woodlawn; and increase knowledge about nutrition and making healthy food choices. This accomplished by purchasing a 500 sq. ft. shipping container that has been converted into a smart hydroponics farming unit.	\$ 300,000
2022	FL: Florida	4R Foundation, Inc., The	This project will build an educational food forest exhibit on the 4Roots Farm Campus. The exhibit will contain dozens of species of trees and plants, including edibles, pollinator attractors, fertilizers, weed suppressors, and pest repellers, providing many environmental benefits. The exhibit will include pathways and educational signage with curricula to support outdoor lessons.	\$ 295,197
2022	MO: Missouri	A Red Circle	A Red Circle will enhance existing collaborative partnerships, educate the community, and address food insecurity through the enhancement of a community food system to grow and distribute locally grown produce in the North St. Louis County area of St. Louis, an underserved, USDA-certified food desert, and Promise Zone.	\$ 299,964
2022	CA: California	Agroecology Commons	This UAIP project presents a collaborative model to advance urban agriculture production and innovation by supporting urban agroecological land stewardship, expanding market channels, and increasing the distribution of fresh local food in low-access urban food areas. This model centers relationship-building and cooperation through farm apprenticeships, value-aligned market collaboration, land access, soil assessments, and a farm tool lending library.	\$ 298,813
2022	VA: Virginia	Arcadia Food	The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture will establish the Route 1 Community Farm, a 2-acre growing space nestled within Arcadia's working farm, providing resources for residents to cultivate their own, culturally appropriate foods unavailable to the largely immigrant community; additionally, educational resources and marketing opportunities will be provided to community farmers.	\$ 300,000
2022	GA: Georgia	Augusta Locally Grown Inc	Augusta Locally Grown (ALG) currently connects new and inexperienced urban farmers to a group entrepreneurial course to provide on-site ag logistics and business coaching. While farmers experience growth from these supports, they need more in-depth, ag-specific, individualized business training and opportunities to implement skills gained with immediate feedback. ALG plans to build upon the current services to meet those needs, resulting in increased farmer revenue, increased farmers market revenue, and increased food security for the vulnerable neighborhoods.	\$ 300,000
2022	MA: Massachusetts	Boston Farms Community Land Trust, Inc.	Boston Farms Community Land Trust (Boston Farms) turns vacant urban land into collective opportunity, supporting Black and Brown farmers to grow the food that sustains us in the neighborhoods of Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury, with plans to expand into other areas in and around Boston over time. We seek funding over three years in support of our 20 Farms (30 Acres) by 2030 Planning Project.	\$ 300,000
2022	WY: Wyoming	Casper Community Greenhouse Project	Accelerate existing and emerging models of urban and season extension agricultural practices. Additionally, the GCEF will expand educational opportunities for students, adult learners, and farmers beyond the current Farm-to-School Programs .	\$ 299,187
2022	AK: Alaska	Catholic Social Services Inc	This project will support the expansion of an existing urban garden in Mountain View, a highly diverse, low-income, low-access community in northeast Anchorage, Alaska. The goal of the Implementation Project is to expand urban agriculture practices to meet the needs of a diverse, low-income, low-access urban community located in a food insecure state.	\$ 300,000
2022	AL: Alabama	City Of Birmingham	We aim to resource Black producers, distributors, and other food value chain actors of color with the policies, platforms, markets, and networks to both build wealth and supply Birmingham residents with the fresh foods they need to thrive.	\$ 298,736
2022	WV: West Virginia	Coalfield Development Corporation	Refresh Appalachia, a program of non-profit Coalfield Development, is seeking funding to support efforts to alleviate the effects of the food insecurity issues in the second largest city in WV, Huntington. This will be accomplished through increasing the number of people engaged in sustainable urban farming, providing access to equipment, aggregation and distribution services, and creating workforce training opportunities.	\$ 299,995
2022	VA: Virginia	Cultivate Charlottesville	Power to Grow, through Cultivate Charlottesville, will bring community together to plan for the next steps in replacing, restoring, and protecting community urban agricultural land and infrastructure while also expanding development of supportive programming and systems.	\$ 281,910
2022	NY: New York	Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation	The East New York Farms! Food Hub is a pilot program designed to increase fresh food production and availability in East New York, Brooklyn, while creating a circular urban agriculture-based local economy benefiting a historically underserved and excluded BIPOC community. They work with local gardeners and youth to increase fresh food availability while stimulating the local economy. To create a more impactful, equitable, and representative food system, this pilot project will work to create a circular micro food hub in East New York.	\$ 300,000
2022	OK: Oklahoma	Delaware Nation	Install and utilize the integrated greenhouse/garden, orchard, and apiary facility located on Delaware Nation lands in the city of Anadarko, to produce fresh fruits, vegetables, and honey for tribal members. In addition, sell some of these products to consumers in the area at affordable prices, helping others gain access to fresh food while generating revenues to cover ongoing costs at our production facilities.	\$ 299,087

2022	IA: Iowa	Dubuque, The City Of (Inc)	The City of Dubuque plans to expand the work of their existing urban farms, to provide community education about food entrepreneurship opportunities and benefits of sustainable local food production, and to support the introduction of healthy and local foods in our existing corner stores. By adding a greenhouse and NFT Hydroponics system to a local urban farmstead, educational opportunities for all ages will be created, as well as hundreds of pounds of fresh produce grown and fed to the community year-round.	\$ 300,000
2022	AR: Arkansas	Fayetteville Public Library Foundation	Our goal is to field test urban agriculture workforce development pilot projects in 3 locations, with an estimated collective impact of approximately 10,000 unique engagements. Each urban agriculture pilot site will result in an organic teaching garden, micro orchard, pollinator nursery, and food forest.	\$ 296,450
2022	GA: Georgia	Flint River Fresh Inc.	Flint River Fresh was formed to solve the vexing issues of food access and lack of opportunity in Albany by bringing fresh, healthy food directly to the community and by guiding residents to self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship through urban agriculture. This UAIP project will result in a new hydroponic greenhouse, a new grocery space in a low food-access location, and expanded outreach and educational opportunities.	\$ 299,789
2022	DC: District of Columbia	Friends Of The National Arboretum, Inc.	Expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables for low-income families with children in Wards 5, 7, and 8 of Washington, DC by 1) increasing the production and educational capacity of the Washington Youth Garden(WYG), 2) creating new produce distribution channels with wrap-around nutrition and agriculture education activities at Friendship Collegiate and	\$ 289,669
2022	CA: California	Grow2Zero Farms	Grow2Zero FARMS is located in West Long Beach, where it has established itself as a community resource since 2020 through its affordable neighborhood CSA and weekly free food distribution. Grow2Zero's education team seeks UAIP funding to expand its education curriculum by developing a hybrid online and in-person urban farm training program for young adults in both Long Beach and the greater SoCal South Bay community. The program will offer practical agricultural education and training with an emphasis on drought-friendly practices and how to address the needs of food insecurity in an urban environment.	\$ 291,871
2022	NM: New Mexico	Healthy Futures, Inc	Healthy Futures will address the limited access to fresh, affordable, and nutritious food by two native american communities in New Mexico, through agricultural technical assistance, and providing farm supplies and tools to enhance their greenhouses and improve yields in their community gardens.	\$ 114,367
2022	NM: New Mexico	Hispanic-American Institute, Inc.	The Northwest Puerto Rico Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Project (NWPRUAIP) will improve access to locally grown and produced foods in seven northwest Puerto Rico Municipalities through urban and innovative agricultural practices, including community gardens, urban farms, and innovative technologies.	\$ 300,000
2022	WI: Wisconsin	Howard-Suamico School District	The Howard-Suamico School District (HSSD) will improve the school's access to local, fresh, and nutritious food, while also teaching students about innovative agriculture production, using hydroponic technology.	\$ 146,441
2022	FL: Florida	Ideas For Us Inc	Fleet Farming, an urban agricultural program under IDEAS For Us Inc., will partner with Sacred Kashi and the Florida Food Policy Council to offer senior citizens from Indian River County, FL, an accessible urban agriculture education program, hands-on educational experiences, digital training, and a new community farmer's market.	\$ 250,000
2022	VA: Virginia	Inmed Partnerships For Children, Inc.	INMED aims to expand programming for the Leesburg Mobile Home Park (LMHP) in Leesburg by establishing the Esperanza (Hope) Center and community aquaponics garden. This project leverages INMED's existing partnerships, community networks and long history of successful education programs to address food insecurity, health inequities and lack of sustainable incomes.	\$ 300,000
2022	NY: New York	International Rescue Committee Inc	The project "New Roots: Cultivating Resilient Food Futures in a Changing Climate," will improve food access for socially disadvantaged refugee and immigrant communities of color in Tucson, Arizona. The proposed project will improve access to land for refugee and immigrant farmers, help participants improve farm yields through the installation of a climate-adapted greenhouse; improve their skills and knowledge through trainings and technical assistance; and increase the capacity of local agriculture partner organizations.	\$ 300,000
2022	NJ: New Jersey	Isles Inc	This project will strengthen the capacity for urban agriculture in the Trenton, NJ region, while providing residents with essential marketable skills and opportunities for careers and/or supplemental income through farming.	\$ 298,076
2022	ID: Idaho	Jannus, Inc.	Global Gardens, a program of the Idaho Office for Refugees at Jannus, is a land-based urban agriculture training program that has been operating in Boise, Idaho for over 18 years. The project provides land, water, and infrastructure and outstanding farming expertise and training at five farm sites. The 3-year implementation project will provide land access and improvement to refugee farmers, and expand food access in the local community.	\$ 300,000
2022	NY: New York	Justice Innovation Inc.	The Queens Community Justice Center (Justice Center), an operating project of Justice Innovation, Inc d/b/a Center for Court Innovation, will expand its Gardening Raises Opportunities and Wealth in Neighborhoods (Grow'n) program. The Justice Center will build on its Grow'n program, which currently provides food production and gardening training through its workforce development department, as well as on the community gardening-based programming the Justice Center has run for a decade.	\$ 250,000
2022	CT: Connecticut	Knox Parks Foundation Inc	KNOX manages and maintains 21 community gardens throughout Hartford. Many gardens have unmet infrastructure needs, which limits their use. KNOX will expand access to growing space through infrastructure improvements. These enhancements will also open up growing space for KNOX farming participants. Workshops and educational opportunities will be made available for both adults and students.	\$ 296,909
2022	OH: Ohio	Lorain, City Of	Seeks to create, improve, and expand access to healthy food for economically distressed neighborhoods and families by improving the urban agriculture landscape to support additional urban farming operations.	\$ 207,174
2022	GA: Georgia	Metro Atlanta Urban Farm	Metro Atlanta Urban Farm (MAUF) aims to advance and improve access to local foods in underserved communities where access to fresh, healthy food is limited or unavailable. MAUF and partners will work with community gardens, indoor farms, and greenhouses. The project will include education and training for students on careers in agricultural business. Finally, the project partners will provide mentoring and other assistance to new and beginning farmers in the local community.	\$ 299,889
2022	MA: Massachusetts	Mill City Grows, Inc.	Integrate 20 acres into an expanded urban open space mosaic that connects with 1,100 acres of adjacent open space at the Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest. This site will include space dedicated to urban agriculture and food production by historically disadvantaged producers and serve as a new food access point for the city.	\$ 300,000
2022	MS: Mississippi	National Center For Appropriate Technology Inc, The	Our focus will be to train gardeners and community leaders on best garden management and production practices. Their efforts will then benefit the neighborhoods surrounding their garden projects by providing the communities with food, nutrition, beauty, and ecological services.	\$ 287,556
2022	AZ: Arizona	Native Seeds Search	Native Seeds, a seed conservation non-profit and seedbank based in Tucson, Arizona proposes "The Community Seed Savers Project". Through the Community Seed Savers project, will expand outreach efforts to increase participation in free seed programs, deliver container gardening and seed saving workshops, and support Indigenous community leaders involved in gardening and farming to gain expertise in arid agriculture and seed saving.	\$ 222,860
2022	NY: New York	Net Positive, Inc.	Net Positive Inc (dba The Foundry) will partner with Gro-operative, Inc (Gro-op) aquaponics company and Riverside High School to address wealth and health disparities by providing in-school and after school opportunities for low-income students of color in Buffalo, NY.	\$ 261,320
2022	MA: Massachusetts	Northeast Organic Farming Association	This project will lay the groundwork for addressing food insecurity by optimizing the development and productivity of community gardens in Hartford, Springfield, and Holyoke (Project Region). NOFA/Mass will expand new and existing partnerships with gardening and advocacy organizations in the Project Region and develop materials aimed at educating residents and engaging youth on an extensive range of "climate-smart" regenerative agriculture and gardening practices.	\$ 298,877
2022	OK: Oklahoma	Oklahoma Women In Ag Association	The proposed project addresses issues of transportation, affordability, and access to fresh, whole foods in these food desert communities. The project will initiate, build upon, and expand related work and programs establishing and strengthening existing partnerships.	\$ 300,000

2022	TX: Texas	Recipe For Success Foundation	This project will expand the New Traditions program by increasing access for historically underserved participants in the Growing Urban Farmers Intensive Course and Master Classes. It will also provide additional professional learning opportunities and peer networking opportunities at the Hope Farms Training Center.	\$ 299,465
2022	AS: American Samoa	Ridge To Reefs, Inc.	This is an implementation project for increasing food production in small piggery operations in American Samoa (AS) using the emerging Inoculated Deep Litter System (IDLS) technology, and encouraging local egg/chicken production in deep litter or mobile systems. The project will also increase food production and access to local foods by installing demonstration High Tunnels and insect exclusion netting in public locations to encourage local use of these systems, and train producers how to create fertilizers and compost using local waste streams.	\$ 299,821
2022	NY: New York	Riseboro Community Partnership Inc	Establish Learning Center to increase the Farm's output and reach to address climate change and food insecurity, through increased food production, targeted education and community development in underserved communities providing free food distribution and education programs in Bushwick Brooklyn.	\$ 300,000
2022	TX: Texas	Sentli: Center For Regenerative Agriculture	Increase the number of urban farms, increase access to local produce, and increase the application of climate smart practices and innovative technology among urban farmers.	\$ 300,000
2022	TX: Texas	Small Places	This project will build upon and expand on programs already provided by the farm at their original 1.25 acre farm location. The new 1.5 acre site will construct upgraded mission critical infrastructure and have an even larger production area that will allow our farm to provide expanded programming to better serve a larger portion of our community through food access and farmer training.	\$ 295,522
2022	IL: Illinois	Sola Gratia Farm	This project will support long-term ecological sustainability as proper investments allow us to mitigate and improve resiliency while addressing food insecurity. In addition to allow expansion of educational programming targeted onsite outreach/education activities .	\$ 249,825
2022	AR: Arkansas	Southern Delta Church Of Wicca-Atc, The	Community garden and food pantry expansion to provide food for the local community.	\$ 300,000
2022	WA: Washington	Southwest Washington Lulac Foundation	Provide new and aspiring farmers access to farmland, infrastructure, cultivating tools, and growing supplies. We will cultivate a greater abundance of crops desired by our communities, and innovate with a diverse array of culturally specific crops aligning with indigenous cultural heritage.	\$ 291,227
2022	FL: Florida	Star Of The Sea Foundation, Inc.	The Florida Keys Aeroponic Farm: A Community-Focused Approach to Food Access and Agricultural Education project supports two primary goals: 1) Establish an urban aeroponic farm in Key West, Florida to increase local food production and improve food security, while making local food-relief programs more economically and environmentally sustainable, and 2) Expand community agriculture education programs to promote knowledge on food systems, food equity, nutrition and climate-conscious behavior.	\$ 291,261
2022	FL: Florida	Tampa Family Health Centers, Inc.	Inform and educate residents by offering nutrition education such as food preparation, beginner, intermediate and advanced gardening lessons. The intentional conservation and reclamation design concept in the garden will contribute to a sustainable use and management of natural resources.	\$ 299,849
2022	VA: Virginia	The Conservation Fund	This project addresses food insecurity and food access in a focal area of metro Chicago –South Cook County. This project will: build the foundation to activate additional farms and create a local network; provide affordable land access and support quality jobs for entrepreneurial and socially-diverse farmers; increase fresh produce supply through strategic investment in on-farm infrastructure; and build new connections between the community residents, the food access support system, and the farms next door to strengthen food access and generate lasting health outcomes.	\$ 155,643
2022	CT: Connecticut	Thompson, Town	The objective of this proposal is to develop a comprehensive plan for the adaptive reuse of two Town-owned properties in Thompson, CT. The ultimate goals of this planning project are a municipally-sponsored small business support center, focusing on agricultural and food system start-ups; and a public food forest park, installed using permaculture principles.	\$ 124,676
2022	WA: Washington	Tilth Alliance	Provide free and discounted food to the local community and promote gardening and urban agriculture throughout the community.	\$ 277,200
2022	NM: New Mexico	Yes Housing, Inc.	The planning project in the Albuquerque, NM region, will build upon a decade of YES' experience installing gardens on building sites, piloting new locations and approaches at existing developments, while creating plans to expand production and scale the model. Planning will be supported by a strong network of experienced partners working in growing, food justice, climate justice, healthcare, and nutrition.	\$ 248,711
2022	NY: New York	Youth Ministries For Peace And Justice Inc	Through this program, Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, Inc (YMPJ) proposes a city-wide planning project for identifying underutilized public spaces and building a blueprint for how communities can activate those spaces for agricultural production.	\$ 300,000
2022	CA: California	Zero Foodprint	Accelerate the growth of local food system leader, Foodshed Inc (FSI). Conduct outreach to San Diego's 7,800 restaurants and over 7,000 other food business owners to mobilize financial support for local, urban regenerative agriculture initiatives.	\$ 299,427
2023	OK: Oklahoma	Osage Nation	Install supplemental lighting for their vegetable production facilities and systems, along with installing a solar field. This collaborative effort will benefit the Osage Nation and serve as a guide for other companies and Native nations looking to implement similar systems. In addition, the data received pre, and post-installment of the supplemental lighting and solar field will inform future decisions for the Osage Nation and other communities facing similar challenges.	\$ 300,000
2023	MO: Missouri	Urban Harvest STL	To improve food access in the City of St. Louis, we seek to establish the St. Louis Center for Urban Agriculture to provide a space for new and interested growers to learn about innovative and low-cost methods to grow organic produce. This multifaceted project is designed to empower people, specifically those living in low-income, low access areas, to participate in the local food system in urban areas using sustainable and carbon smart methods. The center will distribute the produce grown in the demonstration garden through a Community Supported Agriculture system to our partner's program participants.	\$ 349,984
2023	CA: California	Insight Garden Program	Insight Garden Program requests a grant to expand their current prison garden program to an additional 3 prisons. Goals are increased food production, education, conservation, and improving soil quality and access to healthy foods for the prison population as well as the local community.	\$ 100,000
2023	GA: Georgia	Athens Land Trust	The Athens Land Trust wishes to expand their program to provide fresh, locally grown food to the community, as well as continue to provide workshops for ag education, paid employment for youth, and business opportunities for beginning/historically underserved farmers.	\$ 399,451
2023	OR: Oregon	Growing Gardens	To expand agricultural skills for primarily low-income & minority farmers by offering CSA shares, gardening materials, agriculture and horticulture education. They would use the grant to install a network of 6 greenhouses around the Portland metro area and partner with other local farms/organizations.	\$ 349,124
2023	VT: Vermont	Association Of Africans Living In Vermont Inc	To implement a conservation plan to address several neglected issues at the farm, including, riverbank erosion, seasonal flooding, depressed riparian buffer and soil health depletion; Second: Increased Production Land: NFNA will increase farmland to include a reduced-till area for farmers to increase food production by growing overwintering crops, as well as perennial foods; Third: Improved understanding about the effects of climate change on agriculture. NFNA will implement a climate-smart educational curriculum and workshop series using a farmer-to-farmer methodology teaching best practices in climate resilient agricultural strategies.	\$350,000
2023	MN: Minnesota	Urban Roots Mn	To increase community engagement and improve program quality and sustainability by addressing community-identified needs through the following activities: 1) Establish new and growing current partnerships to create an accessible farmers market on the East Side; and 2) Decrease Market Garden programming's environmental impact through regenerative and climate-smart farming practices; and 3) Implement the use of innovative, efficient farming practices to improve the quality and quantity of produce grown and distributed by youth interns.	\$ 186,761

2023	CT: Connecticut	Fairgate Farm Inc	To improve access to local foods in areas where access to fresh, healthy food is limited through urban and innovative agricultural practices via an urban farm which will be expanded to include a new greenhouse and hydroponic farm facility. This project will expand the work of this thriving urban farm which began in 2011. It currently harvests over 8,000 pounds of produce, herbs, and flowers annually. That will greatly increase with the addition of a new greenhouse and hydroponic farm.	\$ 283,324
2023	WA: Washington	Living Well Kent Collaborative	To transform the food production system in South King County to improve food security and advance equity among historically marginalized BIPOC, immigrant and refugee producers and consumers.	\$ 250,000
2023	AR: Arkansas	Arkansas Interfaith Power And Light	Regenerative practices will feed low-wealth people with fresh food from small farms where they live. AIPL will provide skills training. Urban farms will add hydroponics, vertical gardening, orchards, waste reduction. New and existing small urban gardens in low-wealth communities will increase food production by adding vertical gardening, hydroponics, orchards, irrigation systems, greenhouses. A training and mentoring program will impact 240-360 growers on new conservation methods/technologies and lead to employment opportunities in urban agriculture. Food waste will be diverted from landfills to chicken coops, worm bins, compost systems. Farms with regenerative methods will reduce emissions.	\$ 347,490
2023	TX: Texas	Austin Youth And Community Farm Inc	To develop a multi-year, comprehensive, research-based plan that utilizes our two urban farms to increase food equity in Travis County by 1) using regenerative farming and natural resource conservation practices to grow food and by 2) developing a community-driven, sustainable distribution model to serve under-resourced neighborhoods that experience the greatest barriers to healthy food access. Develop Plan to service as a foundation for the expansion doubling our food production.	\$ 212,164
2023	CA: California	Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust	To build three new community gardens in zip code 95076. Will provide communal space for Watsonville residents who are at greatest risk of food insecurity to grow their own produce, thus increasing their access to fresh food. With funding from USDA, CHT will more than double the number of sites in its community gardens program, which will relieve food insecurity for 78 households and 273 individuals. Watsonville residents who are combating food insecurity will have increased access to fresh produce and learn about nutrition and gardening.	\$ 341,627
2023	NM: New Mexico	La Semilla Food Center	To accelerating existing and innovative community-based UA food production efforts through youth training and mentoring in desert-adapted agroecological farming, enhancing or expanding operations of community urban farms, and advancement of ancestral and emerging technologies germane to desert agroecology. It will increase access to fresh and locally grown produce and sustainable UA training opportunities, and inspire a new generation of UA practitioners, farmers, local food advocates, and engaged community members in the region.	\$ 349,058
2023	PR: Puerto Rico/Caribbean	Mercy Corps	To address food insecurity in marginalized urban communities by providing technical knowledge, infrastructure support, digital technologies, and increased social cohesion through the adoption of climate-smart urban agriculture best practices. AGRUPAR II will provide a space where beneficiaries of the program such as youth, children, people with disabilities, elderly and low-income families can learn the fundamentals of climate-smart urban agriculture and how to develop their own urban farms with limited resources. Improve the access and affordability of high nutritional value, fresh food within low-income urban communities across Puerto Rico, including Luquillo (00773) and Ponce (00730) including community gardens and agroforestry projects that will be located in urban areas of Puerto Rico, specifically, in the Fortuna community in Luquillo and downtown Ponce.	\$ 300,000
2023	NY: New York	Harlem Grown Inc	To address underserved low-income youth ages 5-14 that attend a New York City public school in Central Harlem and will build upon our successful existing in-school programs, deepen our relationships with our school partners, allow us to launch our inaugural afterschool program in response to community needs, and let us develop and deploy new methodologies, metrics, and tools to demonstrate our impact. to increase student knowledge of and access to locally grown foods that emphasizes the importance of consuming nutrition of locally grown foods. Furthermore, our hands-on training within our urban farms provides our youth with the opportunity to explore career pathways in urban agriculture and innovative production.	\$ 350,000
2023	IL: Illinois	Gardeneers	Gardeneers cultivates customized school garden programs to ensure that each space, the students, and communities who care for it connect with healthy food and grow to their full potential. Every program features social-emotional and community learning experiences that embrace inclusivity, honor cultural traditions, and emphasize the development of confidence, self-esteem, identity empowerment, and awareness of food injustice and inequity. While our school garden and farm programs provide nutrition education to students through weekly programming, our gardens offer opportunities for families and community members to benefit from fresh produce grown in the gardens through weekly farm stands, garden work days, and resource events.	\$ 149,975
2023	CO: Colorado	Growing Gardens Of Boulder County	To increase the growing space and productivity on existing land at two urban farms in Boulder, CO and Longmont CO. In addition, new programs will increase inclusion and access for working families, and Indigenous and Latino community members to deeply engage in farm-based food access and education programming. The project also includes improvements that will increase ADA accessibility on our Boulder Farm site.	\$ 350,000
2023	NM: New Mexico	NACA-INSPIRED SCHOOLS NETWORK	As the first public demonstration and training site for hydroponics in Greater Albuquerque, this project will increase equitable access to and training with innovative technologies for Indigenous peoples, who have been empirically marginalized in the field of agriculture.	\$ 350,000
2023	IL: Illinois	Good Samaritan Inn	To expand its Mercy Gardens program to develop 5.5-9.5 acres into an agricultural zone in order to provide fresh produce, employment opportunities, and agricultural education to historically underserved communities in Macon County, Illinois.	\$ 350,000
2023	CA: California	Deep Medicine Circle	The Deep Medicine Circle seeks to accelerate agricultural production and workforce development at their Rooftop Medicine Farm in Oakland, California. Project objectives are (1) to increase food production, reduce food insecurity and improve access to locally grown organic fresh, culturally-relevant, and diverse foods in historically and currently marginalized communities of color throughout East Oakland, West Oakland, Temescal districts; (2) to provide job training and mentorship in the principles of agroecology, traditional ecological knowledge, and land stewardship to community members including students from historically marginalized communities, urban Indigenous youth, and health care workers; and (3) to educate impacted communities about the benefits of urban farming on food systems, nutrition, agricultural production and climate resilience.	\$ 348,795
2023	IN: Indiana	Soul Food Project Inc	This proposal will build on two existing programs by establishing a pipeline. and will specifically evaluate their previous programs and build upon them. Their objective is to prepare participants to work on diversified farms by providing skills, experience, and knowledge needed to advance to leadership positions within the food systems.	\$ 340,745
2023	WA: Washington	Omnigro	Enhance the capacity of individuals, farmers, and organizations to generate healthy food for food insecure communities. Urban farming solutions like OmniGro, can help fight climate change by reducing food transportation emissions, increasing carbon sequestration, and promoting sustainable land use practices. We also provide access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown food, which can reduce the carbon footprint of the food industry and promote healthier diet choices. Overall, our urban farming solution can be a key strategy for creating more sustainable and resilient cities in the face of climate change.	\$ 250,000
2023	IL: Illinois	Plant Chicago	To remove barriers and give city residents and farmers the opportunity to experiment and learn how to grow food like plants and mushrooms indoors, year-round. The IVG benefits low-income households, urban farming entrepreneurs, and youth on the southwest side of Chicago.	\$ 150,619
2023	CO: Colorado	Mountain Roots Food Project	Mountain Roots "Infinity Greens" Hydroponic Shipping Container Farm Project is an implementation project designed to support the development of innovative agricultural production and farmer training for underrepresented audiences in a cold-climate mountain region, where access to farmland and food is often limited or unavailable. Over two years, the project will produce 10,400-20,800 pounds of food in four hydroponic shipping container farms, launch careers in CEA by training four beginning farmers in this technology, provide two high school internships, and educate the community through tours and conference presentations.	\$ 317,739

2023	NY: New York	Capital Roots, Inc.	Capital Roots Community Greenhouse will provide underserved low-income residents in the city of Troy increase food access, production and security; horticultural , financial and job readiness education and community connection.	\$ 347,787
2023	TN: Tennessee	Crabtree Farms of Chattanooga, Inc.	The Crabtree Community Food Access program expansion will build upon these efforts by expanding the scope of engagement through increasing the amount of available land and farm support available to the Crabtree Community Garden program. The implementation of the Emerging Farmer Mentorship Initiative will serve to meet the needs of historically under-supported communities by providing free land access,vocational training and network support to new farmers. This project will also address equity and environmental justice by building community resilience through improving food, land, and resource access.	\$ 349,796
2023	CO: Colorado	International Rescue Committee, Inc.	This project will build on the experience and success of IRC Denver's nascent New Roots program and serve eligible populations in the City and County of Denver, as well as the City of Aurora and Arapahoe County, specifically where IRC's refugee clients live. Since 2008, IRC's national New Roots program has worked with refugee communities as a trusted partner and developed a deep understanding of the challenges they face in participating fully in local food systems. IRC Denver will leverage existing New Roots resources that use a participatory approach in developing, implementing, and evaluating its programs, centering participant voices and experience.	\$ 350,000
2023	MA: Massachusetts	Eastie Farm, Inc.	This project will enable Eastie Farm (EF) to increase food productivity, food literacy, and agricultural workforce development in East Boston, MA. This project enables them to respond to community needs by increasing food production (by 8-10 tons annually), expanding food literacy (with 10 local schools), and building on their urban agricultural workforce development program for youth and young adults (through 50 paid apprenticeships).	\$ 350,000
2023	OK: Oklahoma	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	This project will create an aquaponics system that will provide vegetables and healthy food for 920 children in Early Childhood and Head Start Centers , over 1100 senior Tribal Members throughout the Choctaw Nation Reservation and grow more vegetables and serve tribal families as well as educate and demonstrate to Tribal Members the importance of agriculture.	\$ 200,084
2023	NH: New Hampshire	The Regenerative Roots Association	This project will expand existing school gardens to other high schools and continue to educate students on agriculture careers, convert an abandoned park to gardens and continue to support refugee and beginning farmers with education and resources.	\$ 187,554
2023	OH: Ohio	Teen Start Program	This project will expand its traditional agricultural practices and production of fresh produce year-round and improve the farms financial sustainability by developing a self-contained, hydroponic growing system at Village Family Farm located in a designated food desert. The target audiences and main beneficiaries of the project will be disadvantaged and food insecure families and youth in the Hough neighborhood as well as urban gardeners and farmers throughout the city of Cleveland.	\$ 300,000
2024	ME: Maine	THE ECOLOGY SCHOOL	The ARC Project will support innovative food production, related food systems education, agricultural workforce training, and fresh food distribution. A holistic and innovative approach to improving critical elements of the local food system to improve long-term resilience while meeting immediate fresh food needs in Saco, ME.	\$ 343,405
2024	CA: California	CITY OF OXNARD	Oxnard Camino del Sol Community Garden Activation Project will support the urban disadvantaged community in increasing food production and soil health, constructing critical infrastructure needs, and provide education for community gardeners, residents, and youth. with support of the community gardeners' learning and practicing of innovation in new and emerging, as well as indigenous and non-traditional agricultural practices and educate and provide necessary infrastructure for the gardening community, in order to reduce food insecurity in Oxnard, CA.	\$ 349,920
2024	FL: Florida	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FORT PIERCE, INC	Seeding Solutions & Harvesting Hope will expand community garden which is currently managed by this church, to accommodate a more substantial amount of homeless and poverty-level individuals and families who currently already utilize resources offered by established community action programs in Fort Pierce, FL.	\$ 248,269
2024	NC: North Carolina	INTER-FAITH FOOD SHUTTLE	Community Gardens & Agriculture Education will provide community garden planning, development, and support including innovative agricultural education in the largely urban and suburban counties of Wake, Durham and Raleigh, NC.	\$ 347,886
2024	WA: Washington	LOWER COLUMBIA SCHOOL GARDENS	"Share The Harvest" free produce distribution program for food insecure community members and career education for K-8 students on agricultural and culinary career education programs creating meaningful experiences for students in various aspects of food production and career opportunities, equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge, and empowering them to make informed choices about their food and potentially pursue careers in agriculture or culinary arts in Longview/Kelso, Washington.	\$ 346,821
2024	FL: Florida	THE EDUCATION FUND, INC.	Improving Equity, Climate Impacts, and Urban Agriculture via Food Forests for Schools in Miami-Dade County that will expand the footprint of its Food Forests for Schools (FFS) initiative to ensure greater access to fresh produce for children and families otherwise left behind in Miami Lakes, FL.	\$ 349,958
2024	IN: Indiana	LAKE COUNTY	Expanding the Good for Youth Urban Farm in Lake County, Indiana Project aims to create an innovative controlled space to foster collaboration between public- and private-sector organizations to improve the health, wellness, and quality of life for all citizens in Lake County, Indiana. The project will expand the Good for Youth Farm that is located at the Lake County Juvenile Justice Complex increasing farm production capacity, increasing program capacity, and building more community partnerships in Crown Point, IN.	\$ 322,423
2024	WV: West Virginia	WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION, INC	Urban Agriculture for Veteran's and Youth will provide urban agriculture and entrepreneurship education to youth and adults provide on-site technical assistance for all participants in implementation of learned skills throughout the Kanawha Valley, WV.	\$ 346,723
2024	CO: Colorado	LONGMONT COMMUNITY GARDENS	Longmont Community Gardens Urban Gardening Expansion Project will allow Longmont Community Gardens (LCG) to expand its existing community garden in Longmont in two locations. The primary focus of this project will be on beneficiaries in underserved groups, including low-income, minorities, and urban dwellers without physical access to gardening opportunities. Will also increase LCG's ability to donate more locally grown produce to the local community including the homeless, at-risk youth, the elderly and the needy in Longmont, CO.	\$ 86,064
2024	FL: Florida	NORTH SOUTH INSTITUTE, INC.	High School and Veteran Farming Clusters to Plan & Establish Model Urban and Peri-Urban Community Food Systems will provide training, technical assistance and resource mobilization resulting in sustainable sites producing fruits and vegetables for low-income communities in urban food deserts in Broward, Palm Beach, Indian River Counties and Sunrise, FL.	\$ 347,639
2024	PA: Pennsylvania	FRIENDS OF THE PITTSBURGH URBAN FOREST	Tree Pittsburgh Nursery plans to establish new orchards in communities struggling with urban blight and poor soil quality in vacant lots designated for gardens, aiming to alleviate food deserts. The objective of this specific project is to make disease-resistant hardy fruit and nut nursery stock affordable and available to the local orchards, community garden and disadvantaged residents in Pittsburgh, PA.	\$ 268,297
2024	CA: California	BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA	The Blue Lake Rancheria's Sowing Seeds of Solidarity: Production, Preservation, and Education at Daluwiw' Community Garden will bring together key stakeholders and partners to design, develop, and implement a local and regional Food Sovereignty program for community members on Blue Lake Rancheria (BLR) tribal lands in Blue Lake, CA.	\$ 349,977
2024	MS: Mississippi	MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION	The Magnolia Community Garden project aims to address the pressing issue of food deserts in the MS delta by establishing a sustainable agricultural hub that provides access to fresh, nutritious food, educational opportunities, and community engagement activities. Located within the town of Anguilla, this initiative seeks to combat the lack of access to affordable and healthy food options in Vicksburg, MS.	\$ 320,006
2024	CO: Colorado	DENVER URBAN GARDENS	Denver Urban Gardens - Dig Deeper Initiative will improve and expand current gardens, add new garden sites, add food forests to existing gardens, and provide residents with programming and supports that increase their ability to grow their own food and decrease barriers to gardening at home and in community gardens in Denver, CO.	\$ 350,000

2024	MO: Missouri	AFRICAN PEOPLE'S EDUCATION & DEFENSE FUND INC	Black Power Blueprint Community Gardens: Creating Food Security in North St. Louis develop a blueprint for a community garden that will expand Gary Brooks Community Garden, and will be home to the African Independence Workforce Program that will train previously incarcerated individuals in culinary arts and business skills n St. Louis, MO.	\$ 339,157
2024	NV: Nevada	POLYGRARIAN INSTITUTE	Reno Food System's - Food Justice and Regenerative Agriculture Program will increase access to fresh, healthy food, promote environmental sustainability, empower communities, provide job training and educational resources and advocate for policy change in Reno, NV.	\$ 350,000
2024	LA: Louisiana	SPROUT NOLA FARM	Getting Frontline Farmers the Tools They Need: Building Out the Southeast Louisiana Tool Lending Library will increase equity in our community food system by allowing all farmers access to the same innovative and efficiency-increasing tools--regardless of their access to capital in New Orleans, LA.	\$ 187,550



USDA Invests \$7.4 Million in 25 Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Efforts

WASHINGTON, July 18, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$7.4 million in 25 selected grants that support urban agriculture and innovative production. Selected grant recipients, including community gardens and nonprofit farms, will increase food production and access in economically distressed communities, provide job training and education, and allow partners to develop business plans and zoning proposals. These grants build on \$40 million in projects funded since 2020 and are part of USDA's broad support for urban agriculture through its Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP). Funding limits only allowed USDA to select the top scoring 10% of the applications reviewed. This year, USDA received more than 300 applications, which is twice last year's applications.

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Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants

The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) competitive grants program supports a wide range of activities through two types of grants, planning projects and implementation projects. Today's announcement include 25 selected planning and implementation projects.

Planning projects initiate or expand efforts of urban and suburban farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools and other stakeholders to target areas of food access, education, business and start-up costs for new farmers, urban forestry, and policies related to zoning and other urban production needs. Planning projects are expected to provide an early-stage investment in new and start up projects with surveys, assessments, design and planning, business plan creation, feasibility studies, municipal policy and zoning best practices.

Examples of planning projects include:

- Austin Youth and Community Farm Inc. in Texas, which will increase food equity in Travis County by using regenerative farming and natural resource conservation practices to double food production on two urban farms.
- Living Well Kent in Washington, which will transform the food production system to improve food security and advance equity among historically marginalized BIPOC, immigrant and refugee producers and consumers.

Implementation projects accelerate urban, indoor and other agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers and improve local food access. They may support infrastructure needs, emerging technologies, education and urban farming policy implementation. Implementation

projects are expected to expand the work on existing urban agriculture projects with on-the-job training, mentoring, business development assistance, school training in agricultural careers, and by expanding current operations of community gardens and nonprofit farms.

Examples of implementation projects include:

- Athens Land Trust of Georgia, which will provide locally grown food to the Athens community and offer workshops, paid employment for youth, and business opportunities for beginning and historically underserved farmers.
- Osage Nation in Oklahoma, which will install supplemental lighting for vegetable production facilities and systems along with installing a solar field and serve as a guide for Native nations looking to implement similar systems.

In total, 25 projects were selected in 16 states and territories. For a complete list of selected grant recipients and project summaries, visit [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants](#).

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Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants

2023 Projects

Organization Name	Project Title	State/Territory	Project Summary
OSAGE NATION	Osage Nations Urban Agriculture Innovative Production Grant	OK: Oklahoma	This project will install supplemental lighting for vegetable production facilities and systems, along with installing a solar field. This collaborative effort will benefit the Osage Nation and serve as a guide for other companies and Native nations looking to implement similar systems. In addition, the data received pre, and post-installment of the supplemental lighting and solar field will inform future decisions for the Osage Nation and other communities facing similar challenges.
Urban Harvest STL	St. Louis Center for Urban Agriculture	MO: Missouri	This project will expand food access in the City of St. Louis and seek to establish the St. Louis Center for Urban Agriculture to provide a space for new and interested growers to learn about innovative and low-cost methods to grow organic produce. This multifaceted project is designed to empower people, specifically those living in low-income, low access areas, to participate in the local food system in urban areas using sustainable and carbon smart methods. The center will distribute the produce grown in the demonstration garden through a Community Supported Agriculture system to our partner's program participants.
Insight Garden Program	Prison Gardens as Hubs for Mentorship, Food	CA: California	Insight Garden Program will expand their current prison garden program to an additional 3 prisons.

	Production, and Agricultural Best Practices		The goals of the project are increased food production, education, conservation, and improving soil quality and access to healthy foods for the prison population as well as the local community.
ATHENS LAND TRUST	Expanding Innovative Urban Agriculture Resources and Fresh Food Access In Athens GA	GA: Georgia	The Athens Land Trust will expand their program to provide fresh, locally grown food to the community, as well as continue to provide workshops for ag education, paid employment for youth, and business opportunities for beginning/historically underserved farmers.
GROWING GARDENS	Community Empowerment Through Urban Food System Reliance	OR: Oregon	This project will expand agricultural skills for primarily low-income and minority farmers by offering CSA shares, gardening materials, agriculture and horticulture education. The grant will be used to install a network of 6 greenhouses around the Portland metro area and partner with other local farms and organizations.
ASSOCIATION OF AFRICANS LIVING IN VERMONT INC	Climate Resilient Strategies for New American Farmers in Urban Areas	VT: Vermont	This project will implement a conservation plan to address several neglected issues at the farm, including riverbank erosion, seasonal flooding, depressed riparian buffer and soil health depletion. The project will also increase farmland to include a reduced-till area for farmers to increase food production by growing overwintering crops, as well as perennial foods. The project will create improved understanding about the effects of climate change on agriculture by implementing a climate-smart educational curriculum and workshop series using a farmer-to-farmer

			methodology teaching best practices in climate resilient agricultural strategies.
URBAN ROOTS MN	Urban Roots' Market Garden Urban Agriculture Youth Internship and Community Education and Engagement Programming	MN: Minnesota	This project will increase community engagement and improve program quality and sustainability by addressing community-identified needs through the following activities by establishing new and growing current partnerships to create an accessible farmers market on the East Side. The project will also decrease Market Garden programming's environmental impact through regenerative and climate-smart farming practices and implement the use of innovative, efficient farming practices to improve the quality and quantity of produce grown and distributed by youth interns.
FAIRGATE FARM INC	Expand Stamford Urban Farming Impact	CT: Connecticut	This project will improve access to local foods in areas where access to fresh, healthy food is limited through urban and innovative agricultural practices via an urban farm which will be expanded to include a new greenhouse and hydroponic farm facility. This project will expand the work of this thriving urban farm which began in 2011. It currently harvests over 8,000 pounds of produce, herbs, and flowers annually. That will greatly increase with the addition of a new greenhouse and hydroponic farm.
LIVING WELL KENT COLLABOR	Food System Transformation in Kent	WA: Washington	This project will transform the food production system in South King County to improve food security and advance equity among historically marginalized BIPOC,

			immigrant and refugee producers and consumers.
ARKANSAS INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT	Grow More Food Where People Live; Reduce Waste and Emissions	AR: Arkansas	Regenerative practices will feed low-wealth people with fresh food from small farms where they live. AIPL will provide skills training. Urban farms will add hydroponics, vertical gardening, orchards, waste reduction. New and existing small urban gardens in low-wealth communities will increase food production by adding vertical gardening, hydroponics, orchards, irrigation systems, greenhouses. A training and mentoring program will impact 240-360 growers on new conservation methods and technologies and lead to employment opportunities in urban agriculture. Food waste will be diverted from landfills to chicken coops, worm bins, compost systems. Farms with regenerative methods will reduce emissions.
AUSTIN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FARM INC	Urban Roots: Restoring Land, Expanding Food Access	TX: Texas	This project will develop a multi-year, comprehensive, research-based plan that utilizes our two urban farms to increase food equity in Travis County by using regenerative farming and natural resource conservation practices to grow food and by developing a community-driven, sustainable distribution model to serve under-resourced neighborhoods that experience the greatest barriers to healthy food access. This project will also develop a plan to serve as a foundation for the expansion and doubling of food production.
Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust	Watsonville Community Gardens	CA: California	This project will build three new community gardens in zip code 95076 and provide communal space for Watsonville residents

			<p>who are at greatest risk of food insecurity to grow their own produce, thus increasing their access to fresh food. With funding from USDA, CHT will more than double the number of sites in its community gardens program, which will relieve food insecurity for 78 households and 273 individuals. Watsonville residents who are combating food insecurity will have increased access to fresh produce and learn about nutrition and gardening.</p>
LA SEMILLA FOOD CENTER	Youth Urban Advocates in the Chihuahuan Desert	NM: New Mexico	<p>This project will accelerate existing and innovative community-based urban agriculture food production efforts through youth training and mentoring in desert-adapted agroecological farming, enhancing or expanding operations of community urban farms, and advancement of ancestral and emerging technologies germane to desert agroecology. It will increase access to fresh and locally grown produce and sustainable urban agriculture training opportunities, and inspire a new generation of urban agriculture practitioners, farmers, local food advocates, and engaged community members in the region.</p>
MERCY CORPS	Proyecto de Agricultura Urbana Participativa II (AGRUPAR II)	PR: Puerto Rico/Caribbean	<p>This project will address food insecurity in marginalized urban communities by providing technical knowledge, infrastructure support, digital technologies, and increased social cohesion through the adoption of climate-smart urban agriculture best practices. AGRUPAR II will provide a space where beneficiaries of the program such as youth, children, people</p>

			<p>with disabilities, elderly and low-income families can learn the fundamentals of climate-smart urban agriculture and how to develop their own urban farms with limited resources. The project will improve the access and affordability of high nutritional value, fresh food within low-income urban communities across Puerto Rico including Luquillo and Ponce and including community gardens and agroforestry projects that will be located in urban areas of Puerto Rico, specifically, in the Fortuna community in Luquillo and downtown Ponce.</p>
HARLEM GROWN INC	Harlem Grown Youth Education Project	NY: New York	<p>This project will address underserved low-income youth ages 5-14 that attend a New York City public school in Central Harlem and will build upon successful existing in-school programs, deepen our relationships with school partners, launch our inaugural afterschool program in response to community needs, and develop and deploy new methodologies, metrics, and tools to demonstrate impact. The project will also increase student knowledge of and access to locally grown foods that emphasizes the importance of consuming nutrition of locally grown foods. Furthermore, hands-on training within our urban farms provides youth with the opportunity to explore career pathways in urban agriculture and innovative production.</p>
GARDENEERS	Growing Food + Equitable Justice	IL: Illinois	<p>Gardeneers cultivates customized school garden programs to ensure that each space, the students, and</p>

			<p>communities who care for it connect with healthy food and grow to their full potential. Every program features social-emotional and community learning experiences that embrace inclusivity, honor cultural traditions, and emphasize the development of confidence, self-esteem, identity empowerment, and awareness of food injustice and inequity. While school garden and farm programs provide nutrition education to students through weekly programming, gardens offer opportunities for families and community members to benefit from fresh produce grown in the gardens through weekly farm stands, garden work days, and resource events.</p>
GROWING GARDENS OF BOULDER COUNTY	Increasing Local Food Access	CO: Colorado	<p>This project will increase the growing space and productivity on existing land at two urban farms in Boulder, CO and Longmont CO. In addition, new programs will increase inclusion and access for working families, and Indigenous and Latino community members to deeply engage in farm-based food access and education programming. The project also includes improvements that will increase ADA accessibility on the Boulder Farm site.</p>
The Tides Center	Indigenous Farm Hub - Greenhouse and Hydroponic Urban Farming and Gardening	NM: New Mexico	<p>As the first public demonstration and training site for hydroponics in Greater Albuquerque, this project will increase equitable access to and training with innovative technologies for Indigenous peoples, who have been</p>

			empirically marginalized in the field of agriculture.
GOOD SAMARITAN INN	Mecy Gardens Urban Agriculture and Workforce	IL: Illinois	This project will expand the Mercy Gardens program to develop 5.5-9.5 acres into an agricultural zone in order to provide fresh produce, employment opportunities, and agricultural education to historically underserved communities in Macon County, Illinois.
DEEP MEDICINE CIRCLE	Farming is Medicine - Rooftop Medicine Farm	CA: California	The Deep Medicine Circle seeks to accelerate agricultural production and workforce development at their Rooftop Medicine Farm in Oakland, California. Project objectives are to increase food production, reduce food insecurity and improve access to locally grown, organic fresh, culturally-relevant, and diverse foods in historically and currently marginalized communities of color throughout East Oakland, West Oakland, and Temescal districts. The project will provide job training and mentorship in the principles of agroecology, traditional ecological knowledge, and land stewardship to community members including students from historically marginalized communities, urban Indigenous youth, and health care worker. The project will also to educate impacted communities about the benefits of urban farming on food systems, nutrition, agricultural production and climate resilience.
SOUL FOOD PROJECT INC	Growing Leaders for a More Equitable Food System	IN: Indiana	This project will build on two existing programs by establishing a pipeline. and will specifically evaluate their previous programs and build upon them. The objective

			is to prepare participants to work on diversified farms by providing skills, experience, and knowledge needed to advance to leadership positions within the food systems.
OMNIGRO	OmniGro introduces a novel approach to urban farming and agriscience	WA: Washington	This project will enhance the capacity of individuals, farmers, and organizations to generate healthy food for food insecure communities. Urban farming solutions like OmniGro can help fight climate change by reducing food transportation emissions, increasing carbon sequestration, and promoting sustainable land use practices. OmniGro also provides access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown food, which can reduce the carbon footprint of the food industry and promote healthier diet choices. Overall, OmniGro's urban farming solution can be a key strategy for creating more sustainable and resilient cities in the face of climate change.
PLANT CHICAGO NFP	The Indoor Victory Garden: increasing food sovereignty with a shared use indoor farm	IL: Illinois	This project will remove barriers and give city residents and farmers the opportunity to experiment and learn how to grow food like plants and mushrooms indoors, year-round. The IVG benefits low-income households, urban farming entrepreneurs, and youth on the southwest side of Chicago.
MOUNTAIN ROOTS FOOD PROJECT	Mountain Roots "Infinity Greens" Hydroponic Shipping Container Farm Project	CO: Colorado	Mountain Roots "Infinity Greens" Hydroponic Shipping Container Farm Project is an implementation project designed to support the development of innovative agricultural production and farmer training for underrepresented audiences in a cold-climate mountain region, where access to farmland and food is often limited

			or unavailable. Over two years, the project will produce 10,400-20,800 pounds of food in four hydroponic shipping container farms, launch careers in CEA by training four beginning farmers in this technology, provide two high school internships, and educate the community through tours and conference presentations.
Capital Roots, Inc.	Enhancing Food Access & Education through Capital Roots' Community Greenhouse	NY: New York	Capital Roots Community Greenhouse will provide underserved low-income residents in the city of Troy increased food access, production and security; horticultural, financial and job readiness education and community connection.



USDA Invests \$14.2 Million in 52 Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Efforts

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 26, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$14.2 million in 52 grants that support urban agriculture and innovative production. This investment, which includes American Rescue Plan Act funds, will allow grant recipients to expand access to nutritious foods, foster community engagement, increase awareness of climate change and mitigate the effects within urban areas, provide jobs, educate communities about farming, and expand green spaces.

These grants build on \$26.3 million in projects funded since 2020 and are part of USDA's broad support for urban agriculture through its Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP).

"This competitive grant program has already had tremendous impacts for communities across the country, and we look forward to partnering with local organizations to support agriculture in the urban landscape while also empowering local communities to provide fresh, healthful foods," said Robert Bonnie, USDA's Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation.

"This grant program is part of our broad support for urban agriculture, local and regional food systems and underserved communities."

Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants

The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) competitive grants program supports a wide range of activities through two types of grants: planning projects and implementation projects. Today's announced recipients include 18 planning projects and 34 implementation projects.

The planning projects will initiate or expand efforts of urban and suburban farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools and other stakeholders. These grantees will target areas of food access, education, business and start-up costs for new farmers, urban forestry, and policies related to zoning and other needs of urban production. Having more capacity to gather, process, move and store food in different geographic areas of the country will provide more options for producers to create value-added products and sell locally, which will support new economic opportunities and job creation in underserved communities. Additional regional

capacity also will give consumers more options to buy locally produced products helping ensure food is available to consumers and reduce the climate impact of our food supply chain.

Examples of planning projects include the City of Lorain's Food Forward Lorain Initiative in Ohio, which seeks to create, improve, and expand access to healthy food for economically distressed neighborhoods and families by improving the urban agriculture landscape to support additional urban farming operations. Another planning project, implemented by Tampa Family Health Centers in Florida, will inform and educate residents by offering nutrition education, food preparation classes, and gardening lessons.

The implementation projects will accelerate urban, indoor and other agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers and improve local food access. Some projects support infrastructure needs, emerging technologies, education and urban farming policy implementation.

Examples of implementation projects include Strengthening Trenton's Agricultural Network and Climate Resilience in New Jersey, which will strengthen the capacity for urban agriculture in the region, while providing residents with essential marketable skills and opportunities for careers and supplemental income through farming. Another implementation project in Anadarko, Okla., the Delaware Nation Lenape Gardens Expansion, will install and utilize an integrated greenhouse, garden, orchard, and apiary facility to produce fresh fruits, vegetables and honey for tribal members.

In total, the 52 projects were funded in 27 states. For a complete list of grant recipients and project summaries, visit [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants](#).

More Information

OUIAP was established through the 2018 Farm Bill. It is led by NRCS and works in partnership with numerous USDA agencies that support urban agriculture and innovative production. These grants are part of a broader USDA investment in urban agriculture. Other efforts include:

- Creating and managing a Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production to advise the Secretary on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban agriculture.
- Renewing the [People's Garden Initiative](#), which celebrates collaborative gardens across the country and worldwide that benefit their communities by growing fresh, healthy food and supporting resilient, local food systems using sustainable practices, and providing greenspace.
- Providing cooperative agreements that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans.
- Investing in risk management education to broaden reach of crop insurance among urban producers.

- Organizing 17 FSA urban county committees to make important decisions about how FSA farm programs are administered locally. Urban farmers who participate in USDA programs in the areas selected are encouraged to participate by nominating and voting.

Today's announcement supports the Biden-Harris Administration's broader work to strengthen critical supply chains as directed by [Executive Order 14017 America's Supply Chains](#).

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ISLES INC	Strengthening Trenton's Agricultural Network and Climate Resilience	NJ: New Jersey	This project will strengthen the capacity for urban agriculture in the Trenton, NJ region, while providing residents with essential marketable skills and opportunities for careers and/or supplemental income through farming.
CULTIVATE CHARLOTTESVILLE	The Power to Grow: Cultivating New Opportunities in Urban Agriculture and Food Equity in Charlottesville	VA: Virginia	Power to Grow, through Cultivate Charlottesville, will bring community together to plan for the next steps in replacing, restoring, and protecting community urban agricultural land and infrastructure while also expanding development of supportive programming and systems.
IDEAS FOR US INC	Fleet Farming Expansion of Senior-focused Agriculture Education	FL: Florida	Fleet Farming, an urban agricultural program under IDEAS For Us Inc., will partner with Sacred Kashi and the Florida Food Policy Council to offer senior citizens from Indian River County, FL, an accessible urban agriculture education program, hands-on educational experiences, digital training, and a new community farmer's market.
HOWARD-SUAMICO SCHOOL DISTRICT	Howard-Suamico Goes Hydroponic	WI: Wisconsin	The Howard-Suamico School District (HSSD) will improve the school's access to local, fresh, and nutritious food, while also teaching students about innovative agriculture production, using hydroponic technology.
STAR OF THE SEA FOUNDATION, INC.	Florida Keys Aeroponic Farm: A Community-Focused Approach to Food Access and Agricultural Education	FL: Florida	The Florida Keys Aeroponic Farm: A Community-Focused Approach to Food Access and Agricultural Education project supports two primary goals: 1) Establish an urban aeroponic farm in Key West, Florida to increase local food production and improve food security, while making local food-relief programs more economically and environmentally sustainable, and 2) Expand community agriculture education programs to promote knowledge on food

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			systems, food equity, nutrition and climate-conscious behavior.
ARCADIA FOOD	Route 1 Community Farm: Making Farmland Accessible to a Food-Insecure Population	VA: Virginia	The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture will establish the Route 1 Community Farm, a 2-acre growing space nestled within Arcadia's working farm, providing resources for residents to cultivate their own, culturally appropriate foods; additionally, educational resources and marketing opportunities will be provided to community farmers.
SMALL PLACES	Project CAPTAN (Community Agricultural Production and Training for Aspiring New-farmers): Increasing food access, community based production and farmer training in Houston's East End community	TX: Texas	This project will build upon and expand on programs already provided by the farm at their original 1.25 acre farm location. The new 1.5 acre site will construct upgraded mission critical infrastructure and have an even larger production area that will allow our farm to provide expanded programming to better serve a larger portion of our community through food access and farmer training.
HISPANIC-AMERICAN INSTITUTE, INC.	Northwest Puerto Rico Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Project	PR: Puerto Rico	The Northwest Puerto Rico Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Project (NWPRUAIP) will improve access to locally grown and produced foods in seven northwest Puerto Rico Municipalities through urban and innovative agricultural practices, including community gardens, urban farms, and innovative technologies.
YES HOUSING, INC.	Feeding the Community: Planning Funds to Explore Leveraging Multifamily and	NM: New Mexico	The planning project in the Albuquerque, NM region, will build upon a decade of YES' experience installing gardens on building sites, piloting new locations and approaches at existing developments, while creating plans to expand production and scale the model.

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	Mixed-Used Developments to Grow Food, Build Community, and Create Green Spaces in Albuquerque New Mexico.		Planning will be supported by a strong network of experienced partners working in growing, food justice, climate justice, healthcare, and nutrition.
KNOX PARKS FOUNDATION INC	Expanding Access to Urban Growing Space and Agricultural Trainings	CT: Connecticut	KNOX manages and maintains 21 community gardens throughout Hartford. Many gardens have unmet infrastructure needs, which limits their use. KNOX will expand access to growing space through infrastructure improvements. These enhancements will also open up growing space for KNOX farming participants. Workshops and educational opportunities will be made available for both adults and students.
RECIPE FOR SUCCESS FOUNDATION	Hope Farms - Growing a New Tradition of Urban Farmers ("New Traditions")	TX: Texas	This project will expand the New Traditions program by increasing access for historically underserved participants in the Growing Urban Farmers Intensive Course and Master Classes. It will also provide additional professional learning opportunities and peer networking opportunities at the Hope Farms Training Center.
NET POSITIVE, INC.	Net Positive Inc Youth Training Program	NY: New York	Net Positive Inc will partner with Gro-operative, Inc (Gro-op) aquaponics company and Riverside High School to address wealth and health disparities by providing in-school and after school opportunities for low-income students of color in Buffalo, NY.
4R FOUNDATION, INC., THE	EDUCATION FOOD FOREST AT INNOVATIVE URBAN FARM CAMPUS TO BENEFIT CENTRAL FLORIDA	FL: Florida	This project will build an educational food forest exhibit on the 4Roots Farm Campus. The exhibit will contain dozens of species of trees and plants, including edibles, pollinator attractors, fertilizers, weed suppressors, and pest repellents, providing many environmental benefits. The exhibit will include pathways and

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			educational signage with curricula to support outdoor lessons.
INMED PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN, INC	INMED Aquaponics	VA: Virginia	INMED aims to expand programming for the Leesburg Mobile Home Park (LMHP) in Leesburg by establishing the Esperanza (Hope) Center and community aquaponics garden. This project leverages INMED's existing partnerships, community networks and long history of successful education programs to address food insecurity, health inequities and lack of sustainable incomes.
JUSTICE INNOVATION INC.	Queens Community Justice Center: Gardening Raises Opportunities and Wealth in Neighborhoods (Grow'n)	NY: New York	The Queens Community Justice Center will build on its Grow'n program, which currently provides food production and gardening training through its workforce development department, as well as, community gardening-based programming the Justice Center has run for a decade.
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES INC	FIG Expansion and Adaptation	AK: Alaska	This project will support the expansion of an existing urban garden in Mountain View, a highly diverse, low-income, low-access community in northeast Anchorage, Alaska. The goal of the Implementation Project is to expand urban agriculture practices to meet the needs of a diverse, low-income, low-access urban community located in a food insecure state.
JANNUS, INC.	Pleasant Valley Farm - Expanding the work of Global Gardens in Southwest Idaho	ID: Idaho	Global Gardens, a program of the Idaho Office for Refugees at Jannus, is a land-based urban agriculture training program that has been operating in Boise, Idaho for over 18 years. The project provides land, water, and infrastructure and outstanding farming expertise and training at five farm sites. The 3-year implementation project will provide land access and improvement to refugee farmers, and expand food access in the local community.

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INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE INC	Cultivating Resilient Food Futures in a Changing Climate	NY: New York	The project “New Roots: Cultivating Resilient Food Futures in a Changing Climate,” will improve food access for socially disadvantaged refugee and immigrant communities of color in Tucson, Arizona. The proposed project will improve access to land for refugee and immigrant farmers, help participants improve farm yields through the installation of a climate-adapted greenhouse; improve their skills and knowledge through trainings and technical assistance; and increase the capacity of local agriculture partner organizations.
AGROECOLOGY COMMONS	GROWING URBAN AGRICULTURE COOPERATION FOR COMMUNITY-LED EDUCATION, LAND ACCESS, AND VALUES-ALIGNED MARKETS	CA: California	This UAIP project presents a collaborative model to advance urban agriculture production and innovation by supporting urban agroecological land stewardship, expanding market channels, and increasing the distribution of fresh local food in low-access urban food areas. This model centers relationship-building and cooperation through farm apprenticeships, value-aligned market collaboration, land access, soil assessments, and a farm tool lending library.
THOMPSON, TOWN	Economic Gardening in Thompson, CT - A Planning Proposal for a Food System & Agricultural Small Business Support Center and Public Food Forest	CT: Connecticut	The objective of this proposal is to develop a comprehensive plan for the adaptive reuse of two Town-owned properties in Thompson, CT. The ultimate goals of this planning project are a municipally-sponsored small business support center, focusing on agricultural and food system start-ups; and a public food forest park, installed using permaculture principles.
A RED CIRCLE	Improving access to local foods in North County through urban agriculture	MO: Missouri	Red Circle will enhance existing collaborative partnerships, educate the community, and address food insecurity through the enhancement of a community food system to grow and distribute locally grown produce in the North St. Louis County area of St. Louis, an

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			underserved, USDA-certified food desert, and Promise Zone.
COALFIELD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	From the Ground Up: Strengthening Urban Agriculture and Job Training in Huntington WV.	WV: West Virginia	Refresh Appalachia, a program of non-profit Coalfield Development, is seeking funding to support efforts to alleviate the effects of the food insecurity issues in the second largest city in WV, Huntington. This will be accomplished through increasing the number of people engaged in sustainable urban farming, providing access to equipment, aggregation and distribution services, and creating workforce training opportunities.
NATIVE SEEDS SEARCH	Native Seeds/SEARCH Community Seed Savers Project	AZ: Arizona	Native Seeds, a seed conservation non-profit and seedbank based in Tucson, Arizona proposes "The Community Seed Savers Project". The Community Seed Savers project will expand outreach efforts to increase participation in free seed programs, deliver container gardening and seed saving workshops, and support Indigenous community leaders involved in gardening and farming to gain expertise in arid agriculture and seed saving.
METRO ATLANTA URBAN FARM	Improving Access in Underserved Communities to Local Foods through Urban and Innovative Agricultural Practices: Community Farms, Urban Gardens, and Emerging Technologies	GA: Georgia	Metro Atlanta Urban Farm (MAUF) aims to advance and improve access to local foods in underserved communities where access to fresh, healthy food is limited or unavailable. MAUF and partners will work with community gardens, indoor farms, and greenhouses. The project will include education and training for students on careers in agricultural business. The project partners will provide mentoring and other assistance to new and beginning farmers in the local community.
AUGUSTA LOCALLY GROWN INC	Farmer Business Services Program	GA: Georgia	Augusta Locally Grown (ALG) currently connects new and inexperienced urban farmers to a group entrepreneurial course to provide on-site

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			ag logistics and business coaching. Farmers will receive in-depth, ag-specific, individualized business training and opportunities to implement skills gained with immediate feedback.
GROW2ZERO FARMS	Grow2Zero FARMS: Training Urban Farmers to Feed Long Beach	CA: California	Grow2Zero FARMS is located in West Long Beach, where it has established itself as a community resource since 2020 through its affordable neighborhood CSA and weekly free food distribution. Grow2Zero's education team will expand its education curriculum by developing a hybrid online and in-person urban farm training program for young adults in both Long Beach and the greater SoCal South Bay community.
FLINT RIVER FRESH INC.	The School-to-Community Healthy Food Connection: Increasing Food Production and Access to Serve Communities of Need in Albany, Georgia	GA: Georgia	Flint River Fresh was formed to solve the issues of food access and lack of opportunity in Albany by bringing fresh, healthy food directly to the community and by guiding residents to self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship through urban agriculture. This UAIP project will result in a new hydroponic greenhouse, a new grocery space in a low food-access location, and expanded outreach and educational opportunities.
RIDGE TO REEFS, INC.	Improving Food Security with Inoculated Deep Litter Piggeries and Innovative Production Methods in American Samoa	AS: American Samoa	This is an implementation project for increasing food production in small piggery operations in American Samoa (AS) using the emerging Inoculated Deep Litter System (IDLS) technology, and encouraging local egg/chicken production in deep litter or mobile systems. The project will also increase food production and access to local foods by installing demonstration High Tunnels and insect exclusion netting in public locations to encourage local use of these systems, and train producers how to create fertilizers and compost using local waste streams.

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DUBUQUE, THE CITY OF (INC)	Hydroponics to Home: Using Innovative Urban Agriculture to Educate and Feed the Community	IA: Iowa	The City of Dubuque plans to expand the work of their existing urban farms, to provide community education about food entrepreneurship opportunities and benefits of sustainable local food production, and to support the introduction of healthy and local foods in our existing corner stores. By adding a greenhouse and NFT Hydroponics system to a local urban farmstead, educational opportunities for all ages will be created, as well as hundreds of pounds of fresh produce grown and fed to the community year-round.
UNITED COMMUNITY CENTERS INC	East New York Farms! Project - Urban Food Hub	NY: New York	The East New York Farms! Food Hub is a pilot program designed to increase fresh food production and availability in East New York, Brooklyn, while creating a circular urban agriculture-based local economy benefiting a historically underserved and excluded BIPOC community. They work with local gardeners and youth to increase fresh food availability while stimulating the local economy.
BOSTON FARMS COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, INC.	Boston Farms CLT's Strategic Planning Project	MA: Massachusetts	Boston Farms Community Land Trust (Boston Farms) turns vacant urban land into collective opportunity, supporting Black and Brown farmers to grow the food that sustains the neighborhoods of Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury, with plans to expand into other areas in and around Boston over time.
DELAWARE NATION	DELAWARE NATION LENAPE GARDENS EXPANSION	OK: Oklahoma	Install and utilize the integrated greenhouse/garden, orchard, and apiary facility located on Delaware Nation lands in the city of Anadarko, to produce fresh fruits, vegetables, and honey for tribal members. In addition, sell some of these products to consumers in the area at affordable prices, helping others gain access to fresh food while generating revenues to cover ongoing costs at our production facilities.

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THE CONSERVATION FUND, A NONPROFIT CORPORATION	Growing Community Food Resources with the Working Farms Fund	IL: Illinois	This project addresses food insecurity and food access in a focal area of metro Chicago–South Cook County. This project will: build the foundation to activate additional farms and create a local network; provide affordable land access and support quality jobs for entrepreneurial and socially-diverse farmers; increase fresh produce supply through strategic investment in on-farm infrastructure; and build new connections between the community residents, the food access support system, and the farms next door to strengthen food access and generate lasting health outcomes.
NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION	Developing Partnerships and Education Resources to Increase Community Garden Prevalence, Productivity, and Skills to Address Healthy Foods Access and Food Insecurity in 3 Northeastern Cities	MA: Massachusetts	This project will lay the groundwork for addressing food insecurity by optimizing the development and productivity of community gardens in Hartford, Springfield, and Holyoke (Project Region). NOFA/Mass will expand new and existing partnerships with gardening and advocacy organizations in the Project Region and develop materials aimed at educating residents and engaging youth on an extensive range of “climate-smart” regenerative agriculture and gardening practices.
LORAIN, CITY OF (INC)	Food Forward Lorain Initiative	OH: Ohio	Seeks to create, improve, and expand access to healthy food for economically distressed neighborhoods and families by improving the urban agriculture landscape to support additional urban farming operations.
SOLA GRATIA FARM	Community Farm Expansion for Enhanced Sustainable Fresh Food Production, Engagement and Consumption	IL: Illinois	This project will support long-term ecological sustainability as proper investments allow us to mitigate and improve resiliency while addressing food insecurity. In addition to allow expansion of educational programming targeted onsite outreach/education activities.

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TILTH ALLIANCE	Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Community Food Resources	WA: Washington	Provide free and discounted food to the local community and promote gardening and urban agriculture throughout the community.
OKLAHOMA WOMEN IN AG ASSOCIATION	National Women In Agriculture Urban Agriculture And Innovative Production Initiative	OK: Oklahoma	The proposed project addresses issues of transportation, affordability, and access to fresh, whole foods in these food desert communities. The project will initiate, build upon, and expand related work and programs establishing and strengthening existing partnerships.
NATIONAL CENTER FOR APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY INC, THE	Keys to Starting and Managing Sustainable Urban Community Farms	MS: Mississippi; AL: Alabama	Our focus will be to train gardeners and community leaders on best garden management and production practices. Their efforts will then benefit the neighborhoods surrounding their garden projects by providing the communities with food, nutrition, beauty, and ecological services.
YOUTH MINISTRIES FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE INC	Organizing, Advocacy, and Change Blueprint for Activating Underutilized Spaces for Agricultural Production in New York City	NY: New York	Through this program, Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, Inc (YMPJ) proposes a city-wide planning project for identifying underutilized public spaces and building a blueprint for how communities can activate those spaces for agricultural production.
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON LULAC FOUNDATION	LULAC Grows Urban Farm and Family Garden Incubator Groundwork and Food Sovereignty for Communities of Color	WA: Washington	Provide new and aspiring farmers access to farmland, infrastructure, cultivating tools, and growing supplies. We will cultivate a greater abundance of crops desired by our communities, and innovate with a diverse array of culturally specific crops aligning with indigenous cultural heritage.
ZERO FOODPRINT	Growing an Equitable, Climate	CA: California	Accelerate the growth of local food system leader, Foodshed Inc (FSI). Conduct outreach to San Diego's 7,800 restaurants and over 7,000 other food business owners to mobilize

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	Smart Foodshed in San Diego		financial support for local, urban regenerative agriculture initiatives.
HEALTHY FUTURES, INC	Enhancing and Empowering the Agricultural Skill Sets of Indigenous Farmers, Gardeners and Youth in New Mexico's Native American Communities	NM: New Mexico	Healthy Futures will address the limited access to fresh, affordable, and nutritious food by two Native American communities in New Mexico, through agricultural technical assistance, and providing farm supplies and tools to enhance their greenhouses and improve yields in their community gardens.
MILL CITY GROWS, INC.	Ecology, Agriculture, Access, and Education at Pawtucketville Farm Wildlife Sanctuary	MA: Massachusetts	Integrate 20 acres into an expanded urban open space mosaic that connects with 1,100 acres of adjacent open space at the Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest. This site will include space dedicated to urban agriculture and food production by historically disadvantaged producers and serve as a new food access point for the city.
TAMPA FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	USDA-NRCS Urban Food Rx Community Garden Implementation-Osborne	FL: Florida	Inform and educate residents by offering nutrition education such as food preparation, beginner, intermediate and advanced gardening lessons. The intentional conservation and reclamation design concept in the garden will contribute to a sustainable use and management of natural resources.
FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION	Growing Fayetteville: Catalyzing Resilient Local Food Systems and Innovative Urban Agricultural Partnerships	AR: Arkansas	Our goal is to field test urban agriculture workforce development pilot projects in 3 locations, with an estimated collective impact of approximately 10,000 unique engagements. Each urban agriculture pilot site will result in an organic teaching garden, micro orchard, pollinator nursery, and food forest.
SENTLI: CENTER FOR	Improving food access in South Texas by facilitating urban	TX: Texas	Increase the number of urban farms, increase access to local produce, and increase the

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REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE	farming through partnership in education, community engagement, policy, and urban food production.		application of climate smart practices and innovative technology among urban farmers.
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM	City of Birmingham	AL: Alabama	We aim to resource Black producers, distributors, and other food value chain actors of color with the policies, platforms, markets, and networks to both build wealth and supply Birmingham residents with the fresh foods they need to thrive.
CASPER COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE PROJECT	Grow Casper: Developing Casper's Educational Farm	WY: Wyoming	Accelerate existing and emerging models of urban and season extension agricultural practices. Additionally, the GCEF will expand educational opportunities for students, adult learners, and farmers beyond the current Farm-to-School Programs.
THE SOUTHERN DELTA CHURCH OF WICCA-ATC	Expansion of community garden and food pantry for supporting the local low income families.	AR: Arkansas	Community garden and food pantry expansion to provide food for the local community.
FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM, INC.	Washington Youth Garden expansion to widen healthy food access for low-income families and to increase urban agriculture education in Washington, DC.	DC: District of Columbia	Expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables for low-income families with children in Wards 5, 7, and 8 of Washington, DC by 1) increasing the production and educational capacity of the Washington Youth Garden (WYG), 2) creating new produce distribution channels with wrap-around nutrition and agriculture education activities at Friendship Collegiate and and Friendship Tech Prep.

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RISEBORO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INC	Bushwick Grows Community Farm	NY: New York	Establish Learning Center to increase the Farm's output and reach to address climate change and food insecurity, through increased food production, targeted education and community development in underserved communities providing free food distribution and education programs in Bushwick Brooklyn.

USDA Announces Recipients of Urban Agriculture Grants and Cooperative Agreements

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5, 2021 – Today the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the selection of recipients for more than \$6.6 million in grants and cooperative agreements through the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. These grants and cooperative agreements build on \$4.1 million in projects funded in 2020.

“As the People’s Department, USDA is committed to assisting all facets of agriculture, including operations in our cities,” USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief Terry Cosby said. “These projects nourish communities with fresh, healthy food; teach generations the joy and fulfillment of farming and partnerships; and produce environmental benefits by reducing food waste and creating compost that can be used in a variety of farming operations.”

Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Competitive Grants

The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program supports a wide range of activities through two grant types, which are Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. Activities include operating community gardens and nonprofit farms, increasing food production and access in economically distressed communities, providing job training and education and developing business plans and zoning.

USDA is awarding \$4.75 million for 10 Planning Projects and 11 Implementation Projects. Recipients include projects in Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, and West Virginia.

[2021 Planning Projects](#)

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American Farmland Trust	New York	Growing the Landscape for Urban Farmers in Oneida County, NY	American Farmland Trust will leverage and add to existing research and on-the-ground partnerships to examine the state of farmland and pathways to access for new generation urban farmers. The project will assess the potential demand of new and emerging urban farmers seeking farmland, assess the potential supply of farmland from non-operating landowners, and recommend strategies that support local

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Community Alliance with Family Farmers	California	Growing Urban Agriculture: A Roadmap to the Future of Urban Ag in CA	<p>food system development by supporting land access for urban farmers and subsequently avoiding further conversion of farmland away from production.</p> <p>In partnership with a dozen regional organizations and farmer leaders in six different city centers across California, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers will improve urban agriculture across California by creating opportunities for urban farmers to connect both regionally and statewide, increasing their access to mutual resources, knowledge, and tools as well as create discussion around a collective vision for urban agriculture and barriers farmers face.</p> <p>In collaboration with project partners representing small farms, community gardens, schools, hunger relief centers, and local Native American groups, the County of Coconino will develop, implement, and refine a model for community and culturally connected agriculture education to increase engagement in the local food system and increase food security for resident populations in need.</p> <p>The Refugee Response will conduct a study to detail how Irish Town Bend will alter the physical landscape of the farm, and examine possibilities for how Ohio City Farm can capitalize on changes to increase farm production and income. Options examined will include an expansion of our event offerings; an orchard; a farmers market for refugee vendors; and setting aside a plot as a community garden.</p>
County of Coconino	Arizona	Terra BIRDS Summer Expansion Program	
The Refugee Response	Ohio	Opportunities for Community Urban Land Use Study	

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Growing Gardens	Oregon	Community Greenhouse Feasibility Study- Growing Together, Uniting Our Communities with Living Wage Greenhouse Jobs, Education and Production	Growing Gardens will create a feasibility study to identify opportunities to meet community needs for healthy, affordable, culturally-appropriate food through building one or more greenhouses.
West Michigan Environmental Action Council	Michigan	Freedom Farm Collective: Reducing Food Insecurity through Community Engagement in Grand Rapids, MI	The West Michigan Environmental Action Council will form the Freedom Farm Collective to provide resources specifically for residents that are prone to food injustice, racial injustice and/or lack adequate access to green space as well as engage these neighbors through experiential education, food access, neighborhood based programming and increasing access to community resources such as growing equipment and agricultural knowledge. The collective will work to inform local urban agriculture policy along with the City of Grand Rapids Urban Agriculture Committee and the National Young Farmers Coalition to reflect a more sustainable and dynamic approach to how municipalities can leverage underutilized assets to positively impact their most vulnerable communities and empower the next generation of growers.
Tampa Family Health Centers	Florida	Urban Community Garden-Food Rx/Planning Project	Urban Community Garden-Food Rx will address the underlying issue of food insecurity contributing to chronic health conditions affecting disadvantaged and underserved residents. In partnership with Whitwam Organics and other grass roots efforts, the Tampa Family Health Center Community Garden will build a garden for patients and the community.

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The Morton Arboretum	Illinois	Collaborative Planning and Assessment for Community Growth through Urban Agriculture in Waukegan, IL	<p>The Morton Arboretum will find ways to strengthen the local food economy through collaborations with key stakeholders to determine specific needs and gauge the feasibility of implementing food forests at various community sites across Waukegan.</p> <p>This project will develop a comprehensive urban agriculture assessment plan for the city of East Palo Alto. Fresh Approach will evaluate current assets (land access, job training, and business opportunities, innovation, and food access resources) and set goals and priorities for enhancing them by incorporating the knowledge and experience of community-based organizations, as well as the needs and attitudes of local businesses and community members toward urban agriculture and healthy food access.</p>
Fresh Approach	California	Community-Centered Urban Agriculture Assessment Plan for the City of East Palo Alto, CA	<p>Newburgh Urban Farm and Food will bring together representatives from the traditional (government, grant-funded initiatives) and non-traditional (residents, community advocates/groups, churches and temples) sectors of the community to build a sustainable food system that will deliver food security for all residents while generating long-term economic, social, and environmental sustainability now and for future generations.</p>
Newburgh Urban Farm and Food	New York	Developing a Comprehensive Urban Agriculture Plan for the City of Newburgh, NY	



USDA Announces First-Ever Recipients of Urban Agriculture Grants and Cooperative Agreements

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USDA is awarding approximately \$1.14 million for three Planning Projects and approximately \$1.88 million for seven Implementation Projects.

Program Planning Projects will initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs. Projects may target areas of food access; education; business and start-up costs for new farmers; and development of policies related to zoning and other needs of urban production.

Planning Project Selected Applicants

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City of New Haven	Connecticut	The New Haven Urban Agriculture Master Plan - Creating a Blueprint for Equitable Urban Agricultural Growth in New Haven, Conn.	The city's Food System Policy Division will develop the first New Haven Urban Agriculture Master Plan. The plan will be used to access land and opportunities to increase the production and sale of locally grown foods, build community, improve public health and well-being, and provide economic opportunity, particularly

			in areas with vacant land and limited food access.
Center for Land-Based Learning	California	Urban Agriculture Assessment and Recommendations: Connecting Urban Farmers with Broderick/Bryte Community to Improve Community Food Access, Nutrition Education, and Economic Development	The Center for Land-Based Learning will produce a comprehensive urban agriculture assessment of West Sacramento. It will map and document current activities, identify opportunities for growth, and include recommendations to bolster the layers of positive impact urban agriculture has on communities.
Feast Down East	North Carolina	Community Learning Farm Planning Project	The project supports a strategic planning process, including a feasibility study and stakeholder assessment, for the development of a community learning farm. A site development plan that will create community access and opportunities will also be created for the both the physical site and for programming.

Implementation Projects will accelerate existing and emerging models of urban, indoor, and other agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers. Projects will improve local food access and collaborate with partner organizations and may support infrastructure needs; emerging technologies; educational endeavors; and urban farming policy implementation.

Implementation Projects Selected Applicants

Organization Name	State	Project Name	Project Description
NY Sun Works	New York	Urban Hydroponic Agriculture in NYC Public School Classrooms	NY Sun Works will work with Brooklyn public schools: three elementary, three middle schools, and three high schools. The project will implement a year-round urban farming program, integrate a hands-on urban farming program into school curricula, launch a Harvest program to engage the greater community, and create a hands-on hydroponic farming job training certification program at the high schools.

Association of Africans Living in Vermont	Vermont	New Farms for New Americans: Improving Lands, Improving Lives	New Farms for New Americans provides garden plots to approximately 70 households on five acres of leased land to support food production and community building for new Americans facing food insecurity and chronic health issues. The project will build upon the existing garden infrastructure to improve local food access, offer a 48-week agriculture program for refugee farmers focusing on food systems and nutrition, and establish a leadership/mentorship program with the Vermont Community Garden Network. Over 250 people of multiple ages, over seven languages and five ethnic groups will be reached.
Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light	Arkansas	Building a Network of Growers to Improve Access to Local Food	Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light will collaborate with partners to improve access to local food, foster a network of urban gardeners and farmers who share resources and knowledge, assist local growers with building infrastructure, expand and improve community gardens to become self-sustainable, educate the community on food systems and the nutritional value of plant-rich diets, share knowledge of environmental benefits of local agricultural production, offer hands-on learning in organic farming, mentor youth and young adults interested in urban agricultural occupations, and engage more people in local food production.
Famicos Foundation	Ohio	Grow Glenville	Famicos Foundation works to improve lives in greater Cleveland through neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, and integrated social services. The project will reinvigorate the garden at the Michael R. White STEM School using emerging technologies to produce healthy, fresh food for area residents, provide a STEM education opportunity, offer jobs to local youth, and generate income at Famicos' Gateway 105 Market.
The Greenleaf Foundation	Georgia	Eastside Hyper-Local Food System Project	Greenleaf Community Farm serves as a hub for connecting and supporting entrepreneurial food projects and closing the food system gap in Atlanta City Council District 5. The project includes a community farm, a payflex farm stand, and a community gathering space to connect and educate residents. It will also expand the Edible Neighborhoods program to provide equitable

			access to fresh produce, educate residents on edible landscaping, and serve as an entry point into the food system.
Common Ground Producers and Growers	Kansas	Common Ground Urban Innovation Project	The Common Ground Mobile Market will provide fresh produce to food deserts and food insecure areas in targeted urban zip codes in Wichita and Sedgwick Counties. The project will facilitate entrepreneurial projects through job training, use of farm equipment and land, mentoring and other business development assistance to new and beginning farmers. The mobile market will partner with the K-State Extension Growing Growers program, which provides an apprentice to help with the market and offer training in farming and gardening.
Parkside Business & Community in Partnership	New Jersey	The Camden Urban Agriculture Leadership Pipeline Project	The project will build a “pipeline” of programs that guide residents of the low-income, low food-access City of Camden on a pathway from resident, to gardener, to farmer, and eventually to community urban agriculture leader. The project will facilitate entrepreneurial projects by offering apprenticeships that will provide job training, equipment, business skills, leadership training, and mentoring; educate the community garden hubs using an existing network of nonprofit-run gardens and farms; and assist food producers and community organizations with policies that enable urban agriculture to thrive.

Details

For a complete list of grant and cooperative agreement recipients and project summaries, visit farmers.gov/urban.

A webinar to discuss the Office of Urban Agriculture’s work will be held on Aug. 27 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. For the link and information on registration, see farmers.gov/urban.