

The City of Vancouver supports urban agriculture, including community gardens and urban farming, for its important role in creating vibrant gathering spaces, greening urban spaces, supporting local food and promoting social inclusion.

For these reasons, the City of Vancouver is offering a one-time funding opportunity for community garden and urban farm improvements and infrastructure upgrades of up to \$1,000 per organization/project.

### **Who is Eligible for Funding?**

Existing urban agriculture projects (Community Gardens and urban farms) on City, Parks and non-City land that involve as many people as possible are eligible to apply. Spending and installation/work must be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

If requests received exceed the total funds available, priority will be placed on urban agriculture projects that:

- Educate, establish community connections, and build capacity; and
- Did not receive infrastructure improvement funding through the City of Vancouver in 2018.

### **What is Eligible for Funding?**

Infrastructure upgrades / improvements could include:

- Beautification improvements
- Benches / picnic areas to encourage community use of the space
- Educational material or signage
- Garden tools / equipment for shared use
- Gravel or other material for paths
- Infrastructure to support pollinators (e.g. mason bee lodges)
- Irrigation equipment/supplies to reduce water consumption
- Material to improve composting infrastructure
- Paint for fences, sheds, or other projects
- Pathway or garden bed changes to improve accessibility
- Perennial plants for shared community harvest or to support pollinators
- Rain barrels to capture water
- Soil for new / repaired beds (max \$250)
- Storage unit repair / replacement
- Wood or other material for garden plots/beds
- Wood or other material to build or improve fences

Please note: ALL proposed improvements must take place within the Community Garden or urban farm boundaries and must be permissible within current Community Garden guidelines and other regulations such as the Vancouver Building Bylaw.

## Eligibility

Complete the application <https://survey.vancouver.ca/s3/Urban-Agriculture-Upgrades-and-Improvement-Grant-2020-Application> by Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**.

Staff will review the applications and be in touch with any questions or concerns. You will be notified of the outcome of your application by mid-April 2020.

Successful applicants will be required to submit receipts for approved expenses in order to receive reimbursement. Approved spending and installation/work must be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Instructions for reimbursement will be sent to you if your application is funded. Receipts must be received by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be reimbursed.

Installation and upgrades will be the sole responsibility of the garden group.

If your proposal includes any elements other than those listed above or if you have questions about your proposal, please email the appropriate contact to discuss your ideas before applying:

- Community garden in a park: [pbgreen@vancouver.ca](mailto:pbgreen@vancouver.ca)
- Community garden on public land: [community.gardens@vancouver.ca](mailto:community.gardens@vancouver.ca)
- Urban farm or community garden on private land: [foodpolicy@vancouver.ca](mailto:foodpolicy@vancouver.ca)

## Urban Agriculture Upgrades and Improvement Funding Application 2020

Please review the information required below, before filling out the form.

Name of garden / farm:

Is the project you are seeking funds for:

- a) An Urban Farm
- b) A Community Garden
- c) Other - Write In

Location of garden / farm (main site address):

Society Name (if applicable):

How many people participate in this urban agriculture initiative? (#)

How large is the garden/farm? (approximate area in square meters)

Which best describes the type and location of the garden/farm located?

- a) On the roof of a building, open to building residents
- b) Ground level, open to the public
- c) Ground level, fenced for members / residents only
- d) Other - Write In (Required)

Primary contact name:

Primary contact phone:

Primary contact email:

Please describe the improvements you would you like to make. (max words 150)

Why are these improvements needed? (max words 150)

Please provide a list of anticipated expenses. (max words 150)