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Hayes Valley Farm's Jay Rosenberg on competing for thousands in community-gardening grants

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The co-director of Hayes Valley Farm since 2009, Rosenberg's garden project is one of two San Francisco farms currently in the running for a cash grant in the DeLoach Vineyards Garden to Table campaign, which will award a total of $20,000 to five community gardens across the country. Nearby Alemany Farm also is in the running. To vote, visit www.deloachcommunitygardens.com.



Jay Rosenberg (courtesy photo)

How important is it for Hayes Valley Farm to be one of these grant recipients? The most important thing I saw was that Alemany was still almost in it because they had a lot of support. They've been around a long time and they can use it. They could do great work with it.

Where does Hayes Valley stand right now in the DeLoach polls? I know we didn't get a lot of votes on the campaign. The Hayes Valley Farm project, and every project, can always use a grant. The Farm is basically run by volunteers. The investments are in tools, feeds and hardware to build things. Alemany is there for the long haul.

How did Hayes Valley Farm spring up in the middle of an urban area like San Francisco? Hayes Valley Farm was designed not to be a long-standing 2.2-acre farm in the middle of The City, but a temporary demonstration garden to teach people. Doing that, we still have over 100 varieties of plants.

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