



**Cook County Farm Bureau® Cookfresh®  
Community Urban Garden Grant Program  
2017**

**Purpose:** To provide supplemental funding for Cook County urban community gardens to be used for plantings, seeds, and garden material. Funds made available in late March 2017 and expire November 1, 2017.

**Goal:** To develop urban community awareness of agriculture through gardening, provide additional funding to meet garden goals and connect gardens with area farmers/businesses for potential plant and garden material sales.

**Grant:** The Cook County Farm Bureau Commodities and Marketing Team will award 5 - \$300.00 grants to community gardens in Cook County. The funds are awarded in the form of vouchers that are to be used at Cook County Farm Bureau member Greenhouses, Farm Stands and Businesses, for plantings and materials identified in the grant application.

**Questions:** Contact Debbie Voltz, Membership Assistant, Cook County Farm Bureau® at 708-354-3276 or [membershipdebbie@cookcfb.org](mailto:membershipdebbie@cookcfb.org).

**Process:** Complete the grant application below and application must be received by February 28, 2017. Recipients will be notified by March 15, 2017.

**Return by mail, email or fax to:**

**Cook County Farm Bureau®  
6438 Joliet Road  
Countryside, IL 60525  
Attn: Debbie-Cookfresh Garden Grant  
708-354-3276 Fax: 708-579-6056  
E-Mail: [membershipdebbie@cookcfb.org](mailto:membershipdebbie@cookcfb.org)**



Does your organization have other funding sources? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ if yes, please identify including in-kind services:

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Individuals who are "touched" by the project:

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How will the garden enhance the area or benefit area citizens:

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Garden Coordinator responsibilities to the urban garden:

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Garden Coordinator previous garden training/experience:

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Does your organization offer any community educational activities (if yes, please list)?

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Does your organization have partners (please list) that will be involved in your project?

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How will the effectiveness of the garden project be measured and evaluated?

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Does your garden have a gardener guidelines list? (If yes, please attach) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does your group hold liability insurance for the garden and involved volunteers? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does your garden have access to a regular, consistent source of water for plants? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you partnered with a U of I, Chicago Botanical Garden, Growing Power or other Master Gardener to assist with the garden? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If no, would you be interested in partnering with one?

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Will your group be willing to display a Cook County Farm Bureau "support" sign if you receive a grant for your garden?  Yes \_\_\_\_  No \_\_\_\_

Grant Preparer: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: February 28, 2017** (Grant application post mark date, fax transmittal, or email delivery time must be received by the deadline date for consideration.)