



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

Growing Together South Dakota

Application 2024

Purpose: Increase access to fresh produce for South Dakotans with low income and provide nutrition and gardening education to individuals who are food insecure.

Brief Description: Up to \$500 of funding to purchase supplies for South Dakota organizations to create or update community garden projects

Main Criteria: Must provide nutrition education with optional gardening education (specifics below), donate a significant portion of the produce to food pantries or low-income organizations and track overall poundage donated, make all purchases and keep receipts before being reimbursed by SDSU Extension, and complete an end of year report

Who is Eligible to Apply: Community Garden Teams within South Dakota that include at least one Master Gardener and have a fiscal sponsor (organization such as a library, youth organization, church, city)

Special Instructions: Priority will be given to applicants that have a proven capacity to serve a large number of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) recipients/SNAP-eligible individuals, serve communities with high poverty rates and/or food deserts, and demonstrate capacity for long-term sustainability

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Applications will not considered after **June 15, 2024**.
For questions, contact [SDSU Extension Master Gardener Program](#)

Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

Primary Applicant First and Last Name: _____

Primary Applicant Phone Number: _____ Primary Applicant Email: _____

Backup Contact in the Event the Primary Applicant Cannot Be Reached:

First and Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of County(ies)/Reservation(s) Involved: _____

Name of Master Gardener(s) Involved: _____

Garden Site Location (must be publicly accessible): _____

Growing Together South Dakota Project Description

Research-based nutrition education is required, and education must target a low-income audience. Gardening education is not required but encouraged.

- Which nutrition education strategy will you provide to benefit a low-income audience? *Select at least one, but you may select more than one.
 - Install signage with nutritional messages promoting fruits/vegetables and healthy eating (signage must be approved by SDSU Extension)
 - Provide taste tests at the donation site (use approved recipes from SDSU Extension, include small plates and supplementary ingredients in your budget)
 - Provide Pick it, Try it, Like it! Preserve it! hand-outs and recipes at the donation site (available to download at extension.sdstate.edu; include printing costs in the budget if needed)
- Will you partner with SDSU Extension staff (if staff is available in your area) to provide a series of nutrition education lessons at the garden site or donation site? (optional) Yes No
- Will you provide any gardening education? Yes No
If yes, describe.

4. Will you provide any food preservation education? (please coordinate this with SDSU staff or a Master Food Preserver unless it is basic drying or freezing) Yes No
5. Describe your overall plan for the 2023 growing season. A complete plan will include a general timeline, types of produce planned, approximate size of garden, estimated pounds of produce to be grown, plan for transporting food to the food bank/pantry, and other relevant details for your project.

6. What site will be receiving produce items from the garden? Examples of donation sites include food pantries, Head Start, WIC, summer meal programs, shelters, youth organizations such as Boys & Girls Club, low-income housing sites, etc. If donating to more than one site, please list both.

Produce Recipient Agency Name (site receiving donated produce): _____

Produce Recipient Agency Address: _____

Produce Recipient Agency Phone: _____

Produce Recipient Agency Staff First & Last Name (this is the name of the main contact at the site receiving the produce):

Produce Recipient Agency Staff Email: _____

Produce Recipient Agency Name (site receiving donated produce): _____

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7. What are the measurable goals of this project? Make sure your goals are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, and realistic in the time given). At least one goal is required with a maximum of five goals. (SMART goal example: ABC Master Gardener Club will partner with ABC Elementary School in Anytown, SD to break ground on a donation garden on school property before the end of the spring semester (May 20, 2023).

Goal 1: _____

Goal 2: _____

Goal 3: _____

Goal 4: _____

Goal 5: _____

8. If applicable, please describe any existing garden infrastructure (ex. raised beds, garden shed, tools, irrigation, etc.)

9. Please list all partners (individual people and/or community organizations) who support this project. This could include a partner who provides space for the garden or who provided their time/resources to the garden, local media, a group that helps with produce pick up and distribution, etc.

10. Please list any additional sources of funding for this project.

11. How much money are you requesting for this project? Grants are being awarded in amounts up to \$500.

12. Please list each item you wish to purchase, the quantity, cost, vendor you wish to purchase from, a hyperlink (if applicable), and a brief explanation of how the item will be used. Be sure to budget carefully, as it is expected that all funds awarded will be spent. An example is provided below.

Item	Cost Per Item	Quantity	Total Cost	Vendor	Hyperlink	How Item Will Be Used
200-foot hose	20.99	1	20.99	Ace Hardware	www.examplelink.com	To water the garden

13. Will this project continue beyond the 2024 growing season? Yes No

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