Community Garden Resource Guide

Overview

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Recovery Support Functions (RSF) Unit is comprised of six RSFs—Community Planning & Capacity Building (CPCB), Economic (ECON), Health & Social Services (HSS), Housing (HSG), Infrastructure Systems (INF), and Natural & Cultural Resources (NCR).

The mission of the RSFs is to assist communities with long-term recovery efforts following an incident or disaster through the coordination of resources (e.g., funding opportunities, guidance, and technical assistance). These resources are intended to supplement traditional State and federal recovery programs including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Public Assistance programs.

The Cal OES NCR RSF developed the Community Garden Resource Guide to provide information on available funding and technical assistance to support the rebuild of the Indian Falls Community Garden. The funding, technical assistance, and support resources included in this guide are also intended to assist communities affected by the 2021 California Wildfires (DR-4610 and DR-4619) with current recovery activities and to increase resilience to future wildfire events.

For more information about the opportunities presented within this guide, as well as any questions or concerns, please contact the Cal OES RSF Unit at LongTermRecovery@caloes.ca.gov.

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California Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) Alliance Grants Program	
Application Deadline	Proposal Applications will be accepted through 12/08/2022.
Program Description	The California Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) Alliance Grants Program provides funding for projects that promote or increase the implementation, expansion, and/or adoption of effective, proven, and affordable Integrated Pest Management (IPM) systems or practices that reduce risks to public health and the environment in agricultural, urban, or wildland settings. Successful applications will demonstrate strong partnerships, outreach, and/or an educational or training component to promote IPM and the broad application of the proposed IPM systems or practices. The most competitive Alliance Grant projects are those that can serve as a model for similar situations, have a high potential for wide adoption, and do not focus on conducting research (for projects conducting research, see the Research Grants Program). Alliance Grants: • Extend and implement known, effective, and affordable IPM practices • Often diverse project structures • Conducted by a cooperative Alliance Team to maximize reach and effectiveness
Eligibility	An Alliance Team is a group of interested, invested stakeholders who have agreed to help implement an Alliance Grant's proposed activities. Government and tribal agencies, universities, colleges, consultants, pest control businesses, commodity groups, nonprofit organizations, and more.
Maximum Award	Projects with budgets between $50,000 and $1.5 million are invited to apply.

Application Process	Completed Proposal Applications will be accepted through 12/08/2022, to the department's Pest Management Grants Program email address at DPRpmGrants.Solicitation@cdpr.ca.gov 2023 Alliance Grant Proposal Application Materials: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pestmgt/grants/alliance/app_materials.htm
Website	https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pestmgt/grants/alliance/index.htm
Contact Information	Email: DPRpmGrants.Solicitation@cdpr.ca.gov
Timeline for Funding Availability	09/01/2023 Earliest project start date pending full execution of grant agreement.

Federal Grant & Loan Resources

US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development	
Application Deadline	Applications for this program are accepted year-round.
Program Description	This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment, and pay related project expenses. Examples of essential community facilities include: • Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities • Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements • Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing. • Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment • Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools • Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment • Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or, greenhouses
Eligibility	Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program. Eligible borrowers include: • Public bodies

	• Community-based non-profit corporations • Federally recognized Tribes
Maximum Award	Award amount is dependent on the application and the amount of funding available.
Application Process	For information on the application process, contact the local RD office: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contactpage/california-contacts
Website	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ca
Contact Information	Lisa Butler, Community Facilities Programs Director Email: lisa.butler@usda.gov, Phone: (559) 754-3146 Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta & Tehama Counties Mike Colbert, Alturas Office Email: mike.colbert@ca.usda.gov, Phone: (530) 233-4137 ext.112
Timeline for Funding Availability	Ongoing

Philanthropic Grants

The Awesome Foundation	
Application Deadline	Ongoing
Program Description	The Awesome Foundation is a global community advancing the interest of awesome in the universe, $1,000 at a time. Each fully autonomous chapter supports awesome projects through micro-grants, usually given out monthly. These micro-grants, $1,000 or the local equivalent, come out of pockets of the chapter's "trustees" and are given on a no-strings-attached basis to people and groups working on awesome projects. Awesome projects include initiatives in a wide range of areas including arts, technology, community development, and more. Many awesome projects are novel or experimental and evoke surprise and delight. Awesome sometimes challenges and often inspires.
Eligibility	Anyone is eligible for a grant — individuals, groups, and organizations alike.
Maximum Award	$1,000
Application Process	Submit applications online at https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/submissions/new For Frequently Asked Questions about the Awesome Foundation: https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/faq
Website	https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en
Contact Information	To reach a specific chapter, please use the e-mail link at the top of the chapter's page, under the Chapters section of this site. contact@awesomefoundation.org
Timeline for Funding Availability	Monthly

SeedMoney Challenge

Application Deadline	Applications are due by 11:59 pm EST, 11/12/2022.
Program Description	Each year, SeedMoney offers challenge grants to diverse food garden projects through a 30-day crowdfunding challenge running from 11/15 – 12/15/2022. The program is timed to take advantage of year-end giving when people are most likely to donate. They provide campaign leaders with all the tools, training and support they will need along the way.
Eligibility	Grants are open to all types of public food garden projects (youth gardens, community gardens, food bank gardens, etc.) regardless of their location.
Maximum Award	Grants are offered on a sliding scale. The size of a grant a project can receive depends on how much it is able to raise over the 30-day period compared to other projects participating in the challenge. This year, there are 370 grants available ranging from $100 to $1000.
Application Process	To apply, register at https://donate.seedmoney.org/login
Website	https://seedmoney.org/
Contact Information	Email: info@seedmoney.org Phone: (207) 956-0606
Timeline for Funding Availability	Annual Grant applications will be accepted until 11/12/2022. Only applications that have been successfully submitted via our website by that deadline will be considered. At noon EST on 11/15/2022, all submitted funding campaigns that fit the criteria go live. At noon EST on 12/15/2022, the 30-day challenge period ends. Campaigns will be able to keep whatever funds are raised even if it has not managed to reach its funding goal.

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US Botanic Garden and the American Public Gardens Association Urban Agriculture Resilience Program Capstone Cohort

Application Deadline	Applications are due by 8:00 pm EST/5:00 pm, PST, 11/1/2022.
Program Description	In 2020, the US Botanic Garden and the American Public Gardens Association initiated the Urban Agriculture Resilience Program. Since its inception, the program has provided financial awards to 73 urban agriculture projects nationwide, promoting public garden participation in collaborations that combine food growing and education while addressing food security challenges facing communities. The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program Capstone Cohort will comprise a small group of established urban agriculture projects seeking to sustain and institutionalize their work. Eligible projects may be previous Urban Agriculture Resilience Program awardees or established urban agriculture projects new to the Urban Agriculture Resilience Program. Awardees will receive mentoring and technical support from Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest to help build the sustainability of their programs. The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program Capstone Cohort will offer awards to support urban agriculture, community gardening, and other food-growing programs and projects that address food security challenges in their communities.
Eligibility	- All eligible applicants must be a <u>U.S. public garden</u>. - The awardee organization must be a U.S. public garden with an <u>Employer ID Number (EIN)</u>. - Applications must include a letter of support signed by the Director or CEO of the applicant public garden. - Award-eligible projects must combine food growing and education, and must also serve audiences experiencing food insecurity in urban or metropolitan areas. Awards will support existing projects seeking to sustain and institutionalize their work. - Awardees must commit to: - Participating in four meetings with the Capstone Cohort and Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest (Winter 2023 (online), Spring 2023 (online), Summer 2023 (in-person in Chicago, IL), Fall 2023 (online))

	• Participating in two one-on-one mentoring sessions online with Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest (Winter/Spring 2023, Fall/Winter 2023/24) • Allotting a percentage of award funds to travel to Chicago for two days of site visits (9/14 – 9/15/2023) • Publicly sharing results and lessons learned from their Urban Agriculture Resilience Program project and Capstone Cohort experience
Maximum Award	$50,000
Application Process	To apply and review the application criteria: https://www.publicgardens.org/urban-agriculture-resilience-program
Website	For more information on the US Botanic Garden urban agriculture programs: https://www.usbg.gov/urbanagriculture For additional garden funding resources from the American Public Gardens Association: https://www.publicgardens.org/public-garden-funding-resources
Contact Information	Questions regarding program eligibility may be directed to Bailee Hopkins-Hensley at Bhopkins-hensley@publicgardens.org. Email: info@publicgardens.org
Timeline for Funding Availability	• Applications are due 11/1/2022 by 8:00 p.m. EDT/5:00 p.m. PDT using the online application form. • Informational webinar for interested applicants will be held on 9/29/2022. • Applicants selected and notified by 12/5/2022. • Cohort Kickoff Meeting (virtual) is 1/19/2023. • Final reports, including evaluations, photos, and expenses, will be due 2/1/2024.

American Academy of Dermatology Shade Structure Program	
Application Deadline	Applications for 2023 will be open 10/01/2022 – 12/31/2022.
Program Description	The American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) Shade Structure Program awards funds to schools, day-cares, parks, and other non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures where children learn and play. In addition to the grant, the AAD also

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	provides a permanent sign to be placed near the shade structure featuring sun-safety tips. The AAD receives support for this program through donations from its members, outside organizations, and individuals.
Eligibility	The AAD Shade Structure Program is open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and public schools that provide services, programs, and curricula to children and teenagers who are 18 and younger.
Maximum Award	Each shade structure award is a maximum of $8,000, which includes the cost for shade structure materials and installation.
Application Process	To be considered, applicants must: • Submit a letter of recommendation with your online application from an AAD member dermatologist. Locate an AAD member dermatologist by using the Find a Dermatologist tool. • Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to sun safety within your organization. A sun safety/skin cancer awareness program must be in place for at least one year prior to application. Your organization's sun-safety awareness program can include use of the AAD's Sun-Safety Toolkit, or the Good Skin Knowledge curriculum. Bonus points are awarded for using AAD-branded materials. You may also use original content developed specifically for your audience, or repurposed materials available from other organizations. • Consider a shade structure that meets the requirements of the AAD. See Shade Structure Grant Program guideline book for specific criteria on shade structure selection.
Website	https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/shade-structure-grants/shade-structure-grant-application
Contact Information	Email: shadestructure@aad.org
Timeline for Funding Availability	The 2023 application will be open 10/1 – 12/31/2022. Awards are made in March. Grant winners will be required to submit materials within 45 days of award notification in order to receive the grant checks. Shade structure installations must be completed by 11/30/2023.

Additional Support & Technical Assistance

American Public Gardens Association Disaster Readiness Initiative	
Program Description	The Association's Disaster Readiness Initiative works to establish public gardens as cornerstones of resilient, healthy communities. The initiative builds capacity and enhances the ability to extol how public gardens can provide solutions to local and global challenges. The Association hopes that this initiative will galvanize gardens to proactively build and sustain resilience while navigating change by: • Providing disaster preparedness and response resources • Connecting gardens to a peer support network • Growing gardens as leaders in operational sustainability • Providing tools that help gardens achieve financial stability and maintain community relevancy • Facilitating methods for gardens to safeguard and proactively plan for the long-term health of their plant collections The Disaster Readiness website also provides access to readiness training and a month-by-month disaster readiness calendar.
Website	https://www.publicgardens.org/programs/disaster-readiness
Contact Information	Email: info@publicgardens.org Phone: (610) 708-3010

American Public Gardens Association Garden to Garden Disaster Response Center	
Program Description	The Disaster Response Center is a communication pathway for gardens with specific needs to match those needs with those gardens that have resources to share or lend. Examples include short- to medium-term needs such as equipment, expertise, and staff. This platform cannot support extremely short-term local coordination efforts.
Website	https://www.publicgardens.org/disaster-response-center

Contact Information	Email: info@publicgardens.org
	Phone: (610) 708-3010

Whole Kids Foundation

Program Description	Whole Kids Foundation is dedicated to helping kids eat better—and enjoy it! We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) founded by Whole Foods Market and guided by the same values, principles, expertise and standards for quality ingredients, food production methods and nutrition.
	We support schools and inspire families to improve children's nutrition and wellness. Given the right opportunities, kids will get excited about fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and other nutritious whole foods.
Website	https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/school-gardens
Contact Information	info@wholekidsfoundation.org

KidsGardening

Program Description	KidsGardening creates opportunities for kids to play, learn, and grow through gardening, engaging their natural curiosity and wonder.
	We support educators and families with grant funding, original educational resources, inspiration, and community to get more kids learning through the garden by providing: • Grants for school garden • Garden and educational resources
Website	https://kidsgardening.org/resource-library/
Contact Information	info@kidsgardening.org

ChangeLab Solutions

Program Description	ChangeLab Solutions is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that uses the tools of law and policy to advance health equity. We partner with communities across the nation to improve health and opportunity by changing harmful laws, policies, and systems. Our

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	interdisciplinary team works with community organizations, governments, and local institutions to design and implement equitable and practical policy solutions to complex health challenges.
Website	For a fact sheet to help advocates work with local governments to adopt policies that encourage community gardens, see: https://www.changelabsolutions.org/product/establishing-protections-community-gardens For an Infographic that outlines policy strategies that will help get your community digging, see: https://www.changelabsolutions.org/product/digging For a guide to provide users with the tools they need to access public land for growing food, see: https://www.changelabsolutions.org/product/dig-eat-be-healthy For a toolkit to help overcome the legal and practical barriers to establishing community gardens on land that is not municipally owned, see: https://www.changelabsolutions.org/product/ground-rules
Contact Information	Phone: 510-302-3380 Contact Form: https://www.changelabsolutions.org/form/contact-us

American Community Gardening Association Resources

Program Description	The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is a grassroots non-profit advocacy organization focused on community gardening. Our mission is to build community by increasing and enhancing community gardening and greening across the United States and Canada. With over 1,000 individual and 252 organizational members, we link 2100 gardens across Canada and the US, ranging from family allotments to tiny pollinator pocket parks, and from school gardens to urban farms. Our proudly diverse membership includes active community gardeners, supportive volunteers, garden organizing and sponsoring organizations, governmental agencies, and horticultural professionals including teachers, horticultural

	therapists, Cooperative Extension agents, landscape architects, and academic researchers.
Website	https://www.communitygarden.org/resources
Contact Information	info@communitygarden.org

US Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Library	
Program Description	The USDA National Agricultural Library holds several resources for community gardening, including: • The People's Garden • Community Garden Guides • Community Gardening Toolkit • SoilSHOP – A toolkit for urban farmers and communities to plan events for soil testing for lead • Community Garden Start-up Guide And many more.
Website	https://www.nal.usda.gov/legacy/afsic/community-gardening

University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardener Program of Plumas-Sierra Counties	
Program Description	UC Master Gardeners are trained volunteers of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). Master Gardeners receive in-depth training from specialists, advisers, and other professionals on a variety of topics including botany, composting, integrated pest management (IPM), soils, water management, entomology, plant pathology, fruit and ornamental tree culture and sustainable landscape practices.
Website	https://ucanr.edu/sites/mg-plumas-sierra/
Contact Information	Phone: 530-283-6270