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GARDEN PROJECT



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Community Garden Resource & Improvement Application

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About the Garden Project:

The Garden Project, a program of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, is dedicated to growing healthy food and cultivating connections. Since 1983, Garden Project has provided gardening opportunities, so community members can grow, harvest, prepare and preserve their own vegetables and fruits. Through the cultivation of fresh food, Garden Project also aspires to cultivate community connections as families and neighbors garden together, fostering a sense of pride in well-tended gardens that serve as community gathering spaces.

About the Resource Application:

Community Garden Leaders, please use this application to let us know what help and resources you may need in the season ahead. Some resources have a cost, but many do not. Please do not limit yourself only to items that need to be purchased. If we are aware of the full spectrum of project needs, we will be better able to connect you with resources as they may become available. We strive to be wise stewards of our limited resources and to be efficient and effective in the community.

Availability of resources is often contingent on donations we have received and will vary year to year.

Gardens serving a lower-income population and gardens with a leadership team that have demonstrated high capacity and motivation are favored to receive assistance. The Garden Project is here to be a catalyst, consultant and connector, helping community gardens in our 7-county region grow and thrive. *We generally do not start gardens, nor do we do the primary work in maintaining gardens.* Every garden is different and the services we provide vary depending on garden characteristics / other factors.

If you have questions about the application or would like to talk through ideas, call or email!

Resources that Garden Project has helped provide include, but are not limited to:

Burlap Bags – Compost – Consultations

Featuring your garden in workshops, tours, potlucks & events

Fencing – Lumber – Perennial plants – Sheds Soil Sample Test Kits – Straw – Tools

Trucking – Volunteers – Water Barrels – Irrigation upgrades – Wheelbarrows – Woodchips

Community Garden Application for Garden Project Resources

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Garden Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Relevant landmarks: _____

Garden Leader #1: _____

Garden Leader #2: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Day phone: _____

Day phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

Other gardeners at your site/ community members consulted when deciding to pursue this project:

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1) Please describe the project you would like to complete with this funding.

- 2) **Describe how the project will benefit your garden in a lasting way.**
What additional costs might be incurred in the future to sustain this project?

- 3) **Describe the resources needed & estimated costs for the project.**

To take the next steps we need to know, as specifically as possible, what kind of resources we can help provide. If you are unsure of what resources you will need from the Garden Project now, that is ok! Simply say so below and we can talk over options.

Be specific in your estimate, listing materials and the costs of those materials, as well as where you found those prices. If there are labor costs, please include those in the estimate. If you like, you may use the table on the following page.

ITEM OR SERVICE NEEDED	COST PER ITEM	x QUANTITY NEEDED	= \$ AMOUNT

4) Provide an estimated timeline for your project *(When do you plan to complete the project?)*

5) Describe the number of volunteer hours (if any) you estimate will be involved in your project and how you expect they will be completed *(i.e. the project will take an estimated 20 hours to complete through one 2-hour workday with 10 gardener/volunteers participating. If you would like to request a group of volunteers from Garden Project, please fill out the following GP Volunteer Request Form.*

Thank you for completing this application. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to those received June-March. Please return application to The Garden Project:

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GP Volunteer Request Form

Request for Garden Workday at (name of garden): _____

From Garden Leader (your name): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Description/Volunteer Role:

Needs to Be Completed By: _____

Frequency: One Time Weekly Monthly Yearly Event

Availability: Weekdays Weekends Mornings Afternoon Evenings

Specific Date and Time: _____

Volunteers Needed: _____

Tools/Resources Needed: _____

Is a Garden Project Staff Lead Requested? No Yes

Date Contacted/Staff Initials: _____ Date entered Volunteer Request Excel: _____