

## Goal of the Grant

With this grant, NKCDC and Rite Aid Healthy Futures are supporting community gardens in their efforts to green the neighborhood and provide safe community gathering spaces and experiences. The money can be spent on:

- building a new garden
- maintaining an existing garden
- providing education programming in a garden
- supporting a community event in a garden

## What could I buy with the grant money?

Whatever you and your neighbors think your garden needs to be safe, inviting, and green!

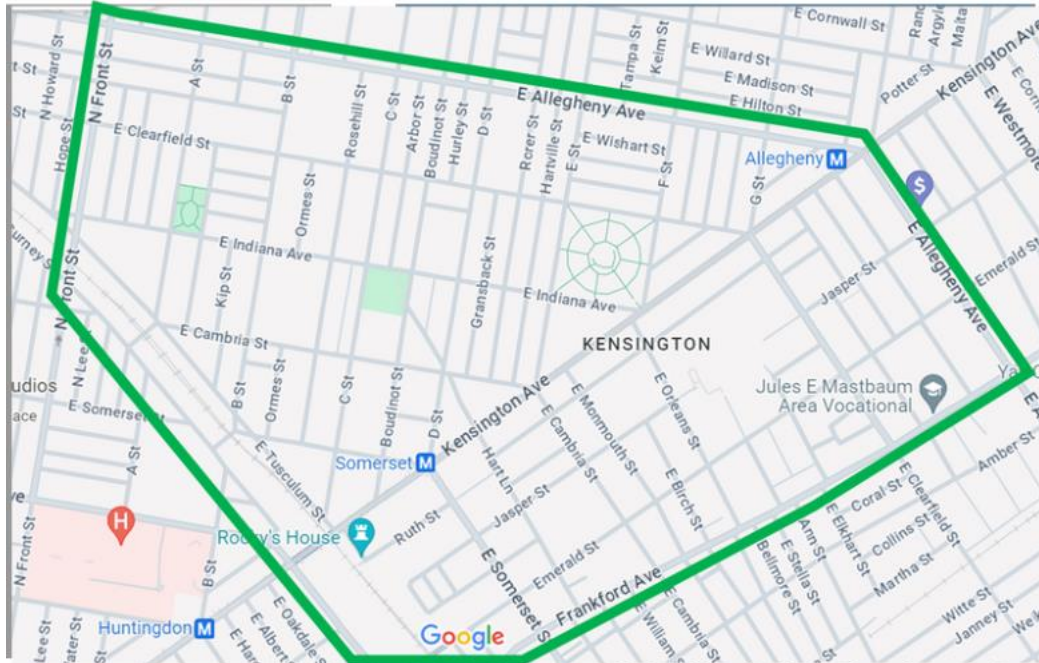
These are just some examples:

- Gardens supplies such as soil, plants, seeds, fertilizer
- Garden tools like watering cans, shovels, work gloves, lawn mowers
- Cleanup supplies like trash bags, latex gloves, trash disposal fees
- Security materials like fencing, locks, lights, cameras
- Programming materials like craft supplies, name tags
- Event supplies like food and drinks and plates
- Contractor fees like paying someone to deliver soil or grade a lot or pick up trash
- Day labor

## Who can apply?

Gardens that are open to the community. Personal gardens do not qualify for this grant.

Gardens along the Kensington Avenue and Indiana Avenue corridors, between Lehigh and Allegany will be given priority. Please see the map below.



### How long do I have to spend the money?

The grant money must be spent **by December 31, 2024**.

If a grantee does not spend their money within one year and provide receipts to verify their expenditures, they may not be eligible for further grants from NKCDC.

### When would I get the money?

Grants will be disbursed in March or April 2024, **after** participating in a planning meeting with the NKCDC Urban Agriculture Program Manager.

### Requirements for Grantees

1. Participate in a garden planning session with the NKCDC Urban Agriculture Program Manager in March or April 2024. **After this meeting, your grant money will be disbursed to you.**
2. **Provide receipts** for the items purchased with the grant money each month.

3. **Host one garden workshop** in collaboration with NKCDC Urban Agriculture program at the grantee garden site.

### Support for Grantees

We want to help grantees achieve their goals! We will encourage grantees to take advantage of the following opportunities:

1. Participate in **monthly in-person check-ins** with the NKCDC Urban Agriculture Program Manager at the grantee garden site.
2. **Attend free monthly workshops** on garden topics at neighboring gardens hosted by NKCDC Urban Agriculture Program and partners.
3. **Attend end of season feedback session** in November with NKCDC Urban Agriculture Program.

### How Do I Apply?

Follow this link to apply online:



OR

Fill out the following application questions at the end of this document and **email** to: [creuter@nkcdc.org](mailto:creuter@nkcdc.org)

Subject line should be: 2024 Garden Supply Grant Proposal – APPLICANT NAME



### **When are proposals due?**

Proposals are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

### **When will I know if I get the grant?**

Applicant will be notified about the success of the application by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **This feels overwhelming, can someone help me with the application?**

Yes! The NKCDC Urban Agriculture Program Manager will help you with your application.

### **Contact for questions, concerns, help, and submitting the application:**

Catherine Reuter (she/her)  
Community Farmer & Urban Ag Program Manager  
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Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Proposed Garden Address:

### **Garden Team**

1. Are you applying as a resident or on behalf of an organization? If so, what is the name of the organization?
2. Please list the name and contact information of at least three other people interested in this project and willing to help.
3. Will you need the assistance of a gardener with planting and maintaining?
4. Would you be interested in serving as a paid community supporter for up to 20 hours a month for the space you are proposing?
5. Would you be interested in working with a teen garden steward?
6. What skills or qualities do you have to operate a community garden?

### **Land Access**

7. Who owns the land that the community garden is or will be built on?
8. Do you have control of the space?
9. Do you have a lease or own the space?
10. How long have you had access to the space?
11. Have you previously participated in the side lot acquisition program?
12. Are you interested in the side lot acquisition program?

### **Current Situation at the Proposed Site**

13. Attach photos if you have them.
14. How is the space currently being used?
15. Do neighbors currently have access to the space? Please describe who and how many people are using the space.

### Garden Plans for 2024

16. Please describe your plans for your garden for 2024 and how this money would support this plan. ***Be specific.***

EXAMPLES

- I will host a community event each month and will need to buy for food and craft supplies.
- I will grow summer crops with the help of neighbors, and we will share the produce. So, we need money for vegetable plants and a handwashing station.
- We hope to build a fence a fence to protect the garden at night, so we need to buy supplies to build a fence.
- We want to keep the garden clean of trash and so we need to buy trashbags, trashpickers, latex gloves, and a needle disposal box.

### Budget

17. Please provide a budget for how you would use the grant money.

#### EXAMPLE

Item	Date you would purchase	Cost	Explanation	Who will do the work or help?
Rain barrel installation and watering cans	March or April	\$300	To capture rain to water plants	Build and install with the help of high school volunteers
2 metal raised garden beds	March or April	\$600	For a durable attractive place to grow flowers	I will build the beds with the help of neighbors
Soil for raised beds	April	\$600	Soil on the lot is too full of rocks need better soil also delivery fee	Local high school students will help unload
Vegetable Plants	May	\$50		Plant with volunteers, I will maintain
Supplies For Community Summer BBQ in the Garden	June	\$200	Plates, napkins, drinks, etc. for event to bring neighbors into the garden	I will organize, food will be donated by Ray's BBQ
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1750</b>		



## **Garden Plan for the Future**

1. Think about the next 5 years. Who will take care of and manage activities in the garden?

## **Other Stuff**

2. Please share anything else you think we should know.