

People's Garden Project 2023 Application

Each applicant is given priority for funding based on a **first come, first served basis** beginning on **Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 9:00am through Friday, March 31, 2023 at 11:59pm**. Each Conservation District will be seeking to fund projects with a max of \$8,411.00 per project. Projects requesting \$8,000 or higher are highly encouraged. Priority will be given to (1) eligible entities that have previously applied to the People's Garden Project in 2020, 2021 and 2023 that have not received funding, (2) project proposals requesting maximum award amount per project (3) eligible new applications, and (4) project proposals requesting maximum award amount per project. As many projects as possible will be funded until the funding from each district has been allocated. Eastern RI Conservation Districts 2023 available funding is \$48,537.50. Southern RI Conservation District available funding is \$45,691.12. Northern RI Conservation District available funding is \$26,465.77. Eligible proposals received after January 31, 2023 will be awarded funding on a first-come, first-served basis. A proposal is still required to ensure that all costs are allowable by our funders at USDA NRCS. Applicants can complete the application form or submit their own proposal that includes similar information. **Each applicant must meet all of the criteria stated in the People's Garden Project Request for Proposal to receive the People's Garden Project funding.** If the applicant does not meet all the requirements for the grant, then the applicant will not receive funding and priority will be given to the next received applicant.

Applicant Project: _____

Project Location:

Street: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Organization:

Name of organization:

Type of organization (i.e. school, nonprofit, business entity, or quasi-public):

Project Coordinator(s) - the contact person(s) for the project (Please provide the grant financial coordinator and project implementation coordinator if different):

Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Phone number(s): _____

Project timeline (18months for a garden or 36 months for high tunnels):

- 18 months (garden project) 36 months (high tunnel project)

Total Requested Funding: \$ _____

Total In-kind Match Pledged: \$ _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Have your or this organization applied for the People’s Garden Project before? Did you receive funding? If so, please state and explain the previous application or project funded. If you have received previous funding and are applying for more funding, your project must be a separate project from previously funded.

2. Does the project coordinator and/or applicant organization have permission to create a new garden on the land proposed? New beds adjacent to existing gardens may be considered, but this project cannot be used to fund maintenance on existing gardens that were active during the 2022 calendar year. Entities must have and maintain control of the land (such as a deed, lease, or written agreement with the landowner) where the garden and/or seasonal high tunnel will be established for the duration of the selected project, 18 months or 36 months.

3. Describe the proposed project (i.e. beds required, materials that will be used, plants that will be grown) or high tunnel (i.e. size of high tunnel required, brand or source of high tunnel, what will be grown in the high tunnel) and any other partners involved.

4. Describe how the project will benefit the community.

5. Budget:

Please fill out the proposed budget sheet or attach your own proposed budget with your application. A maximum of \$8,411.00 may be requested. Requested funds close to award ceiling are encouraged. Funding can be spent on items such as tools, soil, seed, fertilizer, soil additives, irrigation materials, garden materials, lumber, high tunnels, pollinator plants, etc. Projects with a budget lower than the maximum are encouraged to apply. Please refer to the People’s Garden Project Request for Proposal for specific guidelines on project funding and required match. *A maximum of \$1000 total should be requested for irrigation and fencing; this number should be reduced to \$500 for smaller projects.*

Project Budget and Requested Funds:

Item/activity and description (unit measurement, cost per unit, quantity, etc.)	Total cost of Item/activity

Total Funds Requested	\$

Project Match:

Item/activity and description (unit measurement, cost per unit, quantity, volunteer time, etc.)	Total cost of Item/activity
Total Match (must equal or exceed requested funds)	\$