

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, TN Community Garden Grant Program

Purpose:

To make matching grants to eligible nonprofit organizations that develop, operate, and/or maintain gardens within the area of the metropolitan government for the use and benefit of the community and/or schools.

Eligibility Requirements and Use of funds:

1. Only organizations with a **non-profit status may apply. “Non-profit status” is defined by one of the following:**
 - 501 (c) (3) designation of exemption from federal taxation from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as provided by 26 U.S.C.A. or;
 - Incorporation as a non-profit; and the registration identification number provided by the Secretary of State as a Charitable Organization or proof of such exemption as allowed.
2. Organizations must be currently registered with the Tennessee Secretary of State Office to do business in Tennessee, and have filed the necessary report to the Secretary of State’s Office of Charitable Solicitation (unless, according to the organization’s size, it does not meet the threshold requirement).
3. Grant funds awarded under the program must be used at school or community gardens for the benefit of children and/or senior citizens with an emphasis on contributing to healthy lifestyles/eating, addressing childhood obesity, eliminating food deserts, and/or promoting sustainable food sources.
4. Grant funds may be used for programming or supplies for the school/community garden.
5. The organization will need to register as a vendor with the Metro Government if awarded a grant.

If eligible to apply, please proceed to the attached application.

Applications are due by 4:30 pm, Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Applications received after this date and time, will not be accepted.

Return completed application to:

**Metro Parks and Recreation
Kiki Dombrowski
2565 Park Plaza
Nashville, TN 37203**

Email: Kristin.Dombrowski@nashville.gov

Application
for
The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, TN
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Name of Garden:

Address/Location:

Garden Supervisor/Coordinator:

Email address:

Phone number:

Paid position: **yes** **no** **(check-mark one)**

Garden Committee members (if any)

Amount of grant money applying for: \$
(Minimum \$ 250, Maximum \$ 5,000)

Value of matching funds: \$
(Note: matching funds cannot exceed the value of funds applying for)

Attach a value listing of matching funds:

