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URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION

Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants

USDA is committed to serving all facets of agriculture, including gardens, farms, and even indoor operations in urban, suburban, and tribal communities. Urban agriculture projects nourish communities with fresh, healthy food; teach generations the joy and fulfillment of farming and partnerships; and produce environmental benefits by reducing food waste and creating compost that can be used in a variety of farming operations.

The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program supports a wide range of activities through Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. Activities include operating community gardens and nonprofit farms, increasing food production and access in economically distressed communities, providing job training and education and developing business plans and zoning. These grants initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs.

Grant Types

Planning Projects initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs, particularly where access to fresh foods are limited or unavailable. Projects may accomplish one or any number of needs such as food access; education; business and start-up costs for new farmers; and development of policies related to zoning and other needs of urban and urban agroforestry production.

Implementation Projects accelerate existing and emerging models of urban, indoor, and other agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers. Projects will improve local food access and collaborate with partner organizations and may support infrastructure needs; emerging technologies; educational endeavors; and urban farming policy implementation.



USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production was formed through the 2018 Farm Bill to improve USDA's support for urban and innovative farming operations. The office manages competitive grants and cooperative agreements. A new federal advisory committee on urban agriculture and innovative production and new Farm Service Agency urban and suburban county committees provide the public an opportunity to have input on USDA programs and services.



Who is Eligible?

Nonprofits, local governments, Native American Tribal governments and organizations, and schools are eligible for these opportunities.

Learn More

More information, including a webinar, Frequently Asked Questions, and news release, is available at farmers.gov/urban.

