

City of Cincinnati Urban Agriculture Program

Criteria and Funding Guidelines for FY2026

Applications due by Monday, November 24, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.



Funds are available for urban agriculture production/growing sites and aggregated distribution (food hub) sites. The site locations must be within the City of Cincinnati. Soil testing for lead is strongly recommended for growing sites and may be required depending on your project.

Applicants can be non-profit organizations or for-profit businesses, but grants are not made to individuals. Other entities may be considered. If accepted to receive funds, the organization is required to register, at no cost, as a vendor with the City. Grant funds are given as reimbursement after expenditures.

Items that are eligible for funding at AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION/GROWING (Garden or Farm) sites:

- Site Improvement (e.g., soil testing, soil, compost, cover crops, etc.)
- Growing needs (e.g., plants, seeds, tools, hoses, beds, beehives, etc.)
- Infrastructure (e.g., composting, water access, fencing, season extenders, benches, etc.)

Items that are eligible for funding at AGRICULTURAL AGGREGATED DISTRIBUTION sites:

- Infrastructure/Equipment (e.g., racking/shelving, pallet jack, plastic pallets, reusable crates, packing material, forklift, large dollies, etc.)
- Supplies (e.g., storage containers, liners, carts, tables, scales, bags, etc.)
- Marketing Materials (e.g., postcard mailers, local food stickers and magnets, truck decals, signage, social/print/radio ads, etc.)

Priority will be given to neighborhoods that have participated in the Climate Safe Neighborhoods Program (CSNP), but everyone is encouraged to apply. The CSNP neighborhoods include Avondale, Bond Hill, Camp Washington, Carthage, English Woods, Lower Price Hill, Millvale, North Fairmont, OTR, Roselawn, South Cumminsville, South Fairmont, West End & Winton Hills.

Priority will also be given to projects that include healthy soil measures and the installation of composting infrastructure. OES is happy to assist you with composting infrastructure questions.

Funds may be used only for approved expenses from December 20, 2025 through May 15, 2026, unless you have prior approval from the City. Grant monies are provided as a reimbursement for completed expenditures. We encourage awardees to consider local, sustainable purchasing with implementation of their projects. Tax is not reimbursed. You may access the [ONLINE APPLICATION HERE](#).

PROGRAM TIMETABLE	
Applications Due	Monday November 24, 2025 by 11:59 PM
Award notification	December 19, 2025
Expense Period allowed for reimbursement*	December 20, 2025 – May 15, 2026
Deadline to submit all invoices	May 15, 2026
Final Report due to OES	May 15, 2026

* or as soon as you are a registered vendor and approved for your expenses

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