

Columbus Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is excited to announce an Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant in partnership with Columbus City Councilmember Christopher Wyche. This grant makes \$71,000 of City of Columbus grant funding available to local growers. Each individual organization may apply for up to \$10,000 of grant funding. This grant seeks to strengthen the local food supply chain and support local farmers and is available to both for-profit and non-profit farms, including community gardens and other types of growing operations. Growing operations five (5) acres and below are eligible to apply, with additional consideration given to operations under 1 acre. Eligible uses of this grant include infrastructure that helps local farms and community gardens scale up their production and distribution, with examples including but not limited to high tunnels, water service, cold/dry storage, and market stands. Additional consideration will be given to applications that demonstrate collaboration across different organizations.

This grant will open on September 1st, 2026, and close September 15th, 2026. We hope to make grant awards by end of September 2026. Projects will Grant applications will be evaluated by FSWCD, Franklin County, City of Columbus, and other key community partners. Awarded grantees will be provided with technical assistance to ensure the funding is effectively utilized.

FSWCD would like to thank Columbus City Councilmember Christopher Wyche, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, City of Columbus, Franklin Park Conservatory, OSU Extension, Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, and the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board for their partnership throughout the planning process. This grant builds on and contributes to the ongoing efforts to implement the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan.

Questions can be directed to our office at 614-486-9613 or at <https://www.franklinswcd.org/contact>.

Social media text- GENERAL : Franklin County farms of less than 5 acres are encouraged to apply for funding to scale up their operations through the new Franklin County Urban Agriculture Critical Infrastructure Grant! Whether your farm is for-profit, non-profit or a community garden you could be eligible for ARPA funding of up to \$15,000 for infrastructure such as high tunnels, water service, cold/dry storage, and market stands. Learn more and apply by February 1st, 2024 at

<https://www.franklinswcd.org/urban-ag-grant>

Social media text- WEBINAR : Are you a Franklin County Producer? Learn more about how your agricultural operation can receive up to \$15,000 for infrastructure you need to scale up production such as high tunnels, water service, cold storage, and market stands through our Franklin County Urban Agriculture Critical Infrastructure Grant! Join us virtually December 11 from 5pm-6pm to learn more about the grant and application process. <https://www.facebook.com/events/608323171348948>