

Scoring and Ranking of Columbus Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Applications

Infrastructure requested through this grant will...

- **Strengthen local food supply:** Projects should bolster local food systems by increasing efficiency, production, and distribution.
- **Scale-up and increase food crop production, processing, and distribution:** Projects should allow farmers to produce, process, or distribute more food for local sale or donation.
- **Increase operational efficiency:** Projects should aim to make growing operation processes more efficient.
- **Encourage support for socially disadvantaged communities:** Projects should encourage support for socially disadvantaged communities, either through food distribution to underserved areas, programs, or communities, or other in-kind support.
- **Have a positive environmental impact and connection to the FSWCD mission:** Projects should provide environmental improvement and ecological benefit; demonstrates clear promotion of responsible land use decisions for the conservation, protection, and improvement of soil and water resources; and use responsible and sustainable farming practices.

Applications should include...

- **A well-thought out, detailed, and accurate budget, ensuring effective use of funds:** We will consider the impact of the project relative to the funds requested. Please take time to put together a budget, find up to date quotes on materials and labor, and be realistic about how much funding you need.
- **Methods for sustainability beyond grant cycle:** While there are other options for grant funding, please be sure to have a plan to maintain your infrastructure beyond this grant cycle.

Members of the Grant Advisory Committee will score each project based on the criteria above and projects will be ranked based off those scores. Additional consideration will be given to socially disadvantaged farmers or organizations, to growing operations one acre or smaller, to organizations that have not previously received the grant, and to applications that demonstrate collaboration across multiple organizations.