



# Teaching Garden Grant

Hello,

The Step ONE Teaching Garden Grant supports fruit and vegetable gardens that encourage healthy eating habits in children and their families. When kids and adults are engaged in growing fruits and vegetables, we see an improved perception of those foods leading to healthier food choices. Additionally, teaching gardens offer many opportunities for people to learn valuable skills such as communication, responsibility, teamwork, and leadership.

We invite you to take advantage of this unique opportunity and apply for a garden grant for your organization, neighborhood, or school. Attached is the application for you to complete. Please be as thorough as possible.

We are very excited about this project and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Step ONE Program Staff

# Step ONE Teaching Garden Application

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Request (Check one)

\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 (New or Expansion Grant)  
I have never received a Step ONE Teaching Garden Grant and wish to:  
☐ Start a new teaching garden program or,  
☐ Expand an existing garden program

\_\_\_\_ \$250 (Sustainability Grant)  
I have received a Step ONE Teaching Garden Grant in the past. Successful grantees are eligible for up to 2 years of additional funding.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Garden Site (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**Step ONE**

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# Criteria Needed for a Successful Teaching Garden

*Answers will determine which gardens receive funds.*

## Section I: Vision

**Why is a teaching garden program important to you or your organization?**

Each garden must be self-sustaining. This means it will be supported or maintained over time through strong leadership. A club or committee is an excellent way to make that happen.

**What plans are in place for an organized club or committee?**

## **Section II: Goals & Objectives**

What do you hope to accomplish?

## **Section III: Schedule of Activities**

Include the types of activities you plan to have with your garden program.

## **Section IV: Evaluation**

How will you determine whether your objectives have been achieved and your project is successful?

## Section V: Project Personnel

Who is the overall administrator/owner of the land used by this teaching garden? Please have this administrator sign in agreement to this project below.

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Name and Title of Property Administrator

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Signature of Property Administrator

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Phone Number of Property Administrator

Many people know how to garden from experience. However, the Step ONE program may offer additional educational opportunities during the grant cycle. A member of your organization may be given the opportunity to attend educational programs provided during the grant cycle. This assigned person would be expected to participate in a gardening course and then be the volunteer gardening mentor for their garden. Who would be this person for your group?

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Name of the person who will attend the gardening course

Evaluation of each garden is essential. A short report detailing how many students and community members used the garden, activities and events in the garden, and successes and obstacles is required at the end of each grant cycle. Who would be responsible for submitting this report for your garden?

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Name of the person who will head the evaluation

## Section VI: Detailed Budget Request

(List each item separately with the approximate cost.)

Materials (Equipment, supplies, etc.)	Cost
<b>Total</b>	\$

**\*Total should equal the amount offered in the grant.\***

**Additional Funds:** (Please explain if additional funds are available to you and list the sources of these funds.) **Note: Receipt of additional funds will not disqualify your Teaching Garden Grant application.**