

Urban Agriculture Infrastructure

GRANT PROGRAM

The Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program (UAI) provides funding in the form of a reimbursement grant to eligible applicants seeking to improve urban agriculture infrastructure in Pennsylvania.

These grants will build out the infrastructure of urban agriculture by investing in the system, filling gaps, encouraging entities to work together, finding ways to bring operations to a greater scale, overcoming food deserts, and opening opportunities for people to become social entrepreneurs.

USES

Projects must include improvements to agricultural infrastructure in urban areas and support for community development in the project service area. They may further include improvement or creation of programs that aggregate agricultural products in urban areas and promote the sharing of resources among urban agricultural entities. Grant awards may not be used to cover in-kind contributions or to reimburse wages or salaries of grant recipient staff.

ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals
- Partnerships
- Associations
- Businesses
- Municipal Governments

FUNDING

Two types of grants will be awarded. These include "microgrants" and "collaboration" grants.

1. "Microgrants" for one-time projects or a single entity applicant. Maximum grant amount for these applications is \$2,500, not to exceed 50% of project costs. No more than \$50,000 of available funds in FY 2021-22 shall be used for microgrants.
2. "Collaboration" grants which demonstrate cooperative or regional efforts which share resources, aggregate agricultural products or producers, promote the sharing of resources among agricultural entities, and support community development. These applications may be submitted by multiple partners in a single project, and have a maximum grant amount of \$50,000, not to exceed 50% of project costs.

TIMELINE

Grant program opens 8 a.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021 and closes 5 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021.

APPLY

Interested parties can apply at <http://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/login.aspx>

For more information, visit <https://deed.pa.gov/programs-funding/>

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