



Request for a 2024 "Growing Together" Grant

Name of your organization _____

The organization must be associated with a non-profit or civic group – grants cannot be made to an individual.

Contact Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

In what area of the county is your proposed garden located? _____

Do you have an approved place for your garden for 3 or more years? _____

Does that require a written lease or usage agreement? _____

If so, please attach documentation. If not, explain how you will ensure that your garden space will be available for 3 or more years. Is protection from wildlife an issue?

When could you begin construction? _____

Do you hope to start with a summer 2024 garden or a fall 2024 garden? _____

What do you hope to accomplish with your community garden? Why is this important to your group?

Name some of the materials (and costs) that you will need to purchase.

How will you find people to participate in the garden? Name other key people involved in the project.

What is the total estimated cost? What portion of the cost will you ask the Community Health Council to contribute?

Will you involve children in the work in your garden? Why or why not?

If there is overage in your garden, do you have a plan for using the extra food? May we connect you with a local food pantry?

What types of gardening training or consulting do you think would benefit you most?

Other comments or suggestions? _____

Please mail this completed application to: Community Health Council of Rutherford County at PO Box 352 Rutherfordton, NC 28139 or email the application to HealthCouncilRC@gmail.com

Up to 5 contestants across the county will be chosen to receive grant awards of a maximum of \$1500 for year 1. We realize that you may have never requested a grant. Please do not hesitate to call with questions or requests. We will help you by phone or in person to complete the application or to build partnerships with others who are interested. Funding for additional years will be considered at a maximum of \$500 to expand your project, but funding is not guaranteed. Please be sure you can sustain the project after 2024.

Training is available for the leadership of your Community Garden by experts in growing food. We will ask to place a sign by your garden designating you as a "Growing Together" community garden sponsored by the Health Council.

The deadline for proposal summaries is 5:00 on March 15. Contestants will be notified by March 25.

Please call Jill Miracle at 828-202-4630 with questions about the "Growing Together" contest.

