



Project Bread's Walk for Hunger Grant Program Farm & Garden Grant Guidelines 2019

Overview

Project Bread's Farm & Garden grants support community-based programs that increase access to healthy, fresh produce for low-income Massachusetts residents including; non-profit farmers, subsidized CSA shares or farmer market incentives, community gardens and mobile fresh trucks.

Our grant investments focus on preventing and ending hunger in Massachusetts. Agencies are evaluated annually; funding is not based on prior funding. Agencies are not limited to one application, an agency can apply for grant funding for multiple programs but submit only one grant application in each of the following four grant categories.

- **Emergency Food Grants:** food bank; food pantry/mobile market; meal program; weekend backpack program and food voucher program for special populations
- **Farm & Garden Grants:** non-profit farmers, subsidized CSA shares or farmer market incentives, community gardens and mobile fresh trucks
- **Food Rescue Grants:** agencies who rescue food or glean food from farms as their core program service
 - only agencies whose mission is primarily food rescue may apply within this category
- **Health Center Hunger Prevention Grants:** food voucher program

Please note:

- If your agency operates a hunger relief program in more than one city or town you may submit one application per grant category for each city or town your agency provides services to those in need.
- Innovative initiatives aimed at reducing hunger or addressing systemic causes may be considered for funding, please contact Noreen Kelly at grants@projectbread.org.

Applicant Requirements

1. Provide services within Massachusetts that align with our mission and attain measurable results.
2. Be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit or an entity operating under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt organization.
3. Publicize they receive funding from Project Bread.
4. Provide effective hunger-relief programs that assist people who are food-insecure.

Eligible Program Expenses

- Grant funds can be used to support your hunger relief program expenses such as food, staffing, transportation, program supplies, facilities, or other program expenses.

Ineligible Program Expenses

- Food costs that are reimbursable by state/federal funds. (food costs for after-school meals, summer meals for kids, school meals and elder meals)
- If an anti-hunger program operates out of a school or health center, funds must be used toward the food program, not toward general costs of the school or health center.
- Grants are not made to an individual person.

Criteria for Grant Review

- Level of need within the community as demonstrated by poverty data
- Equitable distribution of funds statewide and a diversity of solutions
- Impact and effectiveness of applicant's program
- Integrity of services delivered by applicant to provide services with dignity and respect

Award Range

- Grants are awarded at one of three levels - \$1,000, \$2,500, or \$5,000

Application Deadline

- March 15, 2019

Notification of Funding

- October 31, 2019

Contact Information

- Please contact grants@projectbread.org with any questions.