



Newark Fresh, Healthy Food Access Grant Eligibility Criteria

Applications Due February 23, 2023

Whole Cities Foundation works alongside community-based organizations to improve neighborhood health through collaborative partnerships, nutrition education, and broader access to fresh, healthy food. In 2017, Whole Cities Foundation launched the Newark Fresh Healthy Food Access Grant, an annual, community-determined grant program, and has partnered with 29 Newark-based organizations that are **growing the local food system and increasing access to fresh, healthy food in Newark, NJ.**

Organizations serving communities in Newark are invited to apply for the 2023 Fresh, Healthy Food Access Grant. The foundation will offer funding between **\$5,000 and \$20,000** to each selected organization and hopes to support projects in all five wards.

Eligibility

Applicants who are able to answer yes to all questions below will be given first consideration:

1. Will your project help **broaden access to fresh, healthy food and/or nutrition education** in Newark? This opportunity is limited to organizations that serve the community members of Newark, NJ.
2. Is your organization **locally led**? Are members of your organization residents of the community you serve? Not all team members, board members, and volunteers must be residents of the community you serve, but robust community representation is important.
3. Does your organization have **strong community engagement**? Do you request and use feedback from your community?
4. Does your work **strengthen Newark's local food system** and support your community's self-sufficiency and self-determination? This grant will not be the best fit for food donation or food redistribution programs.
5. Is your organization registered as a **501(c)3 nonprofit** or are you partnering with a 501(c)3 nonprofit? We are not able to provide funding to individuals.
6. Are you requesting between **\$5,000-\$20,000**? We do not place restrictions on how much of our grant funding can be used for overhead, ongoing expenses, and infrastructure such as purchasing land, salaries and stipends.
7. Is your organization focused on serving **Newark-based adults and/or older youth (ages 16-22)**? This grant will not be the best fit for programs primarily focused on children or based in schools.
8. Are you willing to submit a **final and expense report** to communicate your progress? We will be requiring a final and expense report at the end of the grant cycle. This year, a mid-year status report will be optional.

Collective Projects: We know 2+ organizations sometimes work together on a project. That's great! Please note, we can only partner with one organization per grant. There are 2 options when applying:

- Choose a primary organization to apply for one grant (up to \$20,000 total). This organization will be responsible for managing grant funds regardless of the number of partners involved.

- Each organization can apply individually (up to \$20,000 each). Each organization will be responsible for managing their own grant funding, and there is no guarantee that all applications from a collective project will be selected.

Questions? Email Grants@WholeCitiesFoundation.org