



New Share Your Harvest Garden Grants

Announcing grants available in January 2010 for new or existing community gardens or food pantry gardens in Dane County.

Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC) is pleased to announce a new grant from the Madison Community Foundation to encourage new or existing community gardens and food pantry gardens in Dane County to grow fresh vegetables for donation to food pantries, meal sites or other agencies that provide hunger relief at no cost.

Beginning in January, CAC will accept applications from groups with either an original plan to grow, harvest and deliver all or a portion of their fresh vegetables to a hunger relief agency or a plan based on the Plant a Row for the Hungry model of designating specific rows of vegetables within the garden to be grown for donation. Grants of up to \$3,000 each will be given out in March 2010.

Who should apply? Groups are eligible if they meet both of the following requirements:

- They have a new or existing community garden or food pantry garden in **Dane County**
- Their garden will **partner with** and contribute garden produce to **one or more local hunger relief agencies**

How are projects selected? Applications are due at noon on Monday, February 22, 2010. Grants will be awarded by the selection panel with utmost consideration given to: neighborhoods with limited access to fresh produce or a scarcity of community garden plots, a committed core of gardeners or volunteers, available or affordable long-term garden space, neighborhood support for gardens located on public land, and participation open to the entire community for community gardens.

How much are the grants? Groups can apply for a maximum of \$3,000 for their garden project, although smaller requests are encouraged. Grants can help pay for water systems, fences, raised beds, tools, tool shed, etc. Eligible community gardens in Madison could receive CAC staff support to help launch the project and potentially could receive continuing support from CAC, including gardener education workshops, insurance coverage, tilling, compost, and water services.

Please contact **Patty Zehl, Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc., Food & Gardens Division**, at 246-4730, Ext. 234, for a grant application, or print one online at:

http://www.cacscw.org/gardens/Garden%20Grants\garden_grants.htm