



# DCHHS

Dallas County Health and Human Services

Healthy People Healthy Communities  
Health and Social Equity



## Environmental Quality & Sustainability

## Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Support Pilot Program

Dallas County Health and Human Services & The City of Dallas

### Grant Summary

#### Objective

The main goal of UAISP is to strengthen the capacities of urban growers and farmers in the city of Dallas, thereby advancing food security, fostering healthier communities, and mitigating disparities within the local food system. More specifically, the grant aims to assist farmers and food growers in the planning, design, and installation of eligible infrastructures, while also streamlining the permitting process.

#### Funding

The available amount for this pilot program grant is \$99,600 with maximum reimbursements of up to \$10,000 per applicant.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, individuals or establishments must fulfill the following criteria:

- a) Engage in edible farming and gardening, and/or participate in aggregation, and/or process agricultural food products.
- b) Contribute to the local food system by either engaging in food production and/or facilitating access to healthy and safe foods.
- c) Clearly demonstrate a need for funding to improve food-related infrastructure.

#### Allowable Expenditures

Permissible costs mainly encompass expenditures associated with the planning, design, and/or implementation of power or **water** infrastructure to support the production, **aggregation**, and/or processing of food. Projects involved in activities falling within this scope will receive preferential consideration during the application evaluation and selection process. The following is an itemized list of some costs that the program will reimburse:

- a) Project/Infrastructure plans or designs.
- b) Urban agriculture infrastructure counseling and professional services.
- c) Utility connections to on or off-grid water systems, including drip irrigations.
- d) Utility connections for off-grid energy supporting urban agriculture operations.
- e) Contracted labor/installations.
- f) Greenhouses/hoop houses.
- g) Versatile high tunnels (multi-season).
- h) Cold storage/temperature control equipment.
- i) Grow light systems.
- j) Bee hives.
- k) Other expenses deemed allowable by DCHHS & the City of Dallas.

## Non-Allowable Expenditures

The following is a list of some non-allowable costs that will not be reimbursed by the program:

- a) Personnel payments.
- b) Beautification projects, including fences and signage.
- c) Farming and gardening supplies.
- d) Training payments.
- e) Credit and debt payments.
- f) Other expenses deemed non-allowable by DCHHS & the City of Dallas.

## Application Process

### About the Application

All applicants are required to submit their mini-grant application for the UAISP using the UAISP mini-grant application form. The application for funding under the program must include the following information:

- a. Project Description:** Detailed information about the project seeking reimbursement grant funds, including how the project aims to enhance agricultural infrastructure in Dallas and contribute to food security.
- b. Budget:** An itemized outline of the project budget and expenditures.
- c. Sustainability:** Description of additional financial and other resources, including community support (such as volunteers and other stakeholders). This section should also include an indication of a minimum three-year operational plan.
- d. Community Impact:** Explanation of the project's impact on underserved communities and its contribution to efforts in mitigating health disparities.
- e. Project Timeline:** A schedule outlining the implementation plan for the project.
- f. Attestation:** A signed attestation by the applicant, affirming the accuracy of the information provided in the application.

### How to submit the application

To be considered, an application must be submitted to the DCHHS Chronic Disease Prevention Division (CDPD) by September 2, 2024, 12 PM Central Standard Time. Completed applications can be submitted via email or online. Following the receipt of applications, the CDPD will evaluate each submission based pre-established evaluation criteria. In addition, CDPD staff will conduct a site visit,

Applicants for the Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Support Program have two submission options:

1. Online Submission: Utilize the online form accessible on the DCHHS Chronic Disease Prevention Division webpage through the provided link. (Please note that there is currently no "Save and continue later" feature, so applicants must complete the form in one session and submit it). [[Click here to apply online.](#)]
2. Email Submission: Download the application form from the DCHHS CDPD webpage ([Click Here](#)) and send the completed application along with relevant documents to [chronic.disease@dallascounty.org](mailto:chronic.disease@dallascounty.org). Please include "FY2024 Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Support Program" in the email subject. You can also request the form by contacting the DCHHS CDPD at [chronic.disease@dallascounty.org](mailto:chronic.disease@dallascounty.org) or (214) 819-5115.
3. Application results will be sent via email in November 2024.