

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND THE GARDENWORKS PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

This AGREEMENT is entered into as of this ____ day of _____ by and between the COUNTY OF DUPAGE, ILLINOIS ("COUNTY"), a body politic and corporate, with offices located at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, 60187, and THE GARDENWORKS PROJECT ("SUBGRANTEE"), a not-for-profit corporation, with offices at 2100 Manchester Road, #970, Wheaton, Illinois, 60187, UEI QU3MVVJLQZ68.

SECTION I STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The COUNTY has applied for and received Community Service Block Grant ("CSBG") Funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("DCEO"), as provided by the Community Services Block Grants Act (42 USC 9901.) (the "ACT"). SUBGRANTEE desires and hereby elects to participate as a SUBGRANTEE of the aforesaid CSBG Funds allocated to COUNTY. COUNTY has considered and approved the application of the SUBGRANTEE and hereby agrees to distribute to SUBGRANTEE funding in the amount and under the conditions hereafter provided.

SECTION II REQUIREMENTS OF SUBGRANTEE

In consideration of receiving CSBG funds from the COUNTY, the SUBGRANTEE shall perform the following activities for the benefit of the COUNTY in a timely fashion:

1. SUBGRANTEE will conduct outreach to notify community of program.
2. SUBGRANTEE will identify locations and partners for 2 gardens this fiscal year.
3. SUBGRANTEE will purchase supplies and materials needed to install 2 additional Community Gardens and maintain gardens from Year 2 & Year 3.
4. SUBGRANTEE will install 2 Community Gardens in identified Communities and maintain gardens installed in Year 2 & Year 3.
5. SUBGRANTEE will oversee management of the gardens with the aim for self-sufficiency by year 5 through leadership and volunteer development.
6. SUBGRANTEE will create a plan for distribution of food from the 2 Community Gardens.
7. SUBGRANTEE continue to market "Grow a Giving Garden" program and recruitment of home gardeners within region.
8. SUBGRANTEE will promote awareness of Fresh Food Connect App connecting local gardeners to hunger relief organizations.
9. SUBGRANTEE will ensure partners continue to meet quarterly to plan for the next 2 Community Gardens for year 5.
10. SUBGRANTEE will submit quarterly progress reports to COUNTY on progress of the program.
11. SUBGRANTEE will invoice COUNTY quarterly for services, invoice must provide details of costs incurred.
12. SUBGRANTEE will provide COUNTY SUBGRANTEE's annual audit and proof of enrollment with SAM.gov/Unique Entity ID.

13. SUBGRANTEE will participate in the DuPage County Department of Community Service's CSBG Needs Assessment via client surveys, focus groups, client data and agency/board surveys.
14. SUBGRANTEE will update 211dupage.gov annually with agency referral information by 12/31/2026.
15. SUBGRANTEE will comply with all assurances as further detailed in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this Agreement.

SECTION III AMOUNT OF THE GRANT

The COUNTY shall grant to SUBGRANTEE, as full payment for all activities to be performed by SUBGRANTEE pursuant to this AGREEMENT, a maximum compensation of \$55,000.00 for program support. Invoices must be submitted at least quarterly, by April 15th, July 15th, October 15th, and must include supporting documentation for expenses billed. Final invoice must be submitted by January 31st, 2027.

SECTION IV

FEDERAL/STATE APPROPRIATION; NON-APPROPRIATION/INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATION; REDUCED APPROPRIATION

A. Appropriation: The SUBGRANTEE is hereby given actual knowledge that pursuant to the State Finance Act, 30 ILCS 105/30, payments under this grant are contingent upon the existence of a valid appropriation that no officer shall contract any indebtedness on behalf of the State or assume to bind the State in an amount in excess of the money appropriated, unless expressly authorized by law.

B. Non-appropriation/Insufficient Appropriation: Payments pursuant to this Contract are subject to the availability of applicable federal and/or state funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, here in after referred to as DCEO and their appropriation and authorized expenditures under State law. DCEO shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund this Contract. However, DCEO's obligations hereunder shall cease immediately, without penalty or further payment being required, if the Illinois General Assembly or federal funding source fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such obligation. Any grant is void by operation of law if DCEO fails to obtain the requisite appropriation to pay the COUNTY in any year in which this Contract is in effect.

C. Reduced Funding Sources/Revenues: DCEO reserves the right to reduce the amount to be paid to the COUNTY if DCEO determines that it is in the best interest of the State of Illinois to reduce its obligation as a result of the occurrence of any of the following events during the term of the Contract:

1. Receipts from revenues which provide the funding for this Contract either fall significantly short of anticipated levels, or significantly decrease, or
2. Other sources (external grants, contracts, awards, etc.) providing funds for this Contract are decreased or withdrawn. If such an event occurs, DCEO will notify the COUNTY as soon as possible and the COUNTY will notify the SUBGRANTEE. If DCEO and COUNTY are able to agree on a reduced compensation amount and a corresponding reduced scope of services, the parties shall execute a grant

modification so stating.

SECTION V

TIMELY COMPLETION OF PROJECT

Time is of the essence in this AGREEMENT; SUBGRANTEE shall complete all activities described herein between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, unless terminated pursuant to the agreement.

SECTION VI

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

- A. Assurances: The SUBGRANTEE assures the COUNTY that it will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and orders identified in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and made a part of this AGREEMENT. (January 1, 2026- December 31, 2026.)
- B. Equal Opportunity: The COUNTY as a condition to its grant of funds requires the SUBGRANTEE, when applicable to file certifications showing equal employment opportunity compliance including Equal Opportunity Certification (See Exhibit "B").
- C. Non-Discrimination: The SUBGRANTEE in performing under this agreement, shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant or any member of the public because of race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. The SUBGRANTEE will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin. The SUBGRANTEE agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discriminatory clause.
- D. Appearance of Impropriety: SUBGRANTEE agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees and/or elected officials of the localities in which the program is situated from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
- E. Political Activities Restricted: SUBGRANTEE agrees that neither the program nor the funds provided therefor, and the personnel employed in the administration of the program shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in contravention of Chapter 15 of Title 5, United States code, referred to as the Hatch Act.
- F. Retention of Records: The SUBGRANTEE shall maintain records to show actual time devoted and costs incurred that describe the work already performed and anticipated during the coming time period. Upon fifteen (15) day notice from the COUNTY, all time sheets, billings, and other documentation, shall be made available for inspection, copying, or auditing by the COUNTY at any time during normal business hours, at 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois. The SUBGRANTEE shall maintain client files and supporting documentation for five (5) years after the final audit of the grant is completed.

- G. Audit and Inspection of Records: The SUBGRANTEE shall as often as deemed necessary by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs or the Comptroller of the State of Illinois, or the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to have full access to and the right to examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the SUBGRANTEE involving transactions related to this GRANT for five (5) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or until all audit findings have been resolved, whichever is later. The SUBGRANTEE shall include in all its contracts under this GRANT a provision that the Department or the Comptroller of the State of Illinois, or the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives will have full access to and the right to examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of any such contractor involving transactions related to the contract for five (5) years from the final payment under the contract. The term "contract:" as used in this clause excludes purchase orders not exceeding \$2,500.00.

Subcontractors whose contract amount equals or exceeds \$25,000.00 annually and who are subject to the provisions of Whitehouse Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 ("OMB Circular A-133") shall provide a copy of their most recent audit report or financial statements to the DuPage County Department of Human Resources.

- H. Availability of Laws, Regulations and Orders: The COUNTY shall provide the SUBGRANTEE, upon request, copies of all applicable laws, regulations and orders cited in this AGREEMENT.

- I. Federal award identifying information:

CFDA #	93.569
CFDA Title	Community Services Block Grant
Award #	G-13B1ILCOSR
Federal Awarding Agency	Department of Health and Human Services

SECTION VII

SUBGRANTEE shall at all times observe and comply with Title 21 CFR Part 570 and all applicable laws, ordinances or regulations of the Federal, State, COUNTY and local government which may in any manner affect the performance of this AGREEMENT, including Community Services Block Grant CSBG Grant No. 26-231028 which is incorporated into and made a part of this AGREEMENT and is attached hereto as Exhibit C, and the SUBGRANTEE shall perform all acts with responsibility to the COUNTY in the same manner as the COUNTY is required to perform all acts with responsibility to the Federal Government.

SECTION VIII

Upon release of funds by DCEO for the activities covered by this AGREEMENT, the COUNTY shall make disbursements to the SUBGRANTEE upon the SUBGRANTEE'S submission of claims.

The SUBGRANTEE, at its option, may elect to finance expenditures, in whole or in part, for purposes covered by the grant and submit claims to the COUNTY for reimbursement. Alternatively, cash advances to the SUBGRANTEE shall be limited to the minimum amount needed and shall be timed to be in accord with the actual, immediate cash requirements necessary to carry out the purpose of the approved program or project.

The SUBGRANTEE shall disburse all funds within three (3) working days of receipt.

COUNTY shall be responsible, except as provided for in Section XIII below, for making all required payments against expenses incurred by SUBGRANTEE under this AGREEMENT. SUBGRANTEE shall forward to COUNTY all billings, vouchers, and other documents representing accounts payable, in such timely and reasonable manner as the parties shall determine. Such procedure will facilitate the maintenance of financial records by COUNTY as required by OMB Circular A-102.

SECTION IX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

SUBGRANTEE shall submit to COUNTY a quarterly progress report no later than the fifteen (15th) day of April, July, and October and January. In addition, SUBGRANTEE shall submit to the COUNTY an annual performance report, annual report or letter detailing their overall performance within thirty (30) days of the end of the SUBGRANTEE's fiscal year.

SECTION X AMENDMENTS

This AGREEMENT constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto. Any proposed change in this AGREEMENT shall be submitted to the COUNTY for its prior approval. No modification, addition, deletion, etc., to this AGREEMENT shall be effective unless and until such changes are executed in writing by the authorized officers of each party.

SECTION XI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is made subject to financial assistance agreements between the COUNTY and DCEO.

SECTION XII INDEMNIFICATION

SUBGRANTEE shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the COUNTY and its affiliates, officials, officers, employees and agents from and against all liability, claims, suits, demands, proceedings and actions, including costs, fees and expense of defense, arising from, growing out of, or related to, any loss, damage, injury, death, or loss or damage to property resulting from, or connected with, SUBGRANTEE's negligent or willful acts, errors or omissions in its performance under this Agreement. These provisions shall survive termination of this Agreement.

SECTION XIII TERMINATION

The COUNTY may terminate this AGREEMENT at any time hereafter, with or without cause, by giving written notice to SUBGRANTEE at the address specified above. Termination shall be effective upon receipt of such notice by SUBGRANTEE, see addition.

A. In the event the COUNTY terminates this AGREEMENT other than for breach thereof by SUBGRANTEE, the COUNTY agrees to pay SUBGRANTEE, and SUBGRANTEE agrees to accept as its sole remedy, cancellation charges equal to the remaining unpaid costs accrued and obligated to date of cancellation.

B. In the event the COUNTY terminates this AGREEMENT because of a material breach by SUBGRANTEE, the SUBGRANTEE shall assume liability for all costs incurred by the COUNTY to complete the Project as defined in Section II. The SUBGRANTEE also agrees to forfeit any unpaid grant monies at the time of termination, and may be subject to further penalties, up to and including, but not limited to, shall be barred from future participation in the COUNTY'S Community Services Block Funds grant program. If the COUNTY elects to bar the SUBGRANTEE from future participation, the SUBGRANTEE shall be entitled to a hearing before the Health and Human Services Committee of the DuPage County Board.

C. A "material breach" of this AGREEMENT shall be defined as a failure by the SUBGRANTEE to fulfill the stated purposes of this AGREEMENT as set forth in Section II, and further outlined in Exhibit "A;" failure to timely complete the project as set forth in Section IV, or any of the conditions of the grant as set forth in Section V, or any other obligations of the SUBGRANTEE as proscribed by this AGREEMENT, including, but not limited to, failure to submit monthly progress reports or third-party contract reports.

SECTION XIV

ASSIGNMENT

SUBGRANTEE shall not assign this AGREEMENT or any part thereof and SUBGRANTEE shall not transfer or assign any funds or claims due or to become due hereunder without the written approval of the COUNTY having been first obtained.

SECTION XV

UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

If the SUBGRANTEE is delayed in the completion of this Project under this AGREEMENT by a cause legitimately beyond his/her control, he/she must immediately upon receiving knowledge of such delay, give written notice to the COUNTY and request an extension. The COUNTY shall notify the SUBGRANTEE of the decision in writing and that decision shall be final and binding. The COUNTY'S decision not to extend this AGREEMENT constitutes a breach of this AGREEMENT by the SUBGRANTEE.

SECTION XVI

SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal or invalid, it shall be effective to the extent of such illegality or invalidity, and the legality and validity of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION XVII

APPLICABLE LAW & VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Illinois and the parties agree that the exclusive venue for the resolution of any disputes that arise under this Agreement shall be the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois.

SECTION XVIII

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute that either party is a partner, employee, or agent of the other, nor shall either party have the authority to bind the other in any respect, it being intended that the SUBGRANTEE is an independent contractor solely responsible for its own actions.

SECTION XIX

NOTICE

All notice which may be or are required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, addressed as set forth below and shall be mailed by first class, registered, or certified mail or transmitted by hand delivery.

Each party may designate by notice in writing a new address to which any notice or communication may thereafter be so given, served, or sent.

TO: The GardenWorks Project
2100 Manchester Road, #970
Wheaton, IL 60187
Attention: Teri Wood, Executive Director

TO: DuPage County Community Services
421 N. COUNTY Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
Attention: Gina Strafford-Ahmed

SECTION XX
HEADINGS

The Section headings of this AGREEMENT are for convenience and reference only and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of this AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the parties have executed this AGREEMENT on the dates hereafter indicated to be effective on the date first written above:

COUNTY OF DUPAGE
("COUNTY")

BY: _____ DATE: _____
MARY A. KEATING, DIRECTOR
DUPAGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The GardenWorks Project
("SUBGRANTEE")

Signature on File

BY: _____ DATE: 1/13/2024

TITLE: Executive Director

ATTEST: _____ DATE: _____

EXHIBIT A
ASSURANCES

The SUBGRANTEE hereby assures, with respect to the Community Services Block Grant, that:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for the Grant and to execute the proposed program.
2. It has reviewed and accepted the Grant Agreement in its entirety, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and designating the authorized representative of the SUBGRANTEE to act in connection with the Grant Agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. It agrees that no funds granted hereunder shall be used for any partisan or non-partisan political activity or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office, nor shall they be used in any activity to provide voters or prospective voters with transportation to the polls or similar assistance in connection with any election or in any voter registration activity.
4. The grant will be conducted and administered in compliance with the requirements of the Act, and with the applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and policies, including any current Executive Orders. The grant will be conducted and administered in compliance with:
 - a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 1, *et. seq.*), which provide that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant receives federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this assurance.
 - b) Section 677, (a) of the Community Services Block Grant Act, which provides that no person shall be excluded on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under the program. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual, as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, shall also apply to any such program activity.
 - c) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-824) as amended, administering all programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing, and the provision of brokerage services within the applicant's jurisdiction.
5. The SUBGRANTEE agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that no unfair practice is committed, in accordance with the Illinois Human Rights Act. (775 ILCS 5/1-101 *et. seq.*).

EXHIBIT B

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, COUNTY OF DUPAGE

In carrying out the program, the SUBGRANTEE shall comply with all applicable federal anti-discrimination laws and shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The SUBGRANTEE shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The SUBGRANTEE shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees, and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Government setting forth the provision of this non-discrimination clause. The SUBGRANTEE shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The SUBGRANTEE shall cause or require to be inserted in full or any contract and subcontract for work, or modification thereof, all applicable Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions.

EXHIBIT C