



# YOUTH GARDEN GRANT

2025 IMPACT REPORT



# AWARD STATISTICS

## 50

### PROGRAMS AWARDED

A total of \$25,000 in cash and \$15,000 in materials was awarded.

## 12,798

### YOUTH AND ADULTS BENEFITED FROM THE GARDEN

5,202 Directly  
7,596 Indirectly

## 31

### LOCATIONS

AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MI, MO, NC, NH,  
NJ, NM, NY, OH, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI



"One of the most powerful moments that reflects the impact of our garden program came from a second-grade student named Sebastian, who stood proudly next to a row of vegetables he helped plant. With dirt-streaked hands and a beaming smile, he said, "I didn't know I could grow food. I want to teach my little brother how to do this at home!" His words captured exactly what the program aims to do: empower students through hands-on learning that extends beyond the classroom."

- Maribel Marin, Raul Longoria Elementary -  
Bluestone Perennials School Garden Awardee





"We witnessed our Growing Green Project bring together students and staff and their families, and we eagerly anticipate another year of growth in collaboration. One student, Abigail, shared, "My favorite thing was gardening with the class because, like most of the time, our class is pretty separated. One group always stays with one group. But when we gardened, it seemed like we were more together. When we were working together, it felt a whole lot more connected."

- Beth Martyn, Divine Redeemer Catholic School -  
Crescent Garden Container Gardening Awardee



# 97%

## PROGRAM CONTINUATION

Most garden programs have plans to continue operation.

## TOP FIVE YOUTH IMPACTS AS NOTED BY THE EDUCATORS

Percent of grantees reporting the impact:

- 83% Environmental literacy and attitudes towards nature
- 83% Community spirit
- 81% Social-emotional learning
- 74% Life skills
- 71% Team building

## TOP FIVE GRANT PURCHASES

Percent of grantees reporting the purchase:

- 71% Raised bed materials
- 71% Soil
- 55% Seeds
- 52% Tools
- 48% Plants

## TOP FIVE PROGRAM PARTNERS

Percent of grantees reporting the partnership:

- 81% Teachers or educators
- 52% Parent or family volunteers
- 52% School administration
- 43% Neighbor/community volunteers
- 36% School support staff



Photos from left to right: PS 111 PTA, Send Hunger Packing Princeton, Pueblo West High School District 70, Eastgate Cooperative Preschool



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