

# 2024



## Youth Garden Grant Impact Report



# AWARD STATISTICS

## 50

### PROGRAMS AWARDED

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A total of \$59,050 was awarded. Together, programs received \$25,000 in cash and \$34,050 in product.

## 29

### STATES

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AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, NC, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI

## 12,916

### YOUTH AND ADULTS BENEFITED FROM THE GARDEN PROGRAM

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4,472 Directly  
8,444 Indirectly

## 100%

### PROGRAM CONTINUATION

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All programs will continue.



*"Gardening is my escape from the stress of school. We're a part of changing [the campus] to create a new environment not just for us, but also for the pollinators and animals around us, all the wildlife in the park...And unlike a textbook, you can see it happening in front of you. And that gives you a better understanding about how different plants have different roles in an ecosystem."*

**MELANIE, STUDENT,  
AMUNDSEN HIGH SCHOOL  
(CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS)**



Sow & Grow Mobile Greenhouse with Joyful Souls Heirloom Nursery

### TOP TEN PROGRAM PARTNERS

- 88% Teachers or educators
- 67% School administration
- 63% Parent or family volunteers
- 60% Neighbor or community volunteers
- 60% School support staff
- 38% Nearby nonprofit or local business
- 31% Lunchroom or cafeteria staff
- 29% Master Gardeners
- 25% Garden or agriculture store
- 17% PTA/PTO

### TOP FIVE POSITIVE YOUTH IMPACTS AS NOTED BY THE EDUCATORS

- 88% Environmental literacy and attitudes towards nature
- 79% Social skills
- 71% Self-confidence
- 67% Leadership skills
- 67% Volunteerism

### TOP TEN GRANT PURCHASES

- 67% Soil
- 65% Raised bed materials
- 48% Plants
- 40% Watering supplies
- 38% Seeds
- 38% Tools
- 19% Curriculum/educational materials
- 17% Garden décor
- 10% Compost bin
- 10% Greenhouse

### TOP FIVE POSITIVE NON-ACADEMIC YOUTH IMPROVEMENTS AS NOTED BY THE EDUCATORS

- 81% Team building
- 77% Life skills
- 75% Social-emotional learning
- 65% Community service
- 63% Intra/interpersonal relations

*Adela, age 5- "It was most fun planting cucumbers, because I am a cucumber, and pickles are cucumbers, and I love pickles."*

*Colten age 5- "I like digging. I covered the seeds with the dirt and they grew when I watered them. I wish I was a plant."*

*Emmett, age 3- "I made the whole garden. All by myself. With dirt. We planted tomatoes and watered them, but I don't like tomatoes."*

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