

# CRAFTING YOUR NARRATIVE

Learn how to write a compelling case statement or narrative about your grant program.

Use this worksheet to craft your garden program narrative for your grant application. With this prepared, your youth garden program will be ready to wow funders and raise funds.

Answer each question below in 1-2 sentences. Taken together, the responses to the questions can become the basis for your “organization description” and “statement of need” for grant applications. You can use this repeatedly as you apply for grants, editing to customize to each opportunity.

## QUESTIONS

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- 1 WHAT ARE THE VISION AND MISSION OF YOUR YOUTH GARDEN PROGRAM?**
- 2 HOW IS YOUR TEAM/ORGANIZATION ESPECIALLY WELL SUITED TO ACHIEVE THIS?**
- 3 WHAT YOUTH PROGRAMMING DO YOU OFFER?**
- 4 HOW IS YOUR PROGRAM DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED TO YOUTH IN THE AREA? WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE?**

For example, is it youth-led? Offering specific skills training?

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HOW DO YOU MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE YOUTH YOU WORK WITH?

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HOW DO YOU MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF YOUR COMMUNITY?

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WHAT IS THE GEOGRAPHIC REGION YOUR PROGRAM BENEFITS?

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HOW MANY YOUTH ARE INVOLVED IN YOUR PROGRAM? AND WHO ARE THEY?

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WHAT ARE YOUR PROGRAM'S SPECIFIC OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS?

Outcome: What changed.

Impact: The broader, lasting difference.

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WHAT STORIES, QUOTES, AND TESTIMONIALS CAN YOU SHARE TO BRING YOUR PROGRAM'S IMPACT TO LIFE FOR THE READER?

For example, can you share quotes from youth or other participants? What do others say about your program?

## FIND FUNDING

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### Kids Garden Community Grant Opportunities Database

The [Kids Garden Community Grant Opportunities Database](#) is a searchable collection of grants, contests, and other funding opportunities for youth garden programs. Browse or filter opportunities by status, award type, organization type, region, and frequency.

### Youth Garden Funding Finder

The [Youth Garden Funding Finder](#) is a quick eligibility tool that matches your youth garden program with relevant local, regional, and national grants. Answer a few questions about your organization, location, and project to see which opportunities you may qualify for.