U.S. Botanic Garden and American Public Gardens Association
Urban Agriculture Resilience Program

General Information
Applications are due May 25, 2020 by 8pm ET/5pm PT using the online application form. Awardees will be notified by June 1. Award amounts range from $5,000 to $15,000. Funding is expected to be provided in early June. Final reports, including evaluations, photos, and expenses will be due Dec. 15, 2020.

Applicant Criteria
The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program is designed to support urban agriculture, community gardening, and other food-growing programs that are facing challenges in operating at their full capacity, or that have the potential to increase capacity, during this growing season due to COVID-19 impacts. Applicant organizations must be U.S. public gardens with existing urban agriculture, community gardening, or food-growing programs serving the public in urban or metropolitan areas.

Priority will be given to gardens that:
• Grow and distribute food to the public
• Educate the public about growing their own food
• Promote wellness and nutrition by educating the public about growing and consuming fruits and vegetables
• Provide education or job training in urban agriculture
• Benefit the broader urban community, especially underserved community members

Programs should demonstrate a capacity for continued programming between June 2020 and October 2020, while following regionally required guidelines related to COVID-19. Continuation of programming can include offering programming in a new format, such as online.

Questions regarding program eligibility may be directed to Sarah Beck: sbeck@publicgardens.org

Reporting Requirements
The U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) and the American Public Gardens Association (the Association) will provide a reporting tool. Reporting requirements include a brief final report detailing program impacts, including quantitative information (e.g., participation numbers; pounds of
food produced and distributed (if applicable), and qualitative information (e.g., audience served, feedback from program participants).

The USBG and the Association will also request photographs from program activities, and co-branded marketing materials from programs. Awardees agree to allow the USBG and the Association to communicate about their programs, and to provide photographs to be used for program communications.

**Criteria Required for Program Fulfillment:**

1. The recipient institution agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend the United States Government and/or the American Public Gardens Association (the Association) against all fines, claims, damages, losses, judgments, and expenses arising out of, or from, any act or omission of the recipient institution, its officers, employees, or (members, participants, agents, representatives, agents as appropriate) arising out of or in any way connected to activities authorized pursuant to this Agreement. This obligation shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

2. The institution receiving the award must have suitable insurance coverage or be self-insured for all activities related to this Agreement. Upon the American Public Gardens Association and/or the United States Botanic Garden’s reasonable request, the institution will provide a certificate evidencing its insurance coverage, if any.

3. The institution receiving the award shall cooperate with the American Public Gardens Association and/or the United States Botanic Garden in the investigation and defense of any claims that may be filed with the American Public Gardens Association and/or the United States Botanic Garden arising out of the activities of the institution receiving the award, its agents, and employees.

4. All publicity, including press releases, websites, and social media postings related to collaborative work shall be co-branded and acknowledge the United States Botanic Garden and the American Public Gardens Association as partners. Publicity items (e.g., press releases, websites) should be created in collaboration with and approved by the United States Botanic Garden and the American Public Gardens Association. Awardees may not engage in advertising practices that feature the United States Botanic Garden in a manner in which conveys, or is reasonably calculated to convey, a false impression of sponsorship, approval or endorsement of any product or service by the the Government of the United States, or any Department, Agency or instrumentality thereof.

5. All products and work resulting from this Agreement, including but not limited to, published material, websites/webpages, social media postings, and presentations shall be co-branded and include the United States Botanic Garden and the American Public Gardens Association as partners. This should be according to each institution’s style guidelines and with express consultation and permission of each party.