Additional City of Cleveland programs that can help your business include:

Working Capital Loan Program

Economic Development Loan Program

Equipment Loan Program

Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program

Minority Construction Loan Program

Municipal Small Business
Initiative





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GARDENING FOR GREENBACKS



Supporting the development of urban gardens and farms for commercial sale of fruit, produce, honey, eggs and chickens.



Program Overview

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available

Vision:

Establish Cleveland as a model for local food system development.

Objectives:

- Advance food system development agenda at the city level to ensure that every resident has access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food.
- Serve as a resource to the community to assist in solution oriented local food system development.
- •Reduce our carbon footprint by growing our food locally and reducing the amount of food that is shipped long distances.
- •Work with local restaurants to promote farm-to-table dining options.

Bay Branch Farm



Program Eligibility

Cavotta's Garden Center

Eligible Applicants

Individuals or entities who have completed the **Market Gardener Training Program** or who have extensive experience in urban agriculture.

Ineligible Applicants

- The Gardening for Greenbacks Program cannot be used with the City's Summer Sprout Program
- Residential yards

Eligible Uses

- Tools, equipment
- Display tables and booths
- Hoop Houses
- Irrigation systems
- Rain Barrels
- Construction materials
- Signage and fencing
- Soil

Program Requirements

- \$25 Application fee.
- 20% equity requirement.
- Operate as a for-profit urban gardener for a period of two years.
- Successfully complete market garden training.
- Have an executed lease for a farmer's market or on a plot of land that allows farm stands.
- Have contracts for sales of produce to local venues.



To sign up for Market Gardener Training, please contact:

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