



## City of Auburn, Maine

Business & Community Development

60 Court Street | Auburn, Maine 04210

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### Auburn Victory Garden Program

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Victory Garden program is to assist residents who wish to produce their own fresh, healthy food by reducing the start-up costs of backyard or container gardens. This initiative aligns with goals established within the city's Comprehensive Plan which aims to "ensure that fresh, local food is equitably accessible to everyone regardless of income or geography" (Objective K.1.1) by "supporting practices that facilitate access to healthy food in residential settings" (Objective K.1.3).

#### Funding

The City of Auburn may provide funds to qualified residents. Maximum assistance is \$150 per household. Funds will be provided as vouchers to participating farm & garden retailers and nurseries listed below.

**If approved**, applicants will receive a voucher that can be used at one of the following retailers. Present the voucher during checkout to redeem. Please use the total approved amount in one transaction. No change will be provided and unused funds will be returned to the program.

- Smalls Plant Care – 726 Summer St, Auburn
- Gammon Landscape Nursery – 2832 Turner Rd, Auburn
- Paris Farmer's Union – 671 Main St, Lewiston
- Paris Farmer's Union – 277 Main St, S.Paris

#### Eligibility

Existing Auburn residents are eligible for financial assistance. The funds can be used to purchase necessary equipment, supplies or seedlings to improve the selection of fresh and healthy food offerings. Evidence of residency in the form of a property tax bill or utility bill that match the name on the application will be required. Approved vouchers will be mailed to the address on the application.

**In order to be eligible to receive funds, all property taxes, real and personal, owed on the property that is the subject of the application must be current at the time the application is made. Any property on which there is past due balance for such taxes will be removed from consideration.**

#### Application

Applications will be accepted until August 1, 2023, or until all funds are exhausted. Vouchers will expire on August 30, 2023. The following application will be used to collect all pertinent information and determine eligibility. Completed applications can be submitted to the Business & Community Development office at [CDBG@AuburnMaine.gov](mailto:CDBG@AuburnMaine.gov)



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### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Household: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="radio"/> Female	<input type="radio"/> Male	<b>Veteran Status</b>	<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>
This garden's primary focus is to provide: <input type="radio"/> Availability of Fresh produce <input type="radio"/> Financial stability		<input type="radio"/> Non-Veteran <input type="radio"/> Veteran	<input type="radio"/> Black/African <input type="radio"/> Hispanic <input type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Asian/Pacific <input type="radio"/> Native/Eskimo <input type="radio"/> Other

Have you ever grown your own produce? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Do you require assistance ☐ No ☐ Yes (if yes, the city will provide contact information for garden mentor organizations).

Do you agree to use these resources to provide food for your household? ☐ No ☐ Yes Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Describe how you will use these funds:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include recent 1 utility or tax bill with your application to verify residency status.**

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### **Authorization & Certification**

I hereby certify that all information contained in this document and any attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this is a federally funded program, and I may have to provide further documentation, receipts and reports confirming these funds were used in accordance with federal guidelines. Failure to do so will constitute a default on a federal debt and may cause me to be debarred from future government assistance.

The city does not warrant or guarantee in any manner that its assistance will result in a successful harvest. I/We specifically waive and release any claims now or in the future regarding the assistance provided by the city and / or its agents.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **For Office Use Only:**

☐ Approved ☐ Denied Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Voucher # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_